#### Is China Reshaping Asia by OBOR?

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#### **Background**

#### ■ Xi Jinping's diplomacy

After President Xi Jinping took office, China has put forward a series of diplomatic initiatives and concepts. For some observers, it seems that China has become more assertive in the past four years. China seems to be moving away from "keep low profile" diplomacy.

How about the impact of China's new diplomacy on the global geopolitical and geo-economic? Is it good news for neighboring countries, especially for Asia?

### China's New diplomacy: The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

#### AIIB

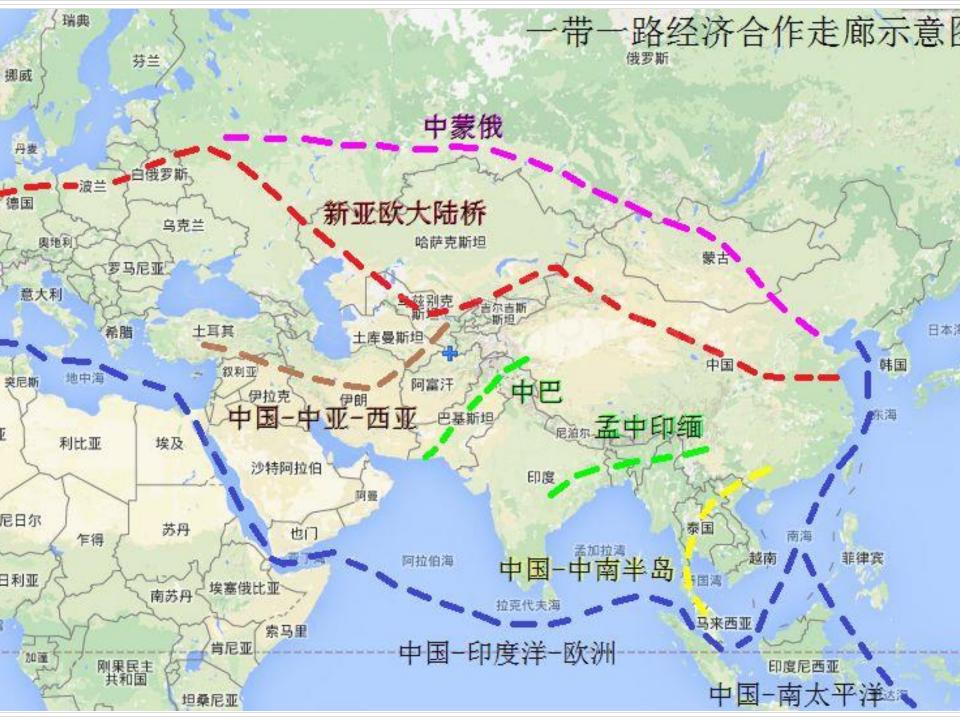
China has officially launched the AIIB, marking Beijing's most ambitious foray into financial diplomacy and global economic governance.

"This is China assuming more international responsibility for the development of the Asian and global economies," said Lou Jiwei, Chinese finance minister.

#### China's New diplomacy: One Belt One Road(OBOR)

#### □ OBOR

The OBOR initiative is a broad initiative which will run through the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa, connecting East Asian economies at one end and developed Western European economies at the other, while encompassing more than 65 countries along the route.



#### Important Ports-building under OBOR



#### China's New diplomacy: Afghanistan Peace Talk

As U.S. Exits, China Takes On Afghanistan Role

China made great efforts to mediate between the Taliban and the Afghan government, urge the government of Afghanistan to restart peace talks with the Taliban, encouraged Pakistan to do more to support the peace talks

China's move toward the role of mediator signals a foreign policy shift in Beijing.

#### **China's New diplomacy: Middle East**

- ☐ President Xi Jinping made an unusual visit to Saudi Arabia and Iran, who are locked in a bitter dispute at the beginning of the new year. Beijing acts as an "honest broker".
- ☐ China seeks a greater regional diplomatic role in Middle East?
- China's active Involvement in Iran's nuclear talk which lead to the Iran nuclear deal.

#### China's New diplomacy:.....

- ☐ South China sea
- □ climate change
- ☐ Taiwan
- □ North Korean
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- □ Why New? Why the Change?

#### What is the idea behind China's New diplomacy?

#### Chinese dream for the world

During the celebration of the UN's 70th anniversary in New York September 28 2015, Xi offered his reflections on the new international order, styled the "Chinese dream for the world."

#### What is the idea behind China's New diplomacy?

- Chinese dream for the world
  - 1, A Community of Shared Future for Humankind
  - 2, Promote an Open, Innovative and Inclusive International Economic Order
  - 3, Create a Security Architecture Featuring Fairness, Justice, and Joint Contributions with Shared Benefits
  - 4, Increase Inter-Cultural Exchanges to Promote Harmony, Inclusiveness and Respect for Differences

#### What is the idea behind China's New diplomacy??

#### the Asian Community of Common Destiny

Chinese President Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the annual Boao Forum for Asia, held in Hainan Province from March 26 to 29, 2015, entitled "Towards a Community of Common Destiny and a New Future for Asia. It is now plain to see that China's growing influence in the global economy and financial market has given it a more important global role, and that its capacity to reshape the future pattern of Asia.

#### What is the idea behind China's New diplomacy?

- the Asian Community of Common Destiny
- (1) We must ensure that all countries respect and treat one another as equals.
- (2) We must seek win-win cooperation and common development, because win-win cooperation is the only path to significant and sustainable achievements that are beneficial to all.
- (3) We must pursue common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security.
- (4) We must promote inclusiveness and mutual learning among civilizations that are both unique and equal.

#### What is New in China's diplomacy

# (1) China has begun bold attempts to provide regional public goods. Not "free rider", but responsible power

"They are free riders. And they have been free riders for the last 30 years and it's worked really well for them." Mr. Obama said.

- "The world is big, while challenges are complicated. The world is looking for answers from China." President Xi Jinping sent his greetings to express his blessings at the beginning of 2016.
- "China hopes that its own development and that of its neighbors will complement each other, and China welcomes its neighbors to board the fast train of China's development so that they can share more from China's development.

#### What is New in China's diplomacy

(2) China reshapes its neighboring environment, not just adapt to its .

In the past, "keeping a low profile and striking for achievement".

Now, China has the capability to shape its neigboring

environment, and our neighboring countries expect us to be

more active in leading Asia.

#### What is New in China's diplomacy

(3) China pursues a pattern of common interests and collaboration throughout the international community.

The Belt and Road Initiative is a systematic project, which should be jointly built through consultation to meet the interests of all, and efforts should be made to integrate the development strategies of the countries along the Belt and Road.

#### The Impact of China's Policy on Asia

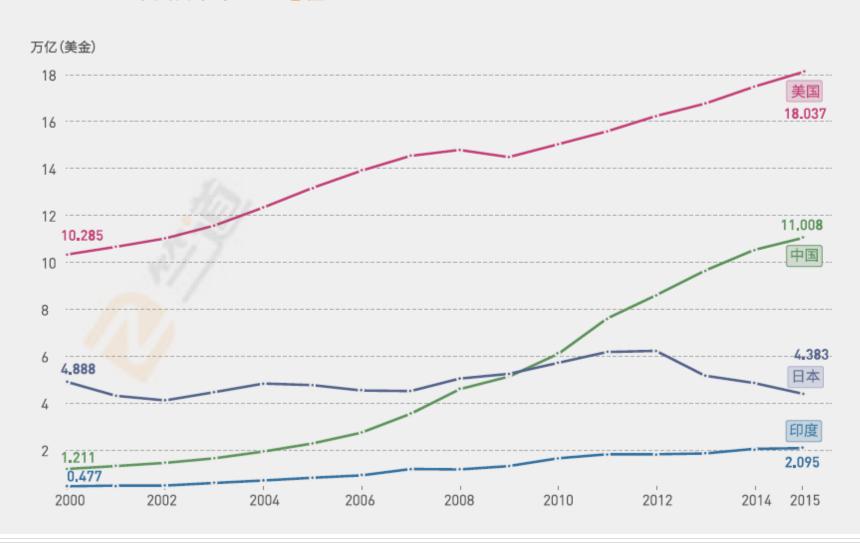
- Stimulates for Great Powers competition?
  - China's initiatives in OBOR have drawn positive responses from more than 60 countries, especilly including Russia and Indonesia.
- ☐ Japan try to counterbalance China's OBOR
- Russia embraces OBOR
- ☐ US want to engage OBOR
- Landlocked countries welcome OBOR.

#### The Impact of China's Policy on Asia

- ☐ A New Geopolitical Pattern in Asia?
- China will lead Asia in its development.
- The influence of the United States in Asia is declining.
- Japan will inevitably grow increasingly isolated in Asia.
- India's growing presence in Asia

- □ A New Geopolitical Pattern in Asia
- China will lead Asia in its development.
- ☐ If calculated by economic growth rate per year , the United States by 2.5%, China 6.5%, Japan 2%, India 8%, China's economy will account for 85 percent of the United States by 2020 The economy of Japan, India, Australia combined will be unable to match China.

#### 2000-2015 年美日中印 GDP 总值



- □ A New Geopolitical Pattern in Asia
- The influence of the United States in Asia is declining.

AIIB is widely regarded as a rival and counterbalance to the U.S.-led World Bank and the Japan-led Asian Development Bank. The United States has failed in efforts to discourage its European and Asian allies from joining the AIIB, their having applied one after the other, notably South Korea and Australia, to be part of it. This would appear to endorse China's rapid rise in the financial market and the decline in the United States' influence.

- □ A New Geopolitical Pattern in Asia
- □ Japan will inevitably grow increasingly isolated in Asia.

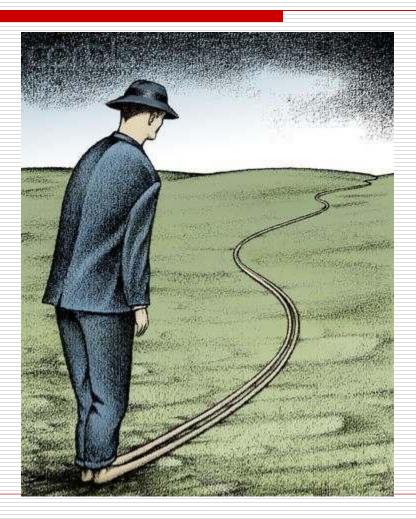
  In blindly following American diplomacy, the Japan Abe administration has failed to play a main role in Asia. Especially in light of the AIIB,OBOR issue, Japan has effectively isolated itself by becoming divorced from Asia's development process.

  When AIIB uses RMB for settlements, the status and influence of

the Japanese yen will inevitably weaken further.

- A New Geopolitical Pattern in Asia
- India's growing presence in Asia
- ☐ Indian new Prime Minister Modi has actively promote the "Made in India", to explore the potential for economic development in India .For Asia regional affairs, India now become more actively involved .

#### Today's choice shapes the future



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