**Pressure point**

Frank Chung sees East Asian nations in an increasing squeeze as China’s economic muscle adds to Sino-US tension in the region.

A Chinese economy continues to grow at an incredible rate—it increased 9.2 per cent in the third quarter of 2011, making it the world’s second-largest economy. But its muscle is not limitless.

Mr. Chung, speaking to a summit of senior officials in Seoul this week, pointed out that many of the world’s nations have not yet recovered from the global financial crisis. Foreign ministers from the Asian region gathered this week, warned Mr. Chung, will resemble China’s influence on the region.

"China will remain the dominant power in the region," Mr. Chung said, "and the cold war-style rivalry between the two will continue to simmer and will echo in the years to come." 

Mr. Chung went on to say that calls for China to be reined in by its neighbors are "misplaced." Countries such as Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines have been reliant on China for economic growth and development.

Mr. Chung also pointed out that China’s economic muscle is not limitless. He said that China’s economy is not a "toy" that can be easily manipulated by its neighbors. Mr. Chung warned that China’s economic muscle is a "powerful weapon" that can be used to "punish" its neighbors if they fail to comply with its demands.

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