Worrying about the Next Pandemic (Despite the Assured Absence of Donald Trump)

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This presentation will

- a. review Asia's experience with SARS (2003), H1N1 (2009), MERS (2012-2013), and Covid-19 (2020-2021)
- b. discuss several possible scenarios of the next pandemic; and
- c. propose a public policy agenda to prepare for the next pandemic



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