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Editor's Note

Dear readers.

In this edition of AEGIS, we present six articles addressing various issues in areas of International Relations, ranging from Covid-19 in international politics to the issue of gastrodiplomacy.

Elyzabeth Bonethe Nasution, Chrystle Feodore Manlee, Cornelia Kristian, and Jezzania Verlyn Christy, present better understanding from different perspectives of stakeholders in International Relations, regarding interdependence between developing and developed countries in the international system, using the vaccine during Covid-19 pandemic. The results show that the ongoing pandemic has directed developing countries to depend on developed countries with capabilities in vaccines production, including ASEAN member states.

In the second article, HAryodiguno and Cornelia examine the number of Chinese students going to Taiwan that has started to grow, yet the tension between the cross-strait keeps rising. As the tension rises, the discourse of Mainland China students who came to Taiwan has raised many questions about the risks of sensitive topics like political views.

The third article, Ridho and Natasya present to investigate more about the leader's individual factors towards Jewish government. Question about what influence Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's decision making process towards continuing negotiations and the ratification of trade agreement was employed by the Juliet Kaarbo theory of Prime Minister Leadership style.

In the fourth article, Daniel Bryan and Muhammad Farid analyze how Russia's foreign policy interests result in its presence in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. This research finds that Russia can demonstrate its presence in the Eastern Mediterranean region by using several political manoeuvres such as the annexation of Crimea, establishing relations with Turkey and Syria, and the use of energy politics in their foreign policy..

In the fifth article Michelle and Riski M. Baskoro presents to prove the existence of a national rebranding effort by the Thai government through the practice of gastrodiplomacy which since 2002 has become a major topic in the international community so that other countries can follow the way that has been done by Thailand.

In the sixth article, Nunoo review a book title ,International political economy: Theories and case studies' which is a timely book that combines theory with practical

cases to reflect the interlink between International Relations, (IR) (especially, the theories) and International Political Economy (IPE). It illustrates particularly, the relevance and applicability of such theories to IPE issues, using contemporary case studies. The book indeed, attempts to link practice to theory and successfully show the relevance and applicability of both traditional and critical IR theories to explaining IPE.

Have a nice read.

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