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# Asian Nations and Multinationals

Overcoming the Limits to Growth

- **Outlines the current landscape of Asia in geo-economic and geo-political terms**
- **Offers solutions to known barriers to growth for Asian nations**
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