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# NTS: Changing Perspectives in China

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# I. From TS to NTS

- For a long time, in China's perspective, TS used to be the key concept and strategy- threats happened in the country as domestic problems
- PRC's major concerns is security of the system - threats from outside: preparing for war
- There were many serious NTS events happened, not as NTS, but as domestic economic and social problems
- NTS study started late in China

# From TS to NTS (cont.)

- The early concept of NTS was human security relating to humanitarian intervention after the Cold War-as a politicized concept, highly criticized in China
- 1997 financial crisis in Asia helped to introduce the NTS issue in China's: NTS threat is real and serious

# From TS to NTS (cont.)

- A big breakthrough for understanding of NTS is SARS:
- --Quick diffusion effect becomes a big social security threat
- --Cross border diffusion becomes an international issue: realizing responsibility
- --Society requires transparency
- --Call for international cooperation: Wen's first apology

## II. Dealing with NTS

- Wen Chuan earth quake as a good example:
- --Quick action of the government
- --Transparency-24 hours report and open media
- --International involvement
- --Social mobilization-volunteers

# Dealing with NTS (cont.)

- Lessons from melamine milk
- --For “soft NTS” like milk, timely report and quick solution needed
- --Lost trust is the most important damage
- --Preventive measures are more important
- --Need the reform of system: more effective, more responsible, adapting changes

# Dealing with NTS (cont.)

- Progress has been made in many area
- --Institutional building: emergency mechanisms for quick response
- --Human security as a priority-from protecting property to protecting human life
- -- Protecting persons abroad: new area
- --Encouraging the role of media

# III. Common NTS Issues

- In the time of globalization, NTS issues become increasingly our common problems and responsibility
- List of issues: energy, environment, resource scarcity, natural, disaster, transnational crime, economic crisis, human security, climate change etc-all of them become common problem of the region and world
- Dealing with NTS through cooperation, but debates on approaches, sharing responsibilities

# Common NTS Issues (cont.)

- We are facing many new challenges:
- --Rethinking the model of “modernization” (Western industrialization model, current financial crisis)
- -- China’s new scientific development strategy: does it work?
- --Cooperation on what: not just how to handle, but also how to change
- --Need decisive and future oriented actions