

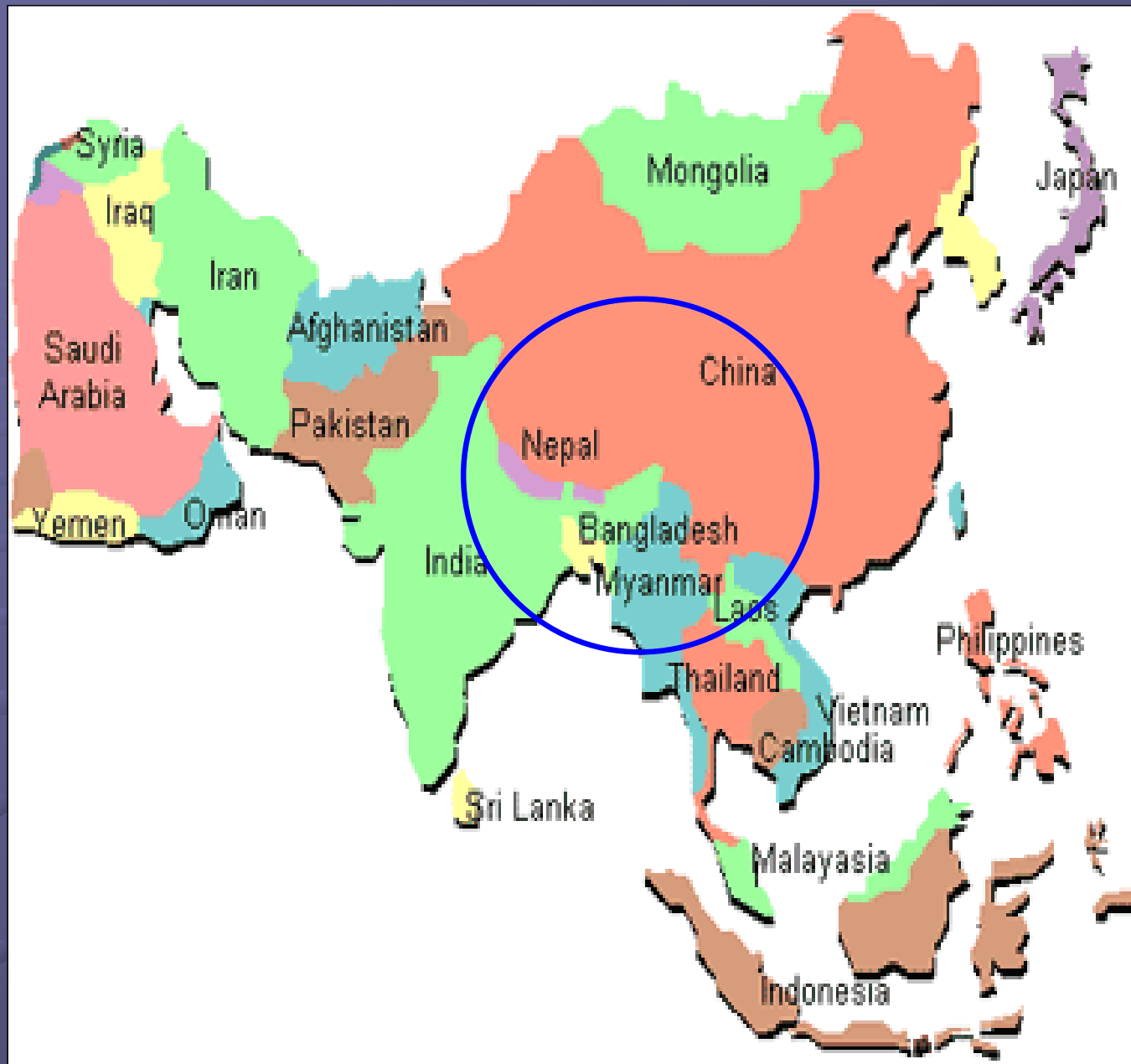
# Connectivity, Economic Welfare & Foreign Policy Paradigm

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- (a) Joint Communiqué, Delhi, January 2010;
- (b) Framework Agreement for Cooperation for Development, Dhaka, August 2011.
  - **Holistic approach:** Cooperation across sectors preferred to single issues for paired exchange.
  - **Security & border:** Demarcation of border in the spirit of Agreement of 1974; separatists, insurgents, etc. not to operate from each other's territory; return of criminals & convicts subject to conditions
  - **Trade:** Acceptance of quality certificate of BSTI; removal of PTB & NTB; reduction of negative list; trade facilitation measures; border haat.
  - **Investment:** Cross-border investment to be promoted – more investment in Bangladesh expected.



- **Water:** Progressive agreement on shared or common rivers, augmentation as stipulated in GWST 1996.
- **Transit / transshipment:** Agreement pre-existed for a long time; trans-shipment as part of transit; chicken neck as crippling colonial legacy.
- **Education, science, & culture:** Celebration of Tagore's 150th Birth Anniversary as symbol & reinforcement of common cultural / literary heritage; 300 additional scholarship for academics & government officials; collaboration in scientific / technical research.

- **Beyond India:** Cooperation with Bhutan & Nepal, particularly in water & hydro-power generation and distribution.
- **Flexible modalities & Instruments:** Other countries may be admitted to the Framework Agreement by amendment or may join particular projects by specific contract.
- **Termination:** Termination on notice by aggrieved party and if the committee constituted by the parties fail to resolve the issue within six

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