

FOREWORD

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An anniversary is a time for reflection, to appreciate our past, embrace opportunities of the present, and encourage innovation and creative ideas for the future. As the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) celebrates its 25th anniversary, our faculty members reflect on the past, weigh the opportunities and challenges of today, and contemplate scenarios for the future. “*Hindsight, Insight, Foresight*” is the theme of our Center’s 25th anniversary. It also is the title of this book, which is authored by 20 current and former members of DKI APCSS.

Knowledge is power and knowledge shared has advanced our mission since the inception of DKI APCSS 25 years ago. Our executive education program, including lectures and seminars from our in-resident courses, as well as our workshop discussions, is enhanced immensely from diverse perspectives. Such collaboration, fostered in a non-attribution environment built on transparency, mutual respect, and inclusion, has produced invaluable foresight for ongoing alliances that further our mission. This book illustrates the agility of the Center to innovatively advance its educational mission toward the future. It also offers an evolutionary perspective to look at enduring transnational challenges including strategic competition, the rise of China, terrorism, governance, and technology.

As Winston Churchill noted, “The longer you can look back, the farther you can look forward.”¹ Essentially, hindsight and insight enable foresight. Equipped with this perspective, the book sheds light on how different aspects of security have evolved through history and how it may also evolve in the future. Most importantly, it adds an important dimension to better understand the complexity of our security environment and the potential opportunities to develop mutual solutions. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as the Center has enjoyed creating it.

1 Speech, March 1944, quoted in “Winston Churchill (1874 – 1965),” in *Oxford Essential Quotations*, ed. Susan Ratcliff (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), <https://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780191826719.001.0001/q-oro-ed4-00002969>