PREFACE

“Only when India and China develop will, can one claim that the century of Asia has come. If India and China strengthen cooperation Asian unity, stability and prosperity will be very hopeful the world will be in peace and make more progress”

-Deng Xiaoping

The future direction of relation between India and China, two booming economies that together accounts for one-third of the world population will be a major factor in determination broader political and economic tread in Asia.

Existing in close proximity for thousands of years the ancient civilization of China and India has surprisingly little political interaction for most of that time. The twentieth century saw tensions between the two increases over disputed border and geopolitical competition for power, influence, resources and markets. How the relationship will develop and play out is an important question in the twenty first century.

Dr. Sun Shihai at the institute of Asia Pacific of studies of the Chinese Academy of social sciences has argued that the relationship between the two giant neighbor cannot be characterized as being competitive or cooperative on issue where they have common interests, they are co-operative; while on some other issues where they have clashing interest they may become competitive.

Washington will need to pay close attention to the dynamics of the India-China relationship. Relation among these three countries will to a large extent influence the course of events within Asia in the twenty first century. I have focus on all major issues of Indo-China relation. Any mistakes in the thesis is entirely my own.