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• **New configuration of global power & challenges** (from financial instability to climate change) require a new look at the nature and shape of regional cooperation: what, how and who

• **Fresh direction of cooperation** is needed in Asia: e.g., what is the role of major players such as China, Japan, India and others → What this conference is all about

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