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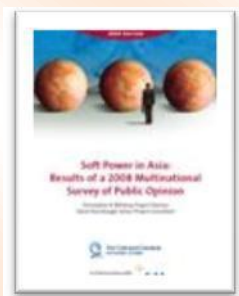
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## U.S. STRATEGY TOWARD ASIA

In this issue of the Alert, the Lincoln Resource Center (LRC) of the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur is pleased to offer a select list of current online reports, documents and websites on U.S. strategy toward Asia from top think-tanks and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Full texts are available at your fingertips by clicking the links provided or by copying the URL address into your Internet browser.

### ARTICLES AND REPORTS



#### **"Soft Power in Asia: Results of a 2008 Multinational Survey of Public Opinion"**

David Shambaugh and Christopher B. Whitney. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, April 2009, 48 pages. The authors examine the findings of a groundbreaking public opinion survey conducted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs on trends in the current and potential use of soft power in East Asia by the United States, China, Japan, and South Korea. They analyze the implications of the survey results and examine the perceptions of the surveyed countries towards one another. The perceptions of growing economic and political integration in East Asia and the impact it has on underlying regional tensions are also explored.

**Full text currently available at:**

[http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/UserFiles/File/POS\\_Topline%20Reports/Asia%20Soft%20Power%202008/Soft%20Power%202008\\_full%20report.pdf](http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/UserFiles/File/POS_Topline%20Reports/Asia%20Soft%20Power%202008/Soft%20Power%202008_full%20report.pdf) [PDF format; 2.48 MB]



**"Keeping the Balance: U.S. Security Policy in Asia"** Felix K. Chang. Foreign Policy Research Institute, February 2009, 6 pages. As the economic and military fortunes of Asian countries shift, the United States must consider how its role can fit into a region where the balance of power is being reshaped. The author discusses feasible measures the United States should take to enhance its safety in Asia.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.fpri.org/enotes/200902.chang.ussecurityasia.html>



**"Next Generation Thinking about America's East Asia Strategy"** Arthur Lord, et al. *Issues & Insights No. 02*, April 2009, 18 pages. How do American policymakers envision U.S. strategy toward East Asia? The authors discuss the challenges and opportunities in Asia and look America's role in the region, including the importance of nontraditional security threats such as resource scarcity, natural disaster management, terrorism, climate change, and energy security as a focus of U.S. foreign policy.

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[http://www.csis.org/files/media/isis/pubs/issuesinsights\\_v09n02.pdf](http://www.csis.org/files/media/isis/pubs/issuesinsights_v09n02.pdf) [PDF format; 190 KB]



**"Regional Overview: High Priority and High Drama over Asia"** Ralph A. Cossa and Brad Glosserman. *Comparative Connections No. 1*, April 2009, 14 pages. The authors examine the Obama administration's policy toward Asia, marking the visit of Secretary of State Clinton to the region as an important signal and discussing how her trip to Asia underscores elements of continuity and change in the Obama administration's Asia policy.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.csis.org/files/media/isis/pubs/0901qoverview.pdf> [PDF format; 92 KB]



**"Secretary Clinton's Asia Trip: Allied Reassurance"** Bruce Klingner. *WebMemo #2293*, February 13, 2009, 3 pages. The author analyzes the implications of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's first visit to Asia and the long-term role of the United States in the region. A political landscape that shifts from traditional bilateral and regional security issues, such as the transformation of existing military relationships into strategic alliances, to economic turmoil is also discussed.

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[http://www.heritage.org/Research/AsiaandthePacific/upload/wm\\_2293.pdf](http://www.heritage.org/Research/AsiaandthePacific/upload/wm_2293.pdf) [PDF format; 504 KB]

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The Lincoln Resource Center has access to several databases helpful in responding to reference inquiries on information about the United States and international affairs, and to access, electronically, current and past journal articles. These include, among others, Congressional Directory, EbscoHost, Proquest, Lexis-Nexis, Thomson Gale Power Search, and HeinOnline. For reference inquiries, please call our librarians at telephone numbers 03-2168- 4821/4996/4822//5085 or send e-mails to: [lrckl@po.jaring.my](mailto:lrckl@po.jaring.my)

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