
RED CARPET ROLLED OUT IN US BID TO WOO PACIFIC ISLANDS FROM CHINA

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Washington rolled out the red carpet this week for the largest gathering of leaders of Pacific island nations ever hosted by the White House.

Leaders and representatives from 14 Pacific island states were invited to the summit on Wednesday and Thursday, and Australia and New Zealand attended as observers.

The grouping had much to discuss: global warming and rising sea levels, economic investment and development assistance, natural disaster preparedness, maritime security, and the regional elephant in the room: China.

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