



In Search of Mutual Trust and Cooperation
In the West Pacific



The Trend of Chinese National Security and PLA after COVID-19

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Point and Conclusion

- **THROUGH THE LENS OF COVID19...**
UNMASK A CHINA'S INTENTION AND STRATEGY
- **SITUATION**
CHINA IS DOWN, AND THE US (FOR NOW) IS OUT
- **CONSEQUENCE**
BECOMING MORE ASSERTIVE CHINA
- **COUNTERMEASURES**

“HOW JAPAN, TAIWAN, THE US FORCES RESPONSE TO A CHINESE SUPPRESSION?”

COUNTER ANTI-ACCESS / AREA DENIAL(A2/AD)”

BLOCKING FAITS ACOMPLIS

China's Growing Assertiveness Come from...

- **Disadvantageous Balance :
Defensive Strategy**
「韜光養晦」(鄧小平: Deng Xiaoping)
“bide our time, while building up capability”
/tāoguāng yǎnghuì/[韜光养晦/韜光養晦]
- **Roughly Competing :
Confronting Strate**
「堅持韜光養晦」~「積極有所作為」(胡錦濤: Hu Jintao)
“make some contributions”
[Yǒusuǒ zuòwéi/有所作为]
- **Favorable Balance :
“Offensive Strategy”**
(習 近平: Xi Jinping)



Chinese Dream

The Chinese dream, after all, is the dream of the people.
We must realize it by closely depending on the people.
We must incessantly bring benefits to the people.

Realizing the great renewal of the Chinese nation is the greatest dream for the Chinese nation in modern history.

—— quotes from Chinese President Xi Jinping

Corona Virus Disease #COVID19



World Health
Organization

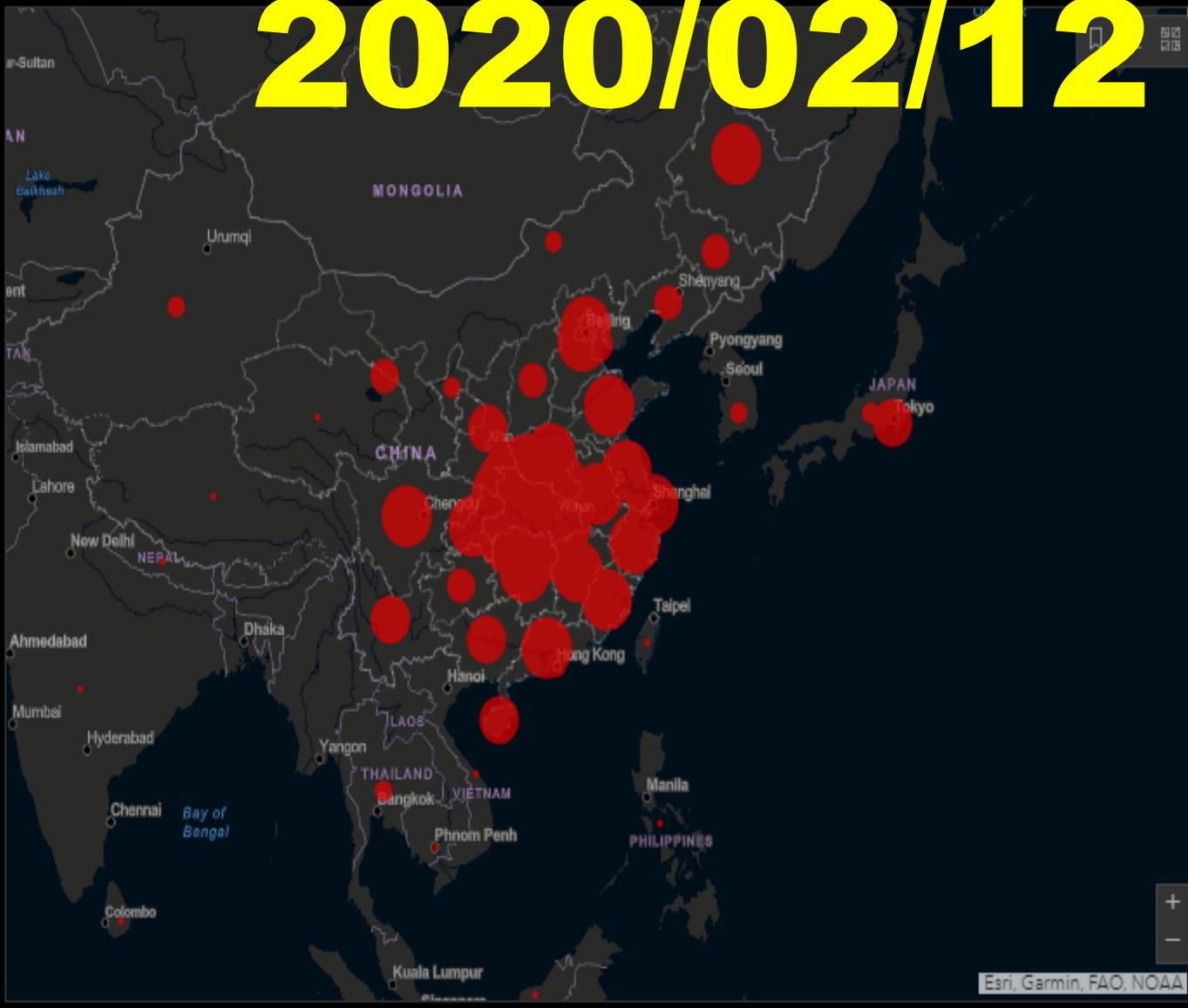
2020/02/12

Total Confirmed

45,204

Confirmed Cases by Country/Region

44,685 Mainland China
175 Others
50 Hong Kong
47 Singapore
33 Thailand
28 South Korea
28 Japan
18 Malaysia
18 Taiwan
16 Germany
15 Australia
15 Vietnam
13 US
11 France
10 Macau
8 United Arab Emirates
8 UK



Total Deaths

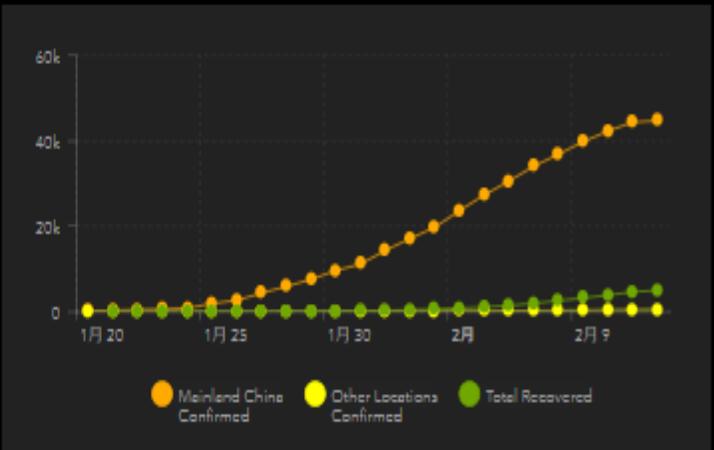
1,116

1,068 deaths	Hubei Mainland China
1 deaths	Guangdong Mainland China
8 deaths	Henan Mainland China
2 deaths	Hunan Mainland China
4 deaths	Anhui Mainland China
1 deaths	Jiangxi Mainland China
3 deaths	Chongqing Mainland China
2 deaths	Shandong Mainland China

Total Recovered

5,056

2,660 recovered	Hubei Mainland China
321 recovered	Zhejiang Mainland China
291 recovered	Hunan Mainland China
272 recovered	Guangdong Mainland China
241 recovered	Henan Mainland China
152 recovered	Jiangxi Mainland China
127 recovered	Anhui Mainland China
123 recovered	Jiangsu Mainland China



Country/Region City, St/Prov

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Visualization: JHU CSSE. Automation Support: Esri Living Atlas team.
 Data sources: WHO, CDC, ECDC, NHC and DXY. Read more in this [blog](#). [Contact US](#).
 GitHub: [Here](#). Google Sheet: [Here](#). Time series table: [Here](#). Feature layer: [Here](#).
 Point level: City level - US, Canada and Australia; Province level - China; Country level - other countries.
 Time Zones: lower-left corner indicator - your local time: lower-right corner plot - UTC.

2020/05/28

COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

Total Confirmed

5,691,790

Confirmed Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

- 1,699,176 US
- 411,821 Brazil
- 370,680 Russia
- 268,619 United Kingdom
- 236,259 Spain
- 231,139 Italy
- 183,038 France
- 181,524 Germany
- 159,797 Turkey
- 158,086 India
- 141,591 Iran
- 135,905 Peru
- 88,989 Canada



Global Deaths

355,629

100,418 deaths US

37,342 deaths United Kingdom

33,072 deaths Italy

28,599 deaths France

27,117 deaths Spain

25,598 deaths Brazil

Global Deaths

US State Level

Deaths, Recovered

29,484 deaths, 64,632 recovered New York US

11,339 deaths, 25,552 recovered New Jersey US

6,547 deaths, recovered Massachusetts US

5,334 deaths, 33,168 recovered Michigan US

5,265 deaths, 43,038 recovered Pennsylvania US

5,083 deaths, recovered Illinois US

US Deaths, Recovered

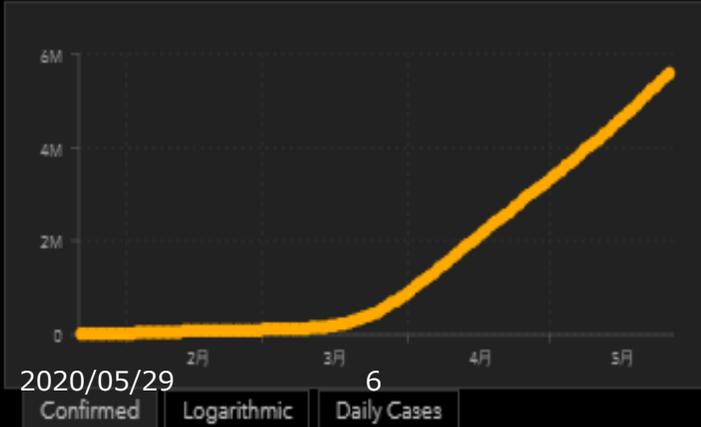
Cumulative Confirmed Cases Active Cases Incidence Rate Case-Fatality Ratio Testing Rate Hospitalization Rate

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188 countries/regions

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COVID-19 & International Evaluation

Taiwan is Up ++

Japan is Up

*China is Down, and
the US (For Now) is Out*

***Taiwan IS Up++
Japan is Up***

***Without a “Lock Down”,
Got an excellent solution***

- ***National Dignity*** 国家の品格
- ***Discipline*** 規律心
- ***Compassion*** 思いやり
- ***Humility*** 謙虚さ
- ***Fastidious Disease*** 潔癖症

China is Down

- ***Chinese Doctor, **Silenced After Warning of Outbreak,** Dies From Coronavires***
- ***China's approach is **China first and burn the bridges behind.*****
- ***They say that Socialism can really do something that capitalism cannot.***
- ***China's economic influence is in doubt***
- ***China Launches **Coronavirus Propaganda Drive To Boost International Image*****
- ***'Gratitude education' idea ridiculed***

All Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) and US Army War College (USAWC)

Is China's military budget will still rise despite coronavirus ?

- ***The PLA played an important role in the fight against the contagion, so a **decrease in spending would not be accepted,*****
- ***The budget would probably be kept at the same level or show a “slight” increase from last year.***
- **+ 6.6% 約 1兆2,680 億人民幣**
增加額 約 780億元



Protests in Hong Kong against China's proposed national security law; over 180 arrested

The protests started two days after a resolution to "prevent, frustrate and punish" threats to national security in Hong Kong was presented to China's legislature, the National People's Congress (NPC).



Becoming More Assertive China

Under Cover of Pandemic...

- The world increasingly understands that the Chinese government is **bent on controlling the discussion of China-related issues** not only within but also outside of China.
- China Steps Up **Brinkmanship in South China Sea**
- **New Vietnam-China Incident Spotlights Old Realities**
- **China's COVID-19 Diplomacy Backfires in the Philippines**
- **Domestic / Several Serious Difficulties**
Anxiety of Economic Growth, Movement of Civilization, Media suppression,



China's
“Salami-slicing Strategy”
or “Cabbage Strategy”
can now be said to be
on open display !!

内憂外患
Faced with
Both Internal and
External Troubles

THE UNITED STATES IS (for now) OUT

- ***Despite China's tarnished reputation and an emerging backlash—the United States is not an automatic beneficiary.***
- ***The present US response, almost entirely focused on domestic issues, has left US allies and partners to fend for themselves.***



Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

For all of the political hacks out there, if I hadn't done my job well, & early, we would have lost 1 1/2 to 2 Million People, as opposed to the 100,000 plus that looks like will be the number. That's 15 to 20 times more than we will lose. I shut down entry from China very early!

Confronting Posture, The U.S.

Under Cover of Pandemic

- **American anger** at the devastation caused by the pandemic is being increasingly directed at the Chinese Communist Party.
- President Donald Trump threatened to **“cut off the whole relationship”** with China over the **COVID-19 pandemic.**
- While the view that the **CCP is evil by nature** has yet to become mainstream in the U.S. government, it could prevail among American.
- **A new Cold War** between the U.S. and China would have far bigger global impact than the confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.



**U.S. &
CHINA
ARE THEY TRAPPED IN
THUCYDIDES?**



Source: CSBA

How Japan, Taiwan, the US forces response to a Chinese Suppression?

To built Japan, Taiwan & the US force's version

Counter

Anti-Access/Area

Denial(A2/AD)

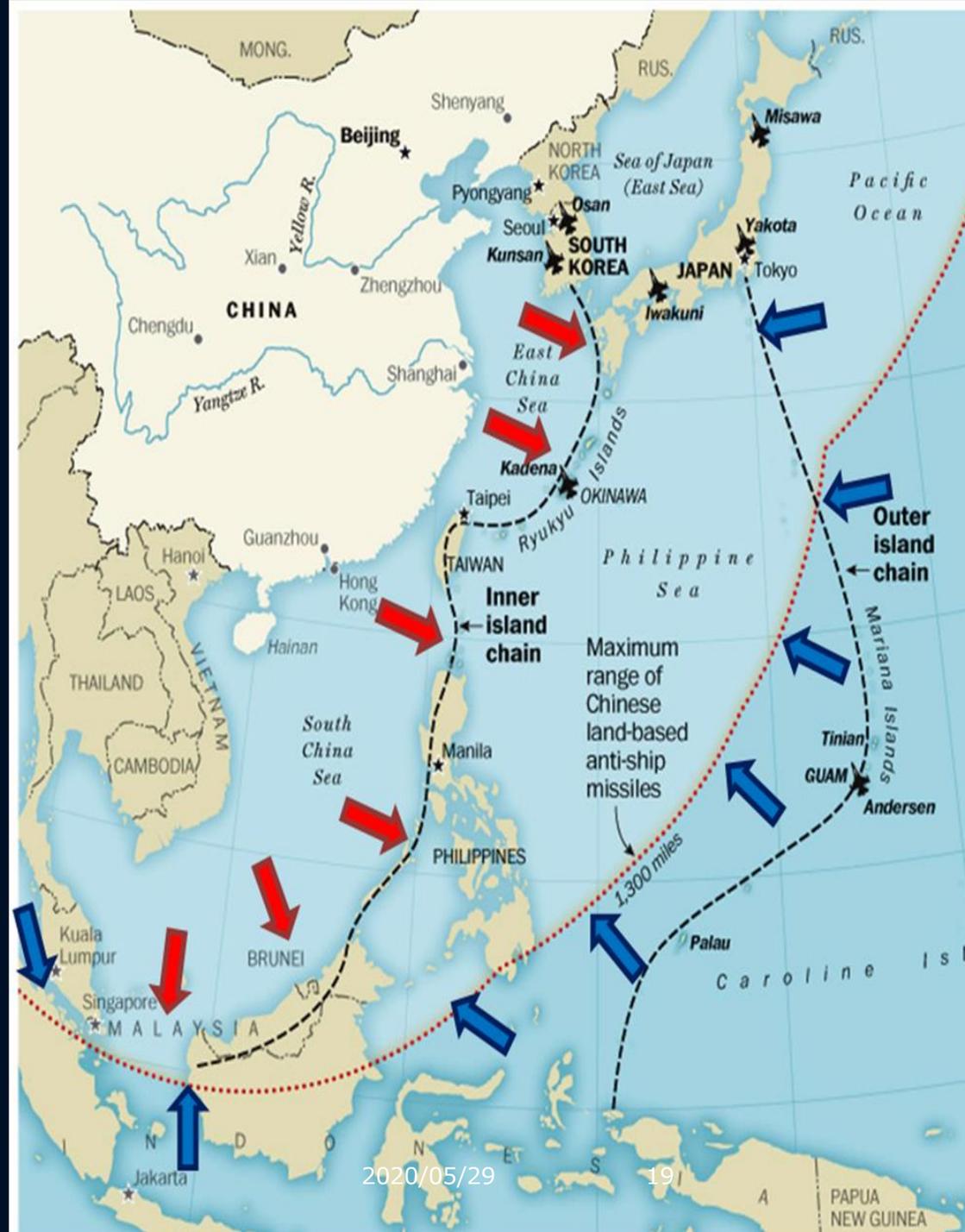


FIGURE 1: TYRANNY OF DISTANCE AND TIME IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC



Learning from Ancient Chinese Wisdom

*“A big country is, so to speak,
lower reaches of a large river.*

All things flow into it

A big country should be the first to be humble.”



“大國者下流。天下之交 大者宜爲下。”

『老子』「謙徳第61章」

“大国は下流なり。天下の交なり . . .
大なる者、宜しく下ることを為すべし。

『老子』「謙徳第61章」

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Wanted!
Grace under Pressure

Thank You! / 谢谢 大家!

Taiwan is 'extremely' important, Japan's diplomatic guideline says

Tokyo supports WHO bid, but also touts warmer China ties

