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Ambassador Kurt Tong is Managing Partner at The Asia Group, where he has led the firm's work in Japan and Greater China for six years. Before joining The Asia Group, Tong was an American diplomat for 30 years. He was Consul General and Chief of Mission in Hong Kong and Macau in 2016-19, and Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo in 2011-14. Tong also served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, the most senior career role handling economic diplomacy, and he was Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in 2009-11, including when the United States chaired the organization in 2011. In addition to Hong Kong and Tokyo, Tong's overseas postings included Beijing, Seoul, and Manila. Tong speaks and reads Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.

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