



From “Hub-and-Spokes” to “Spinning Wheel”

The Japan-U.S. Alliance Hereafter

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Motivation of This Research

Trump Administration

- ❑ “America First” as its policy principle
- ❑ Foreign/defense policy: “Peace through strength”

Interests of allies and partners, including Japan

- ❑ Commitment to allies and partners
- ❑ Regional / multilateral engagement

Theme of This Research

Direction of alliance cooperation
between Japan and the U.S. under the new administration

A realistic image of the Earth from space, showing continents and clouds. The Earth is centered in the frame, with the Atlantic Ocean and parts of North and South America visible. The text "Security Environment" is overlaid in white, bold font across the center of the image.

Security Environment

Global Security Environment

Globalization and innovation are inducing changes in power balance and global security environment. Security challenges and destabilizing factors are becoming complex, diverse, and broader.

European Union Drifting

Expansion of Russian Influence

Middle East North Africa

Rise of China

Asia-Pacific Region
"The Center of Global Growth"

Maritime Security

Global Terrorism
Cyber, Space Security

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Asia-Pacific Region

Geopolitical issues, traditional and non-traditional security issues
Development of mutual economic dependency further complicates challenges

The Japan-U.S. Alliance

Military modernization
Intensified military activities

Nuclear / ballistic missile development
Military provocations

East China Sea
Cross Strait Relations

Naval / air presence,
A2/AD capability strengthened

Domestic political development

First
Island Chain

Second
Island Chain

South
China Sea

Effective regional security
institution not yet established.

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**U.S. Foreign / Defense Policy
Under the New Administration**

Trump Administration Foreign/Defense Policy

Policy principles and basic characteristics

- “America First”
- Anti-establishment
- “Peace through strength”
- More emphasis on national interest rather than on values, ideas

Foreign / Defense Policy

- Rebuilding the military: ending defense sequestration, a new defense budget
- Defeating ISIS and other Islamic terrorist groups as highest priority
- Strengthening cyber capability
- Modernizing strategic nuclear triad
- Developing new MD system to counter NK and Iranian missiles
- Oversea operations limited to protecting security of U.S. citizens and allies

Assessment

China and Russia

- More cooperative in common interests (e.g. counter ISIS)?
- More confrontational with China (e.g. SCS) while less certain with Russia?

Force development / defense budget

- Maybe some increase but the scale and priorities remain to be seen

Overseas operations

- More positive for vital interests and passive for peripheral interests?

Allies and partners

- More requirements for capability development and more roles?

Asia-Pacific Region

- Forward deployment, extended deterrence and commitment to allies' defense will likely continue
- May escalate if taking hardline stance against PRC's unilateral actions?

Strategic concept for foreign/defense policy yet to be articulated

A satellite view of the Earth, centered on the Americas. The image shows the continents of North and South America, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and the Pacific Ocean to the west. The Earth is set against a black background, and the text is overlaid in the center.

Implications for Allies & Partners

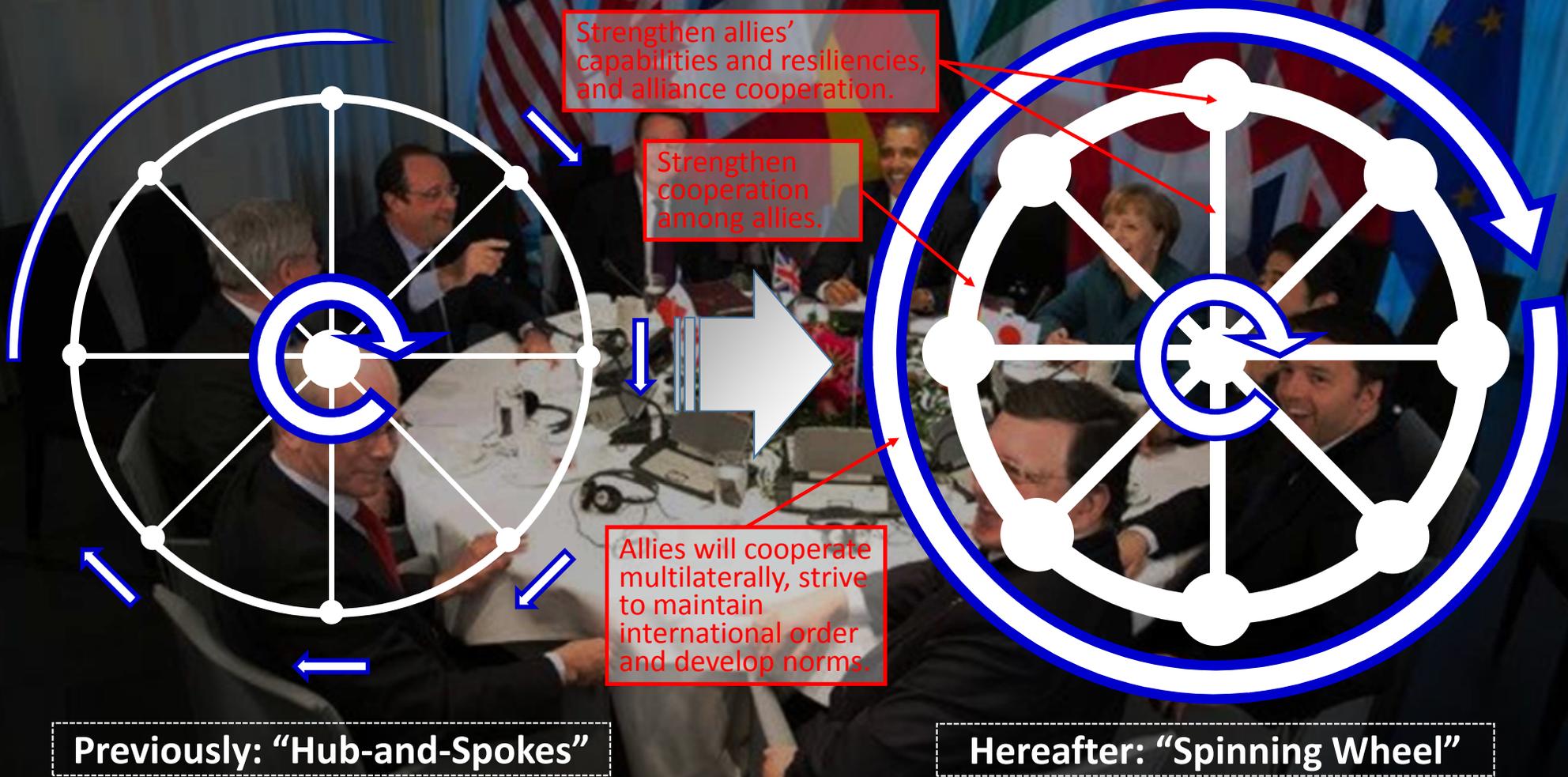
Implications for Allies and Partners

- ❑ Sustaining balance of power
 - ❑ Multilateral cooperation to address new security issues (e.g. terrorism, threats against global commons)
 - ❑ The role of the U.S. remains vital.
- ❑ Roles of bureaucrats and officers at DOD and DOS
- ❑ The U.S. allies, while maintaining the alliances, should:
 - Take on more roles to address regional and global security issues.
 - Continue to strengthen their necessary capabilities.
 - Strengthen cooperation among the allies, as well as cooperation with other regional countries, more than ever.

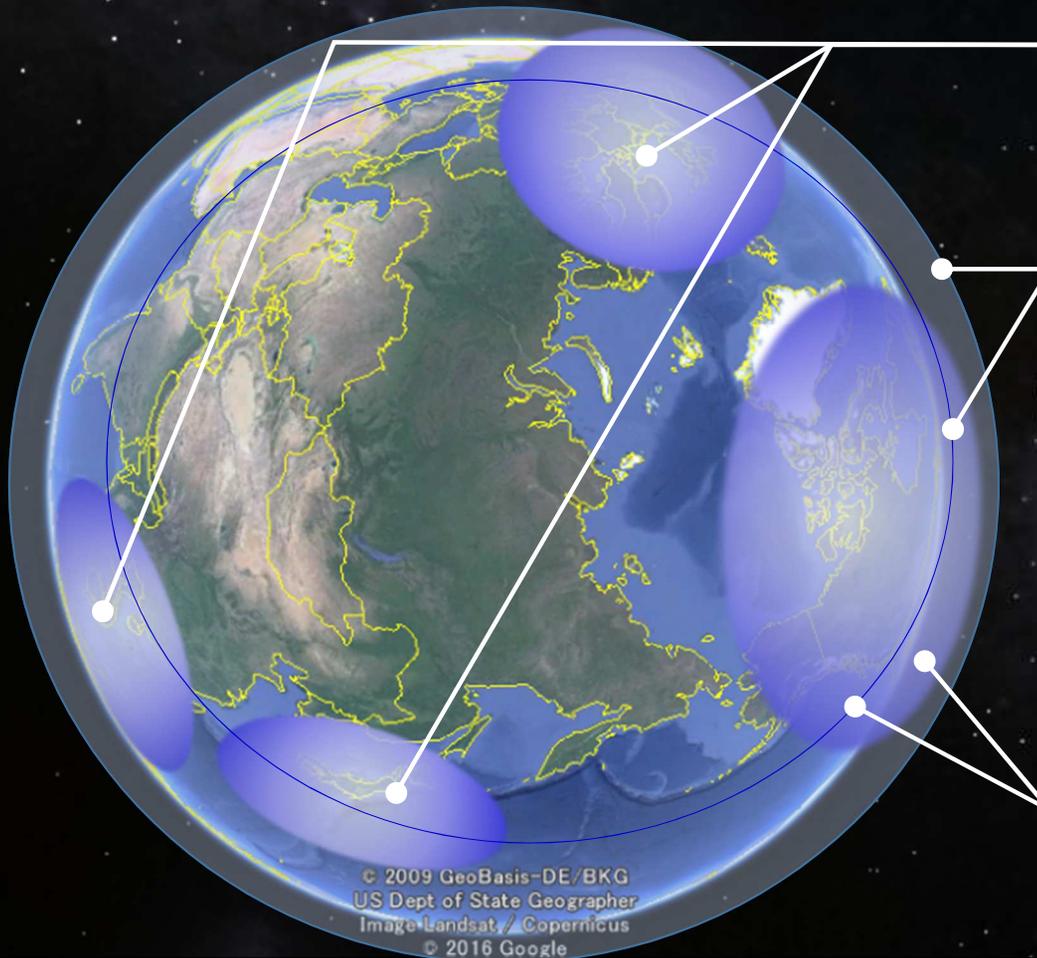
A high-resolution satellite-style image of Earth from space, centered on the Pacific Ocean. The blue of the ocean is prominent, with white cloud patterns swirling across it. The dark green and brown of the continents are visible around the edges of the frame. The text 'The Japan - U.S. Alliance Hereafter' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

The Japan - U.S. Alliance Hereafter

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How U.S. Allies and Partners Should Approach



1) Continue to strengthen their own capabilities while helping strengthening capacity of other regional countries.

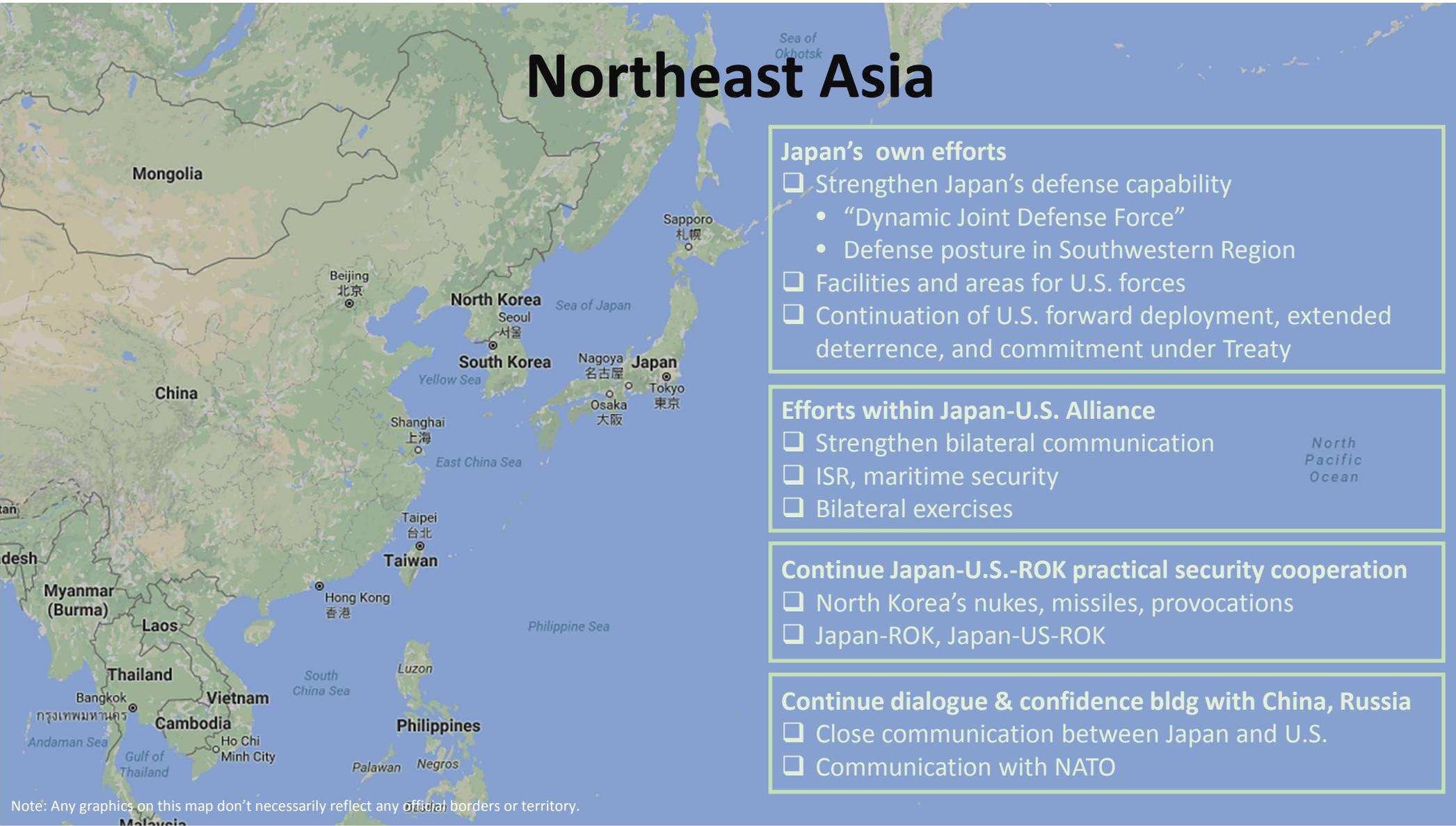
2) Strengthen cooperation among allies as a driving force to:

- sustain international orders the U.S. and allies have developed,
- develop international norms, and
- encourage other countries.

3) The allies, in close cooperation with each other, encourage the U.S. to maintain close communication and exercise leadership with a clear strategic concept

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Northeast Asia



Japan's own efforts

- Strengthen Japan's defense capability
 - "Dynamic Joint Defense Force"
 - Defense posture in Southwestern Region
- Facilities and areas for U.S. forces
- Continuation of U.S. forward deployment, extended deterrence, and commitment under Treaty

Efforts within Japan-U.S. Alliance

- Strengthen bilateral communication
- ISR, maritime security
- Bilateral exercises

North
Pacific
Ocean

Continue Japan-U.S.-ROK practical security cooperation

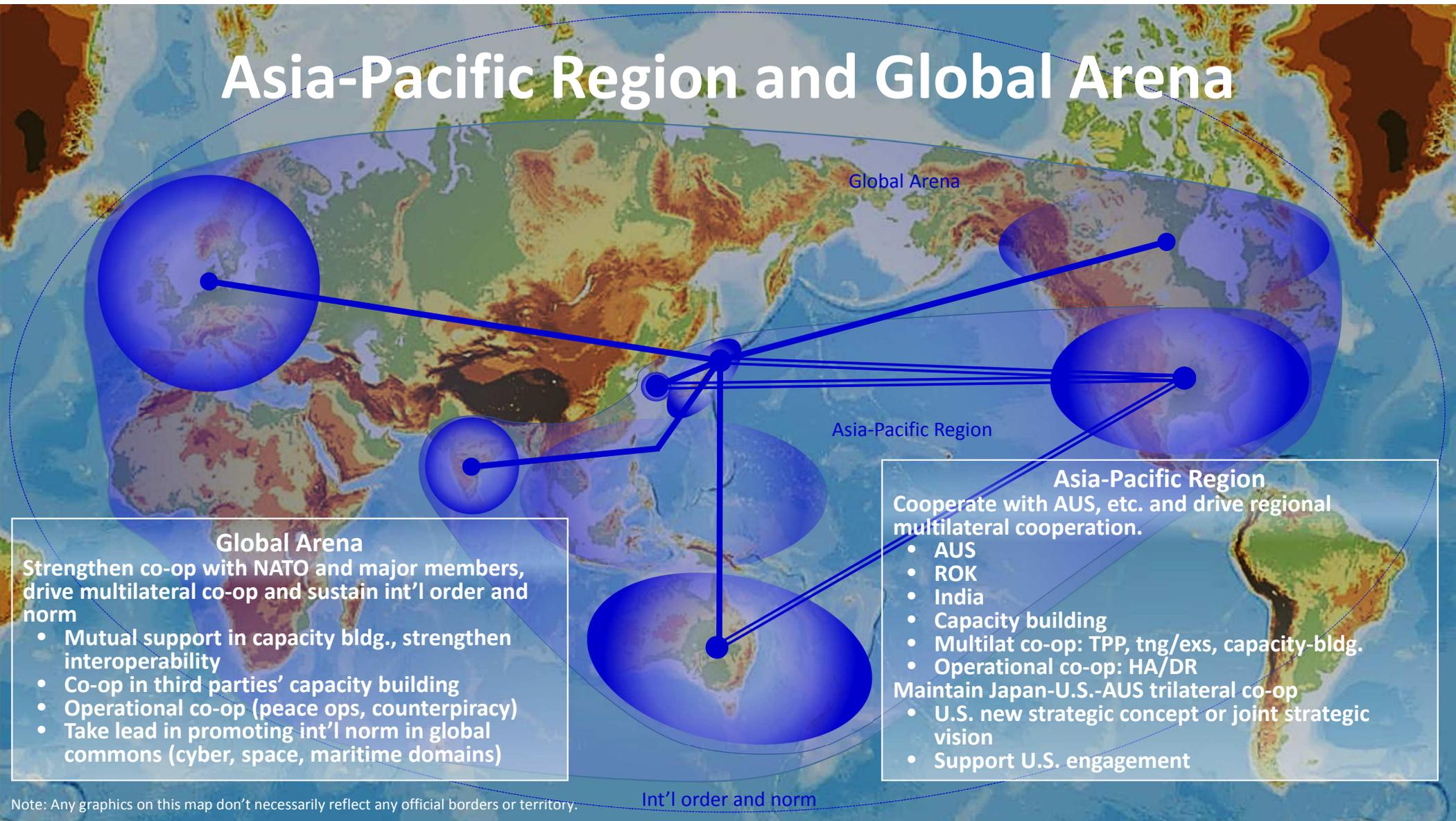
- North Korea's nukes, missiles, provocations
- Japan-ROK, Japan-US-ROK

Continue dialogue & confidence bldg with China, Russia

- Close communication between Japan and U.S.
- Communication with NATO

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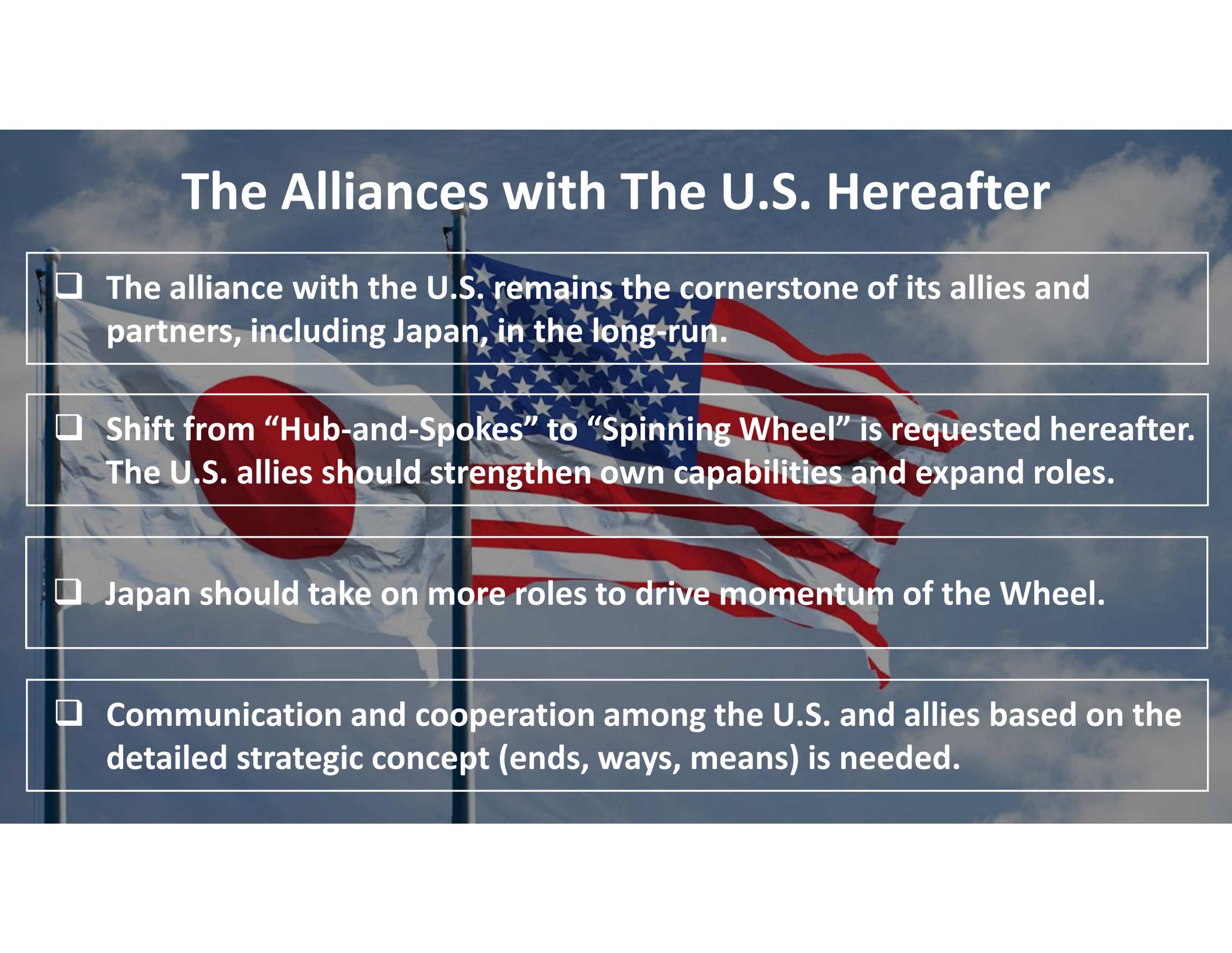
Asia-Pacific Region and Global Arena





Conclusion

The Alliances with The U.S. Hereafter



- The alliance with the U.S. remains the cornerstone of its allies and partners, including Japan, in the long-run.
- Shift from “Hub-and-Spokes” to “Spinning Wheel” is requested hereafter. The U.S. allies should strengthen own capabilities and expand roles.
- Japan should take on more roles to drive momentum of the Wheel.
- Communication and cooperation among the U.S. and allies based on the detailed strategic concept (ends, ways, means) is needed.

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the Americas, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean. The text "Questions and Comments" is overlaid in white on the image.

Questions and Comments