

Asan Institute Releases the Report on the US role in Asia with four other institutions from Australia, China, Japan, and Indonesia

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SEOUL, June 9, 2016 – The Asan Institute for Policy Studies announces the publication of a survey report, “The Asian Research Network: Survey on America’s Role in the Asia-Pacific,” in collaboration with the United States Studies Center at the University of Sydney, the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, the Asahi Shimbun, and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (Jakarta).

The report features a number of revelations about public opinion on trade, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the US-China relationship, the likelihood of conflict in the region, and how South Korea, Australia, China, Indonesia, and Japan view their neighbors. Some interesting findings include the following:

- The United States is considered the most influential country in Asia among three of five countries – South Korea (60%), Japan (48%) and Indonesia (47%). However, the respondents in Australia (69%) and China (56%) rate China’s influence above that of the US.
- When asked about the future influence in Asia, majorities in three of the five countries – China (77%), South Korea (67%) and Australia (64%) - nominate China as the most influential in 10 years.
- Respondents across the five countries want a stronger relationship with both the US and China. More than half of South Koreans report that they want stronger relationships with both the US (53%) and China (57%).
- North Korea is seen as the most likely source of conflict in Asia in all countries (Australia 62%, South Korea 51%, Japan 50%, Indonesia 36%) except China, where 56% report that Japan is the greatest security risk. 37% of Japanese also see China as a potential source of conflict in Asia.

The sample size of the South Korean survey was 750 people aged 19 and over. The margin of error was $\pm 3.6\%$ at the 95% confidence level. The survey was conducted by YouGov which employed the online survey to collect the data during October 13-23, 2015.

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