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**September 11 – What it Means to China**  
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I'm just back from Shanghai where the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit is beginning. President Bush and the heads of state of 20 other countries will attend. These annual summits focus on liberalizing trade. But September 11 adds a crucial new dimension.

Hosting this meeting is a big deal for China, and they want no incidents. Shanghai was bustling with heightened security. Parts of the city are blocked off for the meeting. Airport security was tighter than any place I have been.

Additionally, China has slapped strict visa controls on thirty Middle Eastern countries, closed the Pakistan border, increased patrols around the Afghanistan border, and cracked down even harder on the Muslim Uighurs in the northwest province.

China is backing the US in the war on terrorism, though it's not clear what this support means. And China may want something in return – less criticism for cracking down on the Muslims or more time to meet its WTO commitments. President Bush is meeting with President Jiang, and we will watch the outcome. A more cooperative relationship with this often-difficult regime may emerge.

Look for other results of the summit: a push for a new global round of trade talks, kudos for China as host, and, most importantly, enhanced support for President Bush in the campaign to wipe out terrorism.

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