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This paper endeavors to draw a panoramic picture of China's grand strategy in terms of its strategic goals, environment, conditions, ideals and blueprint, taking as the context the challenges faced by China, as well as its responses. It asserts that in essence the Report represents a road map of major theoretical and strategic significance for navigating the course of China's peaceful development.

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The "Abe/Aso Regime" and Sino-Japanese Relations *Liu Jiangyong* 22

The establishment of the "Abe/Aso regime" is one result of the rise of the Japanese right-wing forces. The Abe government has denied Japanese aggression history and tried to revise the Japanese Constitution in order to reconstruct powerful military forces. It has also used the Diaoyu Islands issue to serve its domestic and foreign policy objectives, causing a serious backslide in Sino-Japanese relations.

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China-Brazil ties can be elevated from strategic partnership to an overall strategic partnership by promoting the sustainable development of both countries. A closer examination at this "deindustrialization" issue can also help set up a new type of big power relations.

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Competition over setting up free trade agreements (FTAs) first began to heat up after the outbreak of the 2008 global financial crisis. FTAs started by developed countries are converging and China has been frustrated by exclusion. All this indicates that the developed economies are focusing on achieving their strategic goals: that is to reform trade relations, reset the game rules and redeploy economic interests. China must take appropriate measures and maintain a global multilateral trade framework.

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The Causes of the Syrian Civil War and Its Impacts

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As the civil war drags on, sectarian killings are increasingly brutal, and Islamic jihadist forces are emerging as strong players in Syria. Meanwhile, refugees, sectarian and ethnic conflicts, geopolitical maneuvering and violence are spilling over into neighboring countries. Syria is likely becoming a Somalia in the Middle East, escalating instability in the whole region.

Analysis of the EU's Role in the U.S. Asia-Pacific Strategy

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Facing the pressure and stimulation of the U.S. "rebalancing" strategy in the Asia-Pacific, the E.U.'s willing to support the U.S. strategic eastward shift will increase, and tends to interfere in Asia-Pacific affairs more frequently, and to assume more responsibility in maintaining the security and stability in its own back yard.

Conflicting and Complementary Elements in China and U.S.'s Policy towards Africa

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Conflicts between China and the U.S. on African issues center on differences in ideology and strategic perception. In fact, the American and Chinese presence in Africa should be complementary and mutually beneficial, and so conducive to African development.

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The Evolution of American "New Politics"

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The "New Politics" in the U.S. is escalating the polarization of politics. The Republican and Democratic Parties hold conflicting views on such vital issues as debt reduction, balancing the budget, reform of medical care and social security, immigration, and ways of ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This aggravated polarization ushered in by the "New Politics" will also influence American foreign policy, especially Sino-U.S. relations.