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The Forum on Asia-Pacific Security (FAPS) is dedicated to building peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific, one of the most geopolitically and economically important regions in the world. FAPS currently runs six major Track II dialogues with some of the region's most influential officials and policy experts on key security issues.

Our 6 focus areas:

Reducing strategic mistrust between the United States and China through a U.S.-China strategic dialogue

Exploring and building support for a cooperative, multilateral means of ensuring a denuclearized Korean Peninsula

Improving cross-Taiwan Strait relations through a U.S.-China-Taiwan trilateral dialogue

Promoting quadrilateral cooperation among the region's powers—the United States, Japan, China, and South Korea

Fostering trilateral cooperation between the United States, South Korea, and China on North Korea policy

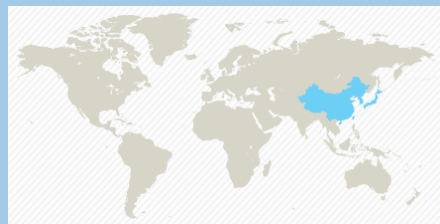
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— Mr. Evans J.R. Revere
Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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— Ambassador Wi Sung-lac
Former Chief Negotiator on the North Korean Nuclear Issue
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- Academic papers and policy recommendations

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 - ❖ Maj. Gen. Gong Xianfu, *Vice Chairmain of the China Institutes for International Strategic Studies*

- Panel discussions and public lectures that bring together the New York policy community for presentations and receptions
- Recent panelists and lecturers:
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