



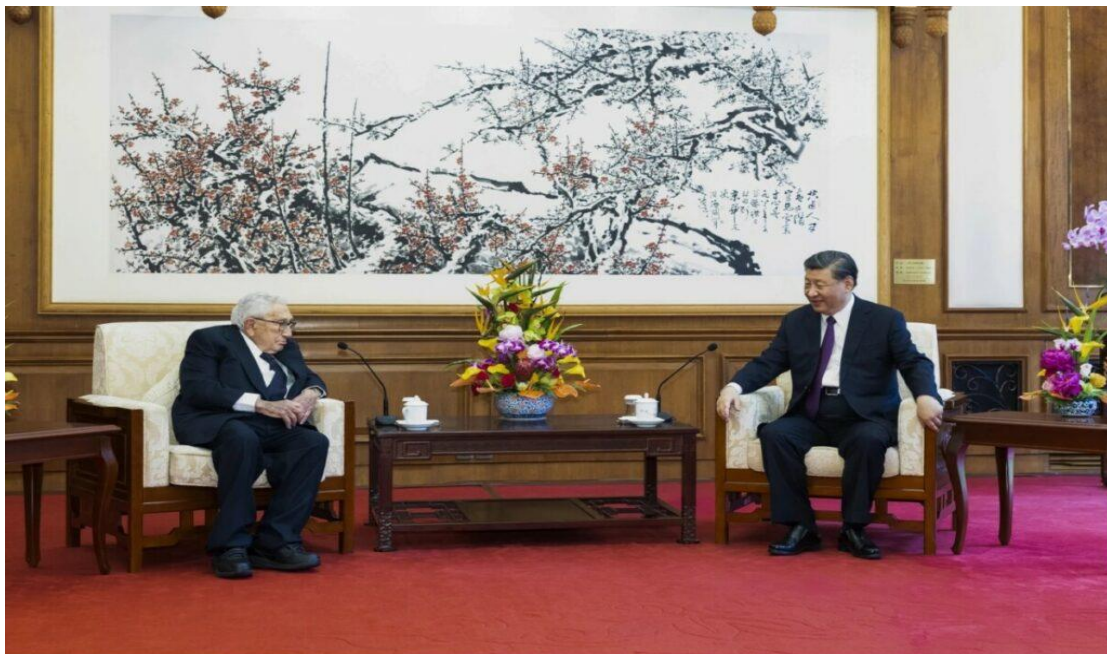
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Greetings Colleagues,

The Consortium is pleased to share its latest newsletter for the Indo-Pacific. Press reply button for your feedback and comments.

Henry Kissinger is substantially more embraced in China, contrasts with the U.S. climate envoy John Kerry



The U.S.-China diplomatic relations are in the spotlight as Henry Kissinger and Biden's climate envoy John Kerry travels to China on July 18. Kissinger's hashtag is [trending](#) in Beijing this week as the 100-year-old former diplomat travels to China. Kissinger played a crucial role in opening the relations with China as a National security Advisor and Secretary of States in the Nixon administration in the 1970s. He emphasizes that "the U.S. -China relationship is essential to the peace and prosperity of the two countries and the wider world." He received praise for his work in establishing the U.S.- China relations during the Cold War period. He met with China's Defense Minister Li Shangfu, top diplomat Wang and discussed the Ukraine war, economic and Artificial Intelligence.

In his meeting with Kissinger, Chinese Premier XI said, "China and the United States are once again at the crossroads of where to go, and the two sides need to make new decisions." Top diplomat Wang stated that the U.S. approach to China needs diplomatic wisdom like Kissinger's and political courage like Nixon's."

It is worth mentioning that China severed several diplomatic contacts following Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August 2021. Additionally, the Balloon incident strained the relationship further. Afterward, Secretary Blinken's visited China in June 2023 to restore diplomacy and to maintain open channels of communications.

Henry Kissinger received warm praise and cherished memories from Chinese leaders upon returning home, even at his advanced age. On the other hand, John Kerry expressed dissatisfaction with his four-day [visit](#) to China, stating that more work and meetings are needed to

address climate issues. It is worth noting that the United States and China are among the world's largest carbon polluters. [Read more.](#)

The U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy is yielding positive results.

The assistant secretary of defense for Indo-Pacific security affairs Ely Ratner told the House Select Committee on the CCP that the positive outcomes of the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy are becoming evident as the strategies, policies, doctrines, and resources that put in place to counter China are starting to deliver in meaningful ways. During his testimony to the committee, he referred to China as a "pacing challenge" and emphasized that China is the only country with the will and capability to reshape the global order in ways that would significantly undermine crucial U.S. interests. [Read More](#)

The U.S.- Australia led Talisman Sabre Exercise 2023

The largest multi-domain warfighting exercise starts in Australia with the opening [ceremony](#) of the littoral combat ship USS Canberra (LCS-30). Talisman Sabre is a massive military exercise involving 13 participants from different countries across the geography. Along with the United States and Australia, forces from Canada, Fiji, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, Tonga, and the United Kingdom will participate. Additionally, personnel from India, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand will be present as observers. [Read More](#)

New Delhi aims to counter China's BRI in Sri Lanka

The President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, visited New Delhi, and the two countries agreed to strengthen their relationship by enhancing trade, energy, port, and bridge connections. Modi [said](#) that the two leaders "adopted a vision document for our Economic Partnership" to strengthen maritime, air, energy and people-to-people connectivity, to accelerate mutual cooperation in tourism, power, trade, higher education, and skill development." [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Which country in ASEAN is holding its general election this week?

- a. Vietnam
- b. Thailand
- c. Cambodia
- d. Myanmar

Where is Scarborough Island located?

- a. Bay of Bengal
 - b. Yellow Sea
 - c. South China Sea
 - d. Sea of Japan
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Consortium highlights

- CIPR Interns shortlisting process for Fall 2023 started.
- Signed collaborative MOU and knowledge partnership with AIIS, Amity University, India.
- Consortium member Andrew Erskine moderated the event on 2023 Vilnius Summit: Implications for Canada and NATO's Future.

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