

“The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Thailand 4.0”: Towards Common Development

The Evolution of the Asia –Pacific Order and China- Thailand Relation

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1. How does China-Thailand relationship matter in the evolution of the Asia-Pacific order?

1.1 To broaden the horizon for understanding and developing China-Thailand Relations

1.2 The uncertainty in the evolution of the Asia-Pacific order vs. the certainty of the development of China-Thailand friendly relationship

1.3 To have a better understanding of China-Thailand relations through the paradox of certainty in uncertainty

1.4 To identify the challenges and to put forth recommendations for the development of friendly relationship between China and Thailand

2. The uncertainty of the evolution of the Asia-Pacific order

2.1 Uncertainty as a fundamental feature of the current international order

2.2 The Trump administration and a trade war between China and the US

2.2.1 The Domino effect and grave impact on Thailand and other economies in Asia

2.2.2 Breaking the international multilateral trade system and rules, and undermining the foundation of the post-war economic and security order

2.2.3 Increasing the risk of China-US geostrategic competition and conflict

2.3 The development and evolution of “Indo-Pacific”

2.3.1 The emergence of “Indo-Pacific” reflects a new geopolitical development in Asia

2.3.2 A bout of economic and trade competition, and a new game in geopolitics: the two pillars of the US “Indo-Pacific” strategy

2.3.3 The US “Indo-Pacific” strategy is for marine geopolitical competition

2.3.4 The building of a geopolitical region of “Indo-Pacific” challenges the centrality of Southeast Asian countries in the Asia-Pacific structure

2.4 The tension of competition and cooperation in Southeast Asian countries

2.4.1 Economic growth and development remain the top priority for most Southeast Asian countries

2.4.2 To accomplish the building of a modern nation state remains a long-term political development agenda for some Southeast Asian countries

2.4.3 Religious extremism and terrorism are thorny security issues in many Southeast Asian countries

2.4.4 Traditional territorial and maritime disputes remain unsolved among a few countries

2.4.5 An arms race among some countries is on the rise



3. The certainty of China-Thailand relations

3.1 The traditional ties of friendship between the people of the two countries

3.2 Mutual understanding and respect for each other's political system, sovereignty and national interests

3.3 To accumulate strategic mutual trust, to deepen bilateral cooperation and to improve the level of relations

3.4 To expand the fields and scope of their mutually beneficial cooperation, and to broaden the interconnectivity and depth of their relations

3.5 To strengthen mutual support and cooperation in international and regional multilateral mechanisms

3.6 Chinese Thais and Chinese nationals residing in Thailand live in harmony with the people of Thailand

4. Challenges in the development of current China-Thailand relations

4.1 To have a better understanding of and promote the BRI cooperation

4.2 To enhance communication and mutual support in international and regional multilateral mechanisms

4.3 To reinforce risk control and crisis management in people-to-people exchanges

4.4 To strengthen the IR studies on China-Thailand relations

Thank you!

