

Foreward

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At the end of the first decade of the Twenty-first Century, various transnational security challenges appear in much of the world. The continuing challenge for security officials and others assessing what is happening is to understand comprehensively not only the facts related to situations at hand and anticipated ahead, but also various perspectives on what is occurring as well as opportunities for useful collaboration and cooperation.

To help in that regard, faculty members at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) have endeavored to gather in this volume a series of perspectives from the Asia-Pacific region. The resulting product of their efforts, in the form of this collection of essays, entitled *Issues for Engagement: Asian Perspectives on Transnational Security Challenges*, is intended to offer perspectives APCSS faculty have gathered from recent travels and other intersections with diverse groups dealing with these challenges regularly.

As you would expect the common thread is the diversity of perspectives, leading to various strategies, policies and actions to accomplish national objectives related to prioritized security challenges. If cooperation is to be realized with results beneficial to all or most, a continuing exchange and careful study of these evolving perspectives is necessary.

In support of the Center's continuing attempt to contribute to enhanced cooperation for the common good of all, I am pleased to offer this publication to help advance our continuing discussion of select complex security challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.