China’s New Leadership and Its Perceptions of the Asia Pacific Region

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China’s New Leadership

- New Political Structure
  - From the “Collective Leadership” System to a “One-Man Dominant” System
  - New Leadership Style

- New Foreign Policy
  - “Yige Jianchi, liangge Danshi” (one insistence, two buts)
  - **Insist** on “peaceful development” strategy
  - **But** never give up China’s rightful rights and never sacrifice China’s “Core Interests”
  - **But** China is willing to seek win-win or win-win-win collaboration with other countries
Frequencies of "Core Interests" 核心利益 mentioned in People's Daily Articles

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- China’s Perceptions of the Asia Pacific Region
  - The United States of America
  - Japan
  - ASEAN Nations
  - Pacific Island Countries
China’s Perceptions of the Asia Pacific Region (2)

China’s Perceptions of the Pacific Island Nations

- Hu Yaobang’s Visits to Five Nations of the South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea) in 1985
- Li Ruihuan’s Visit to Fiji and Papua New Guinea in 2001
- Wen Jiabao’s Visit to Fiji in 2006
- Li Changchun’s Visit to Samoa in 2007
- Li Keqiang’s Visit to Papua New Guinea in 2009
- Jia Qinglin’s Visit to Samoa in 2011
- Xi Jinping’s Visit to Fiji in 2014
Hu Yaobang
Li Ruihuan’s Visit to Fiji and Papua New Guinea (November 2001)
Premier Wen Jiabao in Fiji (5 April 2006)
Li Changchun in Apia (2 April 2007)
President Xi Jinping in Fiji (21 Nov 2014)
Xi’s Meeting with Pacific Island Leaders (22 Nov 2014)
Xi Jinping’s Proposal (22 Nov 2014)

- build a strategic partnership featuring mutual respect and common development.
- enhance high-level exchanges.
- deepen practical cooperation.
  - the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road initiative
  - zero tariff treatment for 97 percent tax items of exports of the least developed countries
- expand people-to-people and cultural exchanges.
  - 2,000 scholarship
  - 5,000 study and training places
- intensify multilateral coordination.
  - Pacific Islands Forum
  - Pacific Islands Development Forum