

Asia's Solution to Asian Problems: There are Possibilities

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I. Key Points of Achieving Asia's Solutions

For all Asian countries, how to tackle with their own safety problems is an issue of great importance and we need to deal with these challenges from own perspective. If Asia can solve these problems on its own mainly depends on four aspects:

- (1)The Capability. Whether Asia is capable of dealing with inner challenges such as safety issues, territorial disputes and disputes within neighboring countries as well as other kinds of issues.
- (2)For Asian countries, how to come up with better strategies for dealing with these safety challenges.
- (3)For us, whether solutions to these existing problems are available or not.
- (4)What will happen once all of these challenges have been resolved?

The most important thing, among these strategies, is that we have to be on our own. After the Cold War, America has been playing an increasing important role in Asia's development. Is it possible that we Asian countries can solve these issues without being intervened by America?

II. Background to Asia's Solutions

1. The real motive behind America's intervention with Asian issues.

We need to know that America's intervention is not going to offer merely help to countries in Asia. There are always many different kinds of conflicts and disputes within China, South Korea, North Korea and Pakistan, such as the dispute over the south sea and over Taiwan. On these issues, America has been playing its own part, but above problems are still there. Actually, it's even hard to say that America does mean to make a contribution to the resolutions. Thus, while we Asian countries cannot solve all these problems totally on our own, we cannot depend on outside aids from countries like United States.

Introduction>>

In this article, the writer discussed the possibilities of Asia's resolving safety issues on its own and believed that more solutions to these existing problems should be made by all Asian countries. For some safety issues, the corporation with non-Asian countries may be necessary. In general, however, negotiation within Asian countries is a basic strategy to resolve these problems.

2. A generally stable international situation in Asia.

In present, the dispute over Guam is perhaps the trickiest issue for Asia. We have mentioned many challenges for Asia before, but all of these issues, say island disputes, will not contribute to wars between Asian countries and we still have a stable situation in Asia. The most serious problems for Asia now are poverty and poor educational development, these serve as two big challenges for Asian countries.

3. The complexity of Asian problems.

Countries in Asia, regardless of their territorial area, share some historical problems which occurred long time ago. These problems have a big effect on the development of Asian countries. However, it's hard to find a omnipotent solution to these problems due to the complexity. There are mainly three types of challenges:

① ***Poverty.*** Asia, the biggest continent around the world, is also the most important continent. However, one third of Asia's population are living a relatively poor life. Chinese premier also mentioned that 200 million people in China are still living with poverty. I myself, as an Indian, know that the number of the poor in Indian is more than the population of North America and Latin America continents. Another phenomenon we should pay attention to is the increasing number of the poor people, 70 percent of which just received the primary education before.

② ***Cultural diversity.*** We need to be clear about cultural diversities among different countries or different races such as differences in language. Many countries in Asia, including China and India, has many minorities. These minorities may be the source of big issues, sometimes they can even trigger some international issues which cannot be solved by merely one country.

③ ***The territorial and economic inequalities.***

China boasts a big territorial area, but the land area of India, compared to China, is relatively small. There are many other differences in territory, population and culture among Asian countries, these differences can be a main contributor to Asian safety challenges. For example, the fact that China is both the biggest country and economy in Asia can be regarded as a threat to other Asian countries, which may cause other hidden safety issues. Some relatively small countries want to get outside approaches to

deal with the threat. And in recent years, we also realized the problems caused by these inequalities. For instance, some of the disputes over sea areas such as the south sea are an indication of worries from relatively weak economies, and the other disputes can be seen as the historical issues. These historical issues between countries like India, China and Iran bring great hidden dangers to Asian safety.

④ **Other issues.** Such as the environmental pollution is a transnational problem and multinational cooperation is necessary for the environmental improvement. Some traditional ideas believe that the rapid development of China and many other economies in Southeast Asia can result in more serious disputes. Meanwhile, poverty remains as a serious challenge and we must put more attention to many other inner issues as well.

III. The Current Situation about Asia Safety Issues

1. Each new issue will need a new solution which may trigger another new issue. For example, economic increase is a good thing. In China, the number of the rich and middle class families is big, but the income gap between the poor and the rich is also huge. This kind of situation is worse in India. Again, we all know that technological development is vital but it can also get more people unemployed. These problems are real and need to be resolved. The first priority for countries who are trying to find better solutions to deal with these issues is to considerate tackling problems personally and independently.

2. The necessity of independence and dependence. Asia confronts with various kinds of safety issues, such as poverty and multilateral problems. We need to understand that cooperation between Asian countries may not be enough to deal with some challenges. While for other issues, negotiation within countries in Asia is a better solution. Both of these two approaches can be applied to solve safety issues in a better way.

As I see it, the territorial disputes between many countries including China and America are actually the indication of big countries' power in Asia. The complicate relationship between China and India as well as the tension between China and Japan all has a fundamental effect on China's relationship with neighboring countries. In conclusion, there are many problems for Asian countries to be solved and inner negotiation between Asian countries is a necessary resolution of some of these issues.

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