

# LaRouche to advise new Triangular Association

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Leading scholars of India, China, and Russia founded a group known as the Triangular Association, to promote the Eurasian Land-Bridge as a vital task for the strategic interests of all three nations, at a meeting in New Delhi on July 30. Lyndon LaRouche has been named as an honorary adviser to the Association.

The Triangular Association, a non-government group, pledged itself to “generate ideas and concepts for the exclusive purpose of assisting the governments and peoples [of China, India, and Russia] in defining policies in key strategic areas, including economic, financial, cultural and scientific, . . . and to develop mutual understanding and cooperation among the three nations.”

The three founders, Prof. Ma Jiali of China, Prof. Devendra Kaushik of India, and Dr. R. Rybykov of Russia, called on all like-minded people and associations to support these objectives.

The Triangular Association’s founding was prominently reported in an article in the New Delhi daily *Hindustan Times* on Sept. 2, after a press conference held by the Indian founders of the Association.

Reflecting on the conclusions of a series of public and private meetings on the “strategic triangle” among China, India, and Russia over preceding months, its founders stated that the Association’s objectives are:

- “To facilitate cultural, scientific, and technological cooperation among the three countries, utilizing each others’ strengths for the betterment of the conditions of the people, not only belonging to these three countries, but also of those residing in countries of the region, and beyond.
- “To help the governments and the people through studies, conferences, and seminars, making them aware of the necessity to protect the strategic interests of the region in the wake of the growing threats to security and stability posed from outside and within.
- “To organize study-projects and publications to facilitate a coordinated approach among the three countries in effectively dealing with the deepening global economic and financial crisis. The building of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which will connect the easternmost parts of Asia to the western coast of Europe, is of vital importance to all three countries. The studies will be undertaken to exhibit the necessity of building this Land-Bridge to strengthen the region economically and strategically.”

The spread of Islamic extremism, as well as joint interest in curbing the extension of NATO into Central Asia, is

“acting as a catalyst for bringing India, Russia and China close together,” the *Hindustan Times* reported in its coverage of the press conference.

“While former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov’s concept of a strategic triangle comprising the three countries is still a far cry, the documents for a strategic partnership between India and Russia are however ready,” the *Hindustan Times* article stated. Significant is the shift in China’s stance, in the light of NATO’s involvement in the Kosovo crisis. “Academics from the three countries have already come together and formed the ‘Triangular Association,’ as the first step toward eventual coordination among the three countries at various levels.” Cooperation ensuring stable energy supplies from Central Asia, and building up a bulwark against NATO’s eastward expansion, are on the agenda among the three nations, the *Hindustan Times* reported.

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