



THE PLATFORMS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN APR: THE TPP VS. RCEP

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THE BACKGROUND

CJKFTA

10+3

10+6

RCEP

TPP

FTAAP



WHAT ARE THE TPP AND RCEP?

	Trans-Pacific Partnership	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
Countries	<p>Chile, New Zealand and Singapore, Brunei, US, Australia, Vietnam, Peru, Malaysia, Mexico, Canada, Japan.</p> <p>Announced interest in the end of 2013: Taiwan and South Korea</p>	<p>10 ASEAN states and Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.</p>
Timing	<p>(TPP) began in 2005 as the Pacific-4 (a FTA between Chile, New Zealand and Singapore, Brunei), US joined in 2008.</p>	<p>The negotiations were formally launched in November 2012 at the ASEAN Summit in Cambodia.</p>
Areas of cooperation	<p>Trade liberalisation in goods, services, investment, intellectual property rights, environmental protection, labour, financial services, technical barriers to trade and other regulatory issue (WTO+ issues).</p>	<p>Trade liberalisation in goods, services and investment, technical cooperation, intellectual property dispute settlement (WTO+ issues).</p>

USA LEADS THE TPP

- THE PROJECT OF TPP IS AN ELEMENT OF U.S. “PIVOT” TOWARD THE PACIFIC, WHICH INCLUDE MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS



OBAMA – THE LORD OF TWO RINGS



2 “rings” vs. China

Population	20%	19%
Global GDP	63%	16%
Global Exp	70%	10%

THEREFORE, THE PROJECT OF TPP IS ONE OF TOOLS TO SECURE WASHINGTON A FIRM LEADERSHIP IN THE POLYCENTRIC SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

ASEAN LEADS RCEP. WHAT IS CHINA ROLE?

ASEAN's current situations

- ASEAN has signed some FTA.
- RCEP was the most effective way for integration

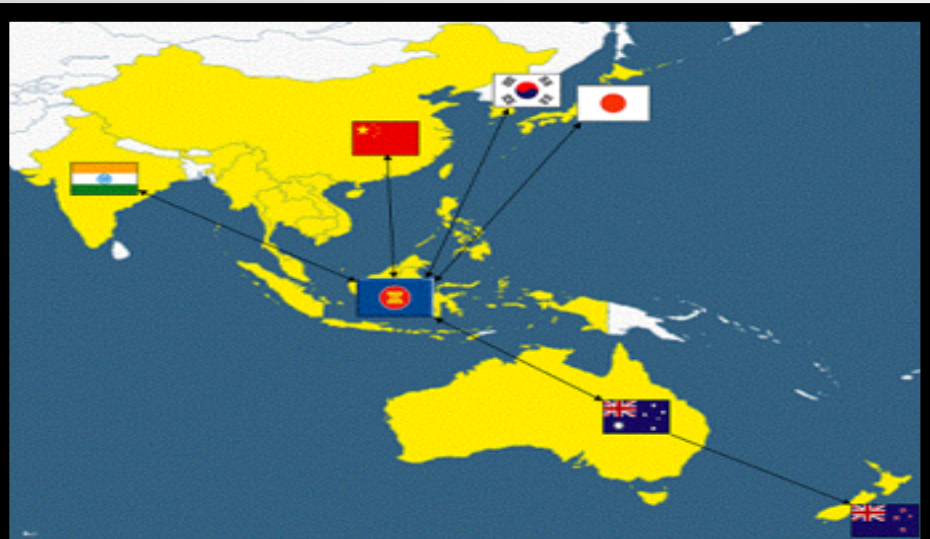
- In case of two identities in ASEAN
- Prevent ASEAN from splitting

ASEAN's leading role in promoting RCEP

China's situation

- Proposing eastern Asian integration
- Playing the significant role in ASEAN affairs

China strongly promotes RCEP



CHINA'S POSSIBILITIES IN JOINING THE TPP NEGOTIATIONS

possibility

China's interest in researching TPP's rules

China's interest in researching TPP's progress of negotiation and strategic arrangement.

China's possibility in joining the TPP is low?

impossibility

The US pivot to A-P, splitting the ASEAN, preventing A-P integration.

TPP's high threshold to China.



OTHER MAJOR ACTOR'S ATTITUDE

ASEAN

in general support RCEP, while on TPP:

Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, — — — — —>TPP

Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, — — — possible — —>TPP

Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, — — — possible not — —>TPP

JAPAN

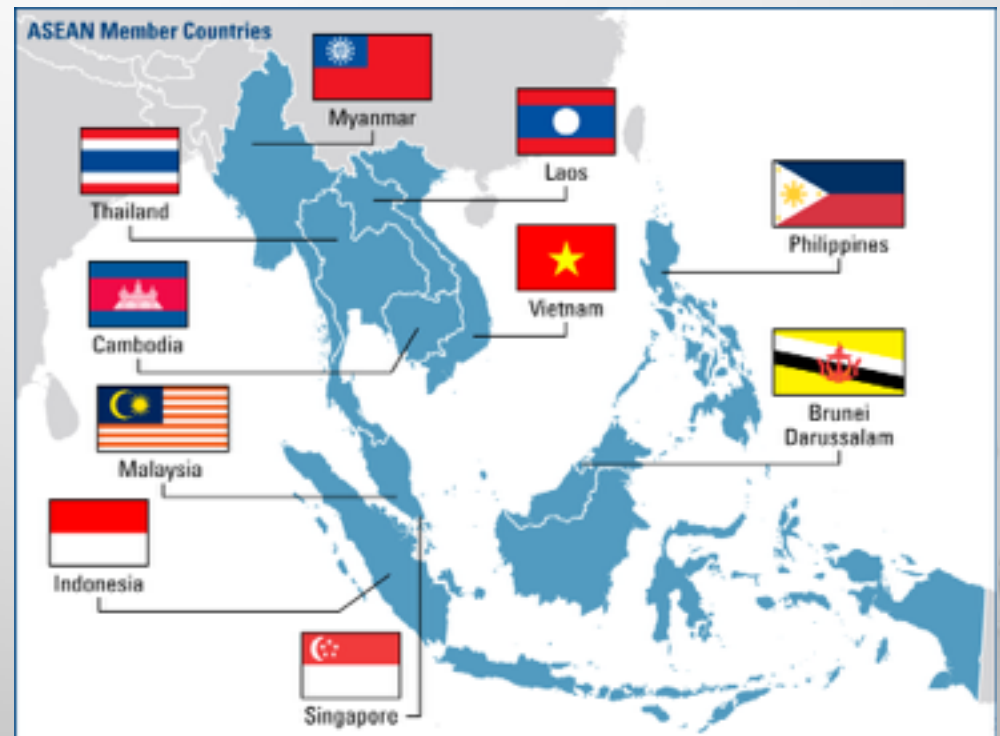
first not decide, then join in TPP,
obstacle is agriculture
support RCEP

SOUTH KOREA

join in TPP, while support

AUSTRALIA

support tpp



TPP?

OR RCEP?

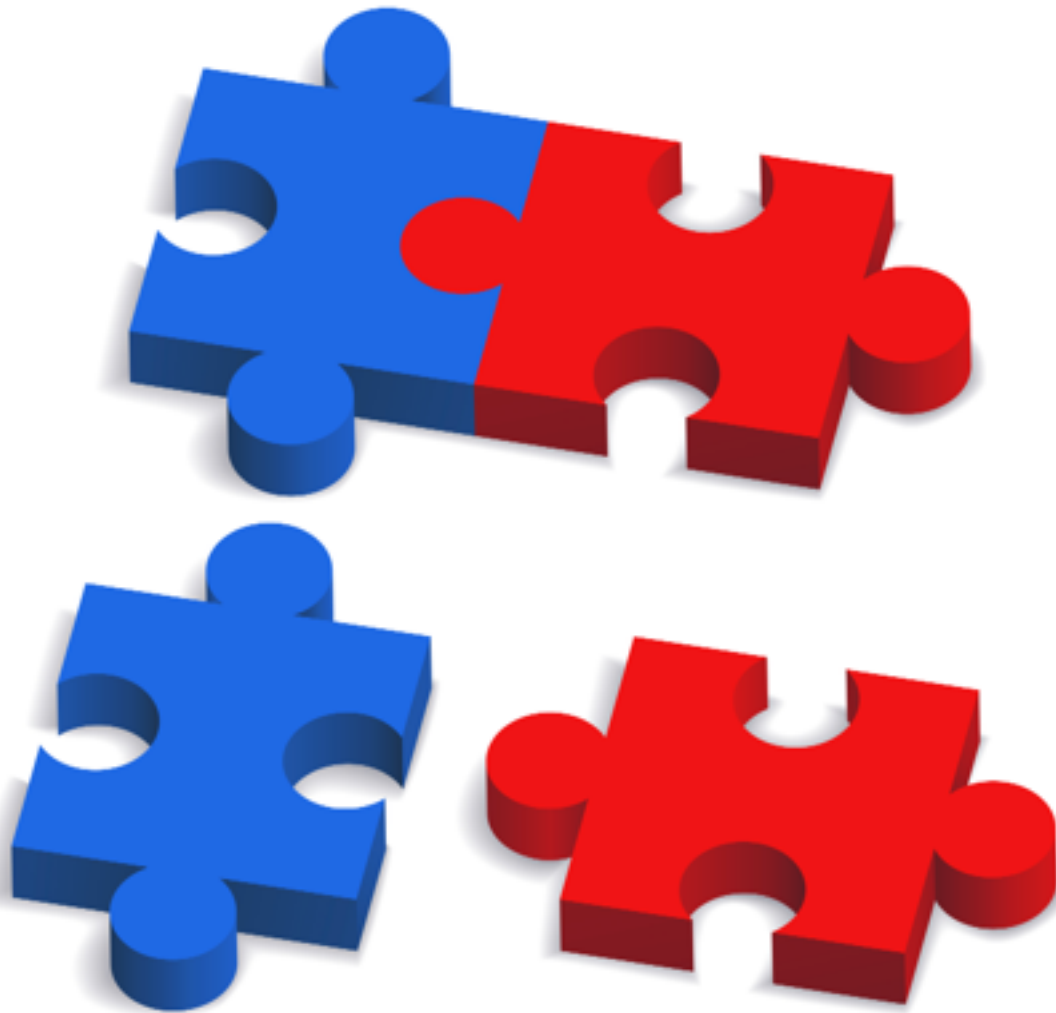
OR TPP & RCEP?



DIFFICULTIES OF COEXISTING: RCEP VS. TPP

1. US – CHINA STRUGGLE FOR ITS REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN APR
2. STRUGGLE OF INTEGRATION PLATFORMS FOR THE NEW PARTICIPANTS
3. LACK OF CLOSE STRATEGIC RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN COUNTRIES (USA-CHINA)
4. DIFFERENT GOALS IN THE FURTHER EVOLUTION OF THIS TWO PLATFORMS

**COMPETITIVE COEXISTENCE =
COMPLIMENTARY COMPETITION**



“INVISIBLE HAND” OF THE TPP & RCEP COMPETITION (ACCORDING TO ADAM SMITH THEORY)



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