

# US Rebalancing Strategy



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# Obama's speech in Canberra Nov 2011



## The US

- Pacific nation

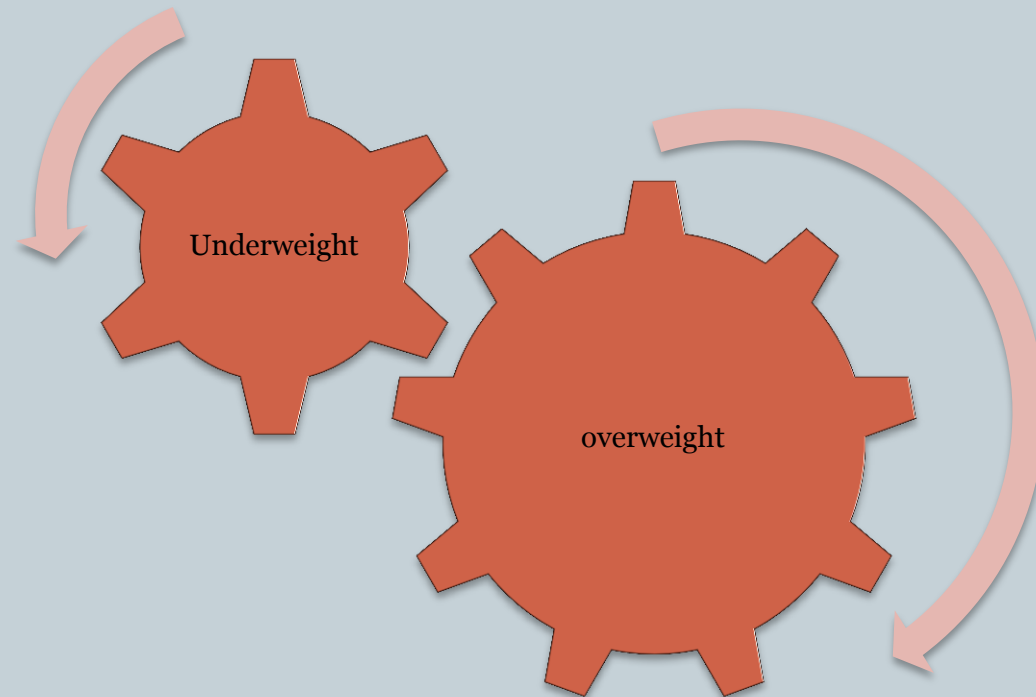
## Asia-Pacific

- Jobs and opportunity for American People

## Security Interest

- international law and norms are firmly held
- Commerce and freedom of navigation are not impeded
- Emerging powers contribute to regional security
- Disagreements are resolved peacefully

# Thomas Donilon's Speech March 2013



# Pillars of rebalancing strate



I. Strengthening alliances

II. Deepening partnership with emerging powers

III. Building a stable, productive and constructive relationship with China

IV. Empowering regional institution

V. Helping to build a regional economic architecture that can sustain shared prosperity

# Two Pillars are problematic for ASEAN



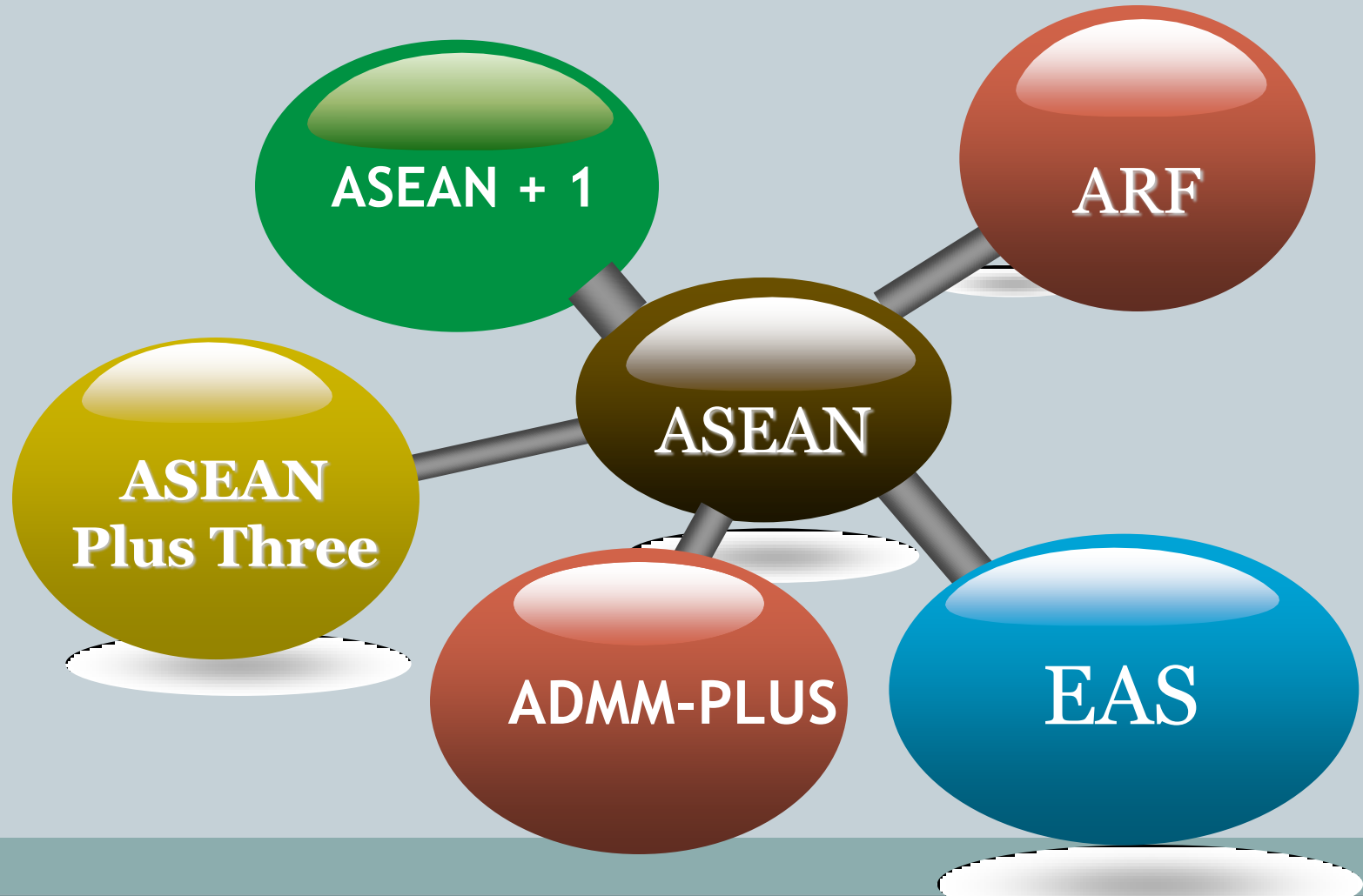
China

- Cooperation and competition
- Not confrontation?

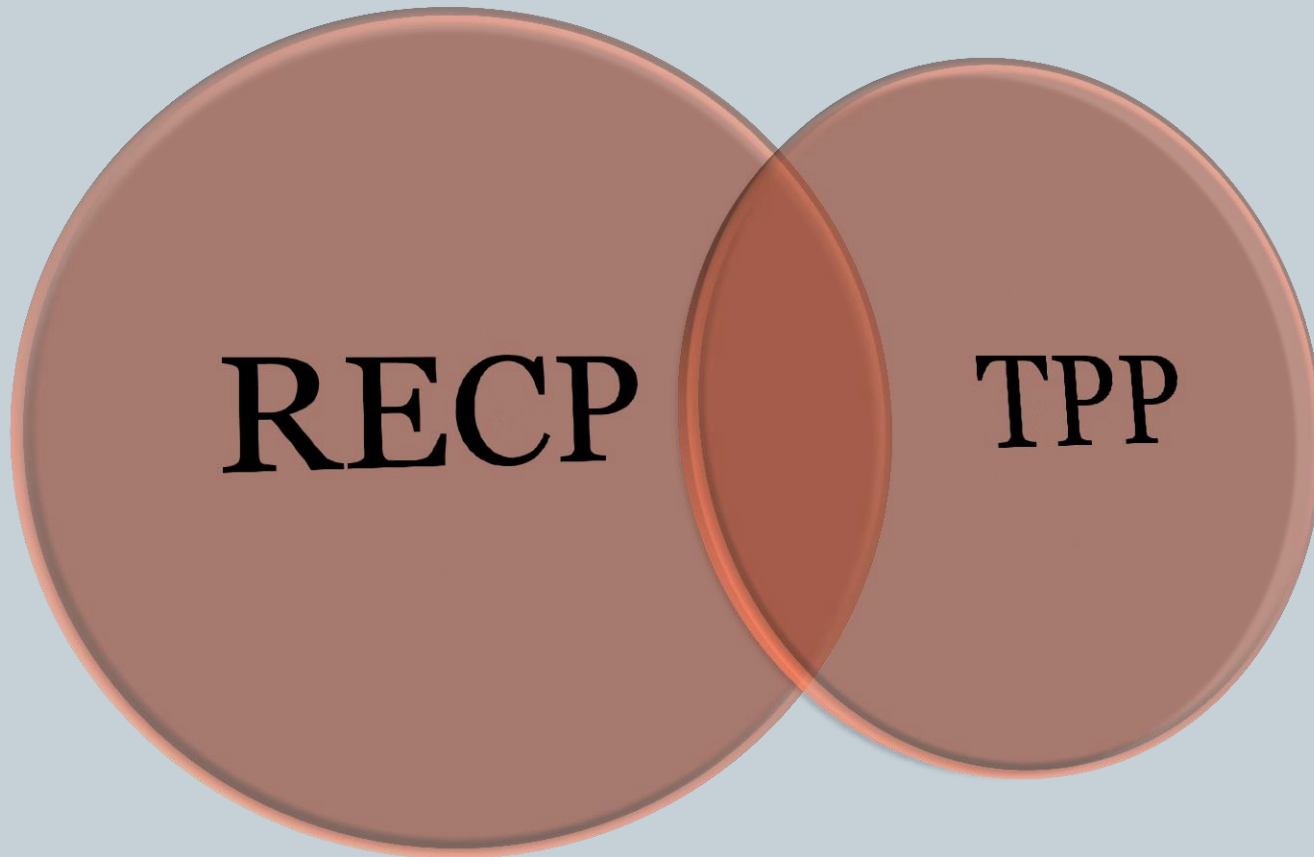
A regional  
economic  
architecture

- Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Regional comprehensive economic partnership (RECP)

# ASEAN Centrality and Engagement of China



# ASEAN Centrality and new regional economic architecture



**RECP**

**TPP**

# Indonesian Response?



- Provoking questions:
- Would it be better for Indonesia (and ASEAN too) if cooperation between China and the US becomes stronger ?
  - Or alternatively
- Would it be better for Indonesia and ASEAN if competition between China and the US turns into confrontation?
- Proverb on two elephants?



# Indonesian Response?



- Provoking questions:
- If competition turns into confrontation?
- With China or with the US?
- Evolve friendship on the basis of business?
- Or evolve business on the basis of friendship?
  
- A friend to all is a friend to none?
- Neither with China, nor with the US?
- Should make an option and there is no option without cost
- Should be based on the objective conditions.