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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.

India Hosted Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit

On July 4, 2023, Indian Prime Minister Modi chaired a virtual summit of SCO and referred to member states as an "extended family." During his address, Modi indirectly criticized Pakistan for spreading cross-border terrorism and China for adopting double standards. Russian President Putin also spoke at the summit and claimed that Russia grew stronger despite facing sanctions and provocations, while condemning the actions of the West. Chinese President Xi expressed opposition to "decoupling and breaking links," despite China's recent foreign policy legislation and export bans on germanium and gallium, which are used for telecommunication and semiconductor manufacturing. Additionally, Iran has become a new member of the grouping, and Belarus is expected to join next year. [Read More](#)

Lithuania Launces its Indo-Pacific Strategy before Hosting NATO Summit

Lithuanian government approves its Indo-Pacific strategy on July 5th, 2023. Lithuania is interested in increasing its activities in the region, and the document aims at security, prosperity, and enhancing relations with Indo-Pacific countries. Lithuania's Foreign Minister, Mr. Landsbergis, says, "The Indo-Pacific Strategy is a new and significant step in strengthening comprehensive cooperation between Lithuania and the region." [Read More](#)

Treasury Secretary Yellen Visits China, July 8,2023

Secretary Yellen concluded her visit to Beijing a 'step forward' in the U.S.- China relations. She also warned that decoupling between both countries would be disastrous and destabilizing for the world. She met with U.S. business leaders, Chinese women economists Premier Li, Vice Premier He, Finance Minister Liu, and People's Bank of China Head Pan to discuss and learn about both countries' economic policies and choices. She mentioned that talks were 'direct,' 'substantive,' and 'productive.' However, she also mentioned that "navigating the contours of the relationship between the United States and China is no easy task." [Read more.](#)

Four Indo-Pacific Navies joint Exercise-Vanguard Pacific 2023 and Air Mobility Guardian 23 in Indo-Pacific

U.S. Navy has onset to a joint exercise with the Australian Royal Navy (ARN), the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy, and Japan's self-defense Navy (JMSDF) to enhance the competency and capability in maritime, air-warfare, and anti-submarine operations. Cmdr. Kenji Igawa, commanding officer of USS Howard, has stated, "Cooperative engagements with our Allies during exercises like Pacific Vanguard are

critical to ensuring we can stay a strong and effective interoperable force." [Read More](#)

Mobility Command's readiness exercise with seven countries, Australia, Canada, France, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States, started on July 5 in the Indo-Pacific region. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Which country will host Quad's next summit?

- a. Australia
- b. India
- c. Japan
- d. America

What two metals has China banned from export this week?

- a. Nickel & Silicon
 - b. Copper & Silicon
 - c. Germanium & Gallium
 - d. Silicon & Gallium
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Consortium highlights

Book-Talk



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Invites for the
Book-Talk on July 7, 2023, @10:00 AM EST

 Author Lt. General (Dr.) Anand Kaul

 Discussant Dr. Mohammed Zahid Mian Khan

 Discussant Dr. Indu Sharma

[The Bay of Bengal: Geo-politics and the Quad \(You Tube Link\)](#)

July 7th, 2023

Conversation



[Reflections on the 70 years U.S.-Korea 'Ironclad' Alliance and the Future of the Indo-Pacific](#)

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