

- encouraging it to play by global rules.
- may have a particularly useful role to play by continually engaging China and
- variable can be influenced by western industrialised countries, and that Canada
- play global standards more than it has in the past. It was emphasized that this
- A more China-focused Asia will emerge, but it remains unclear whether China will
- standards and improve the quality of their human resources.
- An end to labour bottlenecks, giving investors in Asia a chance to raise their hiring

10 years.

could leave the world with a relatively small number of global banks in as little as

changes in Asia will further encourage the current wave of bank mergers, which

to compete in this tougher business environment. The corollary to this point is that

landscape. Asian banks will have to ramp up their capabilities dramatically in order

financial institutions stand to benefit the most from these changes to the financial

competitive environment for financial services. The major American and European

A quantum leap in the quality of Asia's financial infrastructure and a much more

the crisis includes:

long term prospects for Asia remain very positive. Some of the possible outcomes of

Despite the very serious nature of the current crisis, participants felt that the medium to

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investment.

implications for China's willingness and ability to play by global rules of trade and

to the WTO, and the level of American support for China's bid. This in turn would have

relationship. A deteriorating relationship would have implications for China's accession

coincide with a growing US current account deficit, will be an important test of that key

considerations, the run up to the 1999 US Presidential election, which will likely

any question. Insofar as the US policy towards China is driven by domestic

future as the China-US relationship, but all agree that China is an important variable in

Some participants questioned if the China-Japan relationship was as pivotal to Asia's