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China and the United States are two elephants in a room in East Asia and Japan is not equal to these two giants. However, I would say that Japan is perhaps one of the most influential players in the region, or Prime Minister Abe may be becoming the most influential player in the region. One of the reasons for that is that he has a quite close relationship or friendship with President Trump. I think it is quite exceptional to be so close to President Trump. [...] Then, I would like to take a few minutes before ending, to point out that two regional concepts exist. One regional concept is defended by China, the Chinese government, which is the One Belt, One Road initiative. This continental or Eurasian vision is strongly supported by Russia and the two great powers, Russia and China, are trying to create a continental, more or less, international order based upon very strong Chinese power. The other regional vision is defended by the United States, US-centric in the Pacific order, previously called the liberal international order, which focuses on the importance of freedom of navigation of the sea. [...] In the end, I would like to conclude my talk by saying that even though there are two regional visions, it is also very important to bridge these regional visions. We do not have to see the new Cold War between those two blocks, which are different from Cold War blocks. There are some overlaps, like India and Australia are joining in some Chinese initiatives, such as AIIB and our Japanese Prime Minister Abe recently supported the idea of the Belt and Road initiative. That is why I think there is room to collaborate between those two regional visions. Of course, there are some overlaps and I think that one of the most important Japanese strategies is to try to combine two different blocks of regional order as much as possible. At the same time, it is essential for the Japanese Prime Minister or government to try and invite the United States to come back to the regional order as a leader of this region.