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Foreword

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The diversity of the vast and important Asia-Pacific region is apparent not only in its peoples, cultures, traditions and geographies. It is also evident in the region's relations with and responses to the United States. At a time of considerable change in the regional and the international environments and active debates about the United States' relations with the world, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) undertook an effort to assess the responses of Asia-Pacific countries to U.S. security policies. The product of this labor is the inaugural issue of our Special Assessment series entitled *Asia-Pacific Responses to U.S. Security Policies*. These analyses represent the analytical contributions of our teaching and research faculty who bring a rich combination of experience and expertise to their subjects.

As might be expected, the assessments suggest a range of responses from regional countries. There are, however, some common elements. The United States is acknowledged to be central to the region's peace and prosperity. And every country, with the possible exception of North Korea, desires to have cooperative and productive relations with the United States. Inevitably, there are differences in priorities and approaches that require efforts on the part of both regional countries and the United States to narrow. If security cooperation is to materialize to the benefit of all regional countries, an intensive exchange of ideas, perceptions and information is necessary.

I am pleased to present this publication with the hope that it will advance discussion about Asia-Pacific security issues and thereby contribute to the Center's mission to enhance cooperation, and build relationships for a secure Asia-Pacific.