

RCEP's moment to matter

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The 2027 General Review is best chance for the world's largest trading bloc to become an anchor against geoeconomic fragmentation.



Visitors pass by the beer exhibition area at the 2023 RCEP Regional Food Industry Expo in Yantai, China (Costfoto/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

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All the handshakes at the Xi–Trump summit in Beijing this month could not hide the uncomfortable reality that rivalry between the world's two largest economies shows no sign of abating. For the Asia-Pacific, this creates a pressing dilemma as the region becomes the central battleground of intensifying geoeconomic competition.

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