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## Session 2:

Changes in the Political and Economic Environment Which Affect FTAs in Asia

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## Title:

The Role of US Pivot in Asian-Pacific Economic Integration

One purpose of the US pivot is to enhance economic integration in the Asian-Pacific Rim. However, this goal has been unfortunately mixed with America's geopolitical considerations. One of such considerations is to hedge on China. This has raised concerns within China and unnecessary stresses in the region. As a result, regional economic integration is retarded.