

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF JAPAN- CHINA RELATIONS

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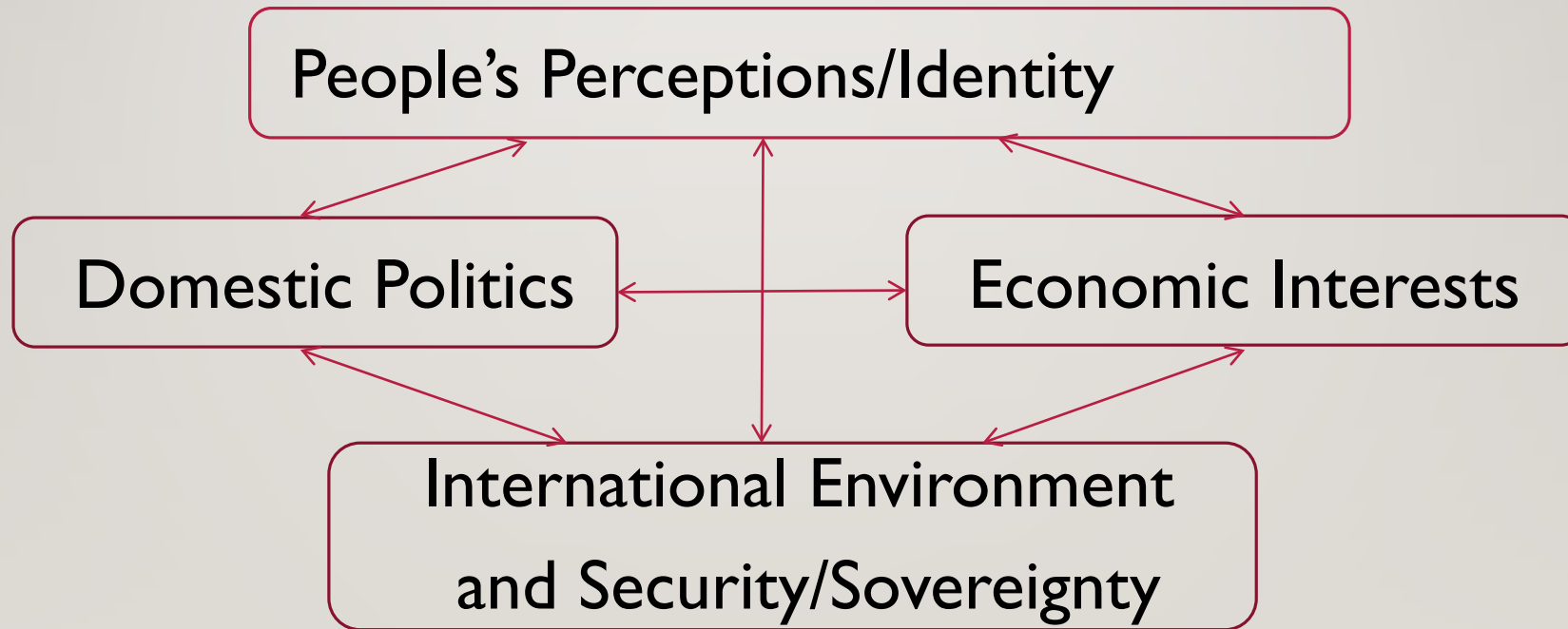
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2 PRIME MINISTER ABE'S VISIT TO CHINA

- Official visit, 25-27 October 2018
(NB Prime minister Modi visits Tokyo, 28-29)
- Foci: North Korea; free trade; economic cooperation in third country markets, innovation and high-tech, etc.

3 FOUR MAJOR AREAS OF FACTORS IN J-C RELATIONS



LONGER TERM FACTORS

- Conflicting Strategic Goals

Japan-US alliance / China

East China Sea & South China Sea

Free & Open Indo-Pacific / Belt & Road

LONGER TERM FACTORS

- People's perceptions & identity

Japanese image of China not improving

Lingering perception/information gaps

China seems to aim for a hierarchical order in the region