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Greetings Colleagues,

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

U.S. Prioritizes its support for Tibet



Figure 1: Congressional Delegates met spiritual leader Dalai Lama in Dharamshala, India in June 2024. IMAGE/ House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The United States is making it a priority to uphold and preserve the rich cultural heritage, fundamental rights, deeply held beliefs, and traditional practices of the Tibetan people. The U.S. President Joe Biden [signed into law S. 138](#), the “Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act” (the “Act”). The Tibetan Policy Act, a clear and robust demonstration of the U.S. government's unwavering commitment to supporting the unique historical, cultural, religious, and linguistic identity of the Tibetan community. The bipartisan bill is introduced by the U.S. Representatives Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Todd Young (R-IN).

The Tibet Resolve Act, [S-138](#), solidly supports the preservation and protection of Tibetan culture. It aims to counter China's spread of misinformation about Tibet's history, its people, and its institutions, including Dalai Lama. The act strengthens U.S. support for Tibet while rejecting the Chinese government's false claims that Tibet has been a part of China since "ancient times."

As per media reports Chinese authorities condemned U.S. support as "gross interference in China's domestic affairs." It is important to note that recently His Holiness Dalai Lama arrived in New York for his knee treatment. Prior to that, a [U.S. Congressional delegation](#) visited India to meet the Tibetan spiritual leader.

The Act S.138 brings new hope in Tibetan community all over the world for their identity and inclusion after a long period of time. It is worth mentioning that the 14th Dalai Lama with his followers has been

living in exile in Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh, India) since 1959, post Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1950. [Read More](#)

Singapore and the United States Strengthens Defense Partnership

Singapore Minister for Defense Ng Eng Hen met with the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Both leaders emphasized the enduring and robust defense partnership between the United States and Singapore during the discussion. This partnership is deeply rooted in the shared vision of both nations for a free and open Indo-Pacific region and extends to other areas as well.

They underscored the importance of continued collaboration in maintaining regional stability and security and upholding shared values and principles. Both countries signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) regarding Data, Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence Cooperation. Dr. Radha Iyengar Plumb, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the United States, who signed with her counterpart, said, " Singapore, a key technology innovator in the Asia-Pacific region, remains one of our most valued defense partners, and we look forward to further deepening this critical relationship." [Read More](#)

U.S. and Allies Begins *Predator's Run 24* in the Indo-Pacific

The United States maritime forces, along with their allies, have begun the littoral-focused, multilateral training exercise *Predator's Run 24*. This exercise includes participants from the Australian Defence Force, the United Kingdom Commando Force, and the Republic of the Philippines Army. A senior leader of U.S. Marine Corps said, "This training is essential to test and refine our ability to execute and integrate battle drills at each echelon, focusing on offense, defense, and counterattack." [Read More](#)

Trilateral Chiefs of Defense Met in Tokyo

U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. met his counterparts from Japan and South Korea. The highest-ranking defense officials emphasized the critical importance of strengthening close trilateral coordination in response to the provocations presented by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). They underscored the necessity for seamless collaboration and communication between the defense forces of the three countries to effectively address the challenges posed by the DPRK's actions. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

In which country U.S. has opened its new Embassy on July 18, 2024?

- a. Seychelles
- b. Vanuatu
- c. Papua New Guinea
- d. Soloman Island

Who has U.S. President Biden endorsed as the Democratic Presidential candidate for the 2024 election

- a. Chuck Schumer
 - b. Kamala Harris
 - c. Elizabeth Warren
 - d. Pete Buttigieg
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Consortium Highlights

Roundtable discussion: Modi-Putin Summit 2024: Analyzing Regional Dynamics. [Watch Here](#)

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