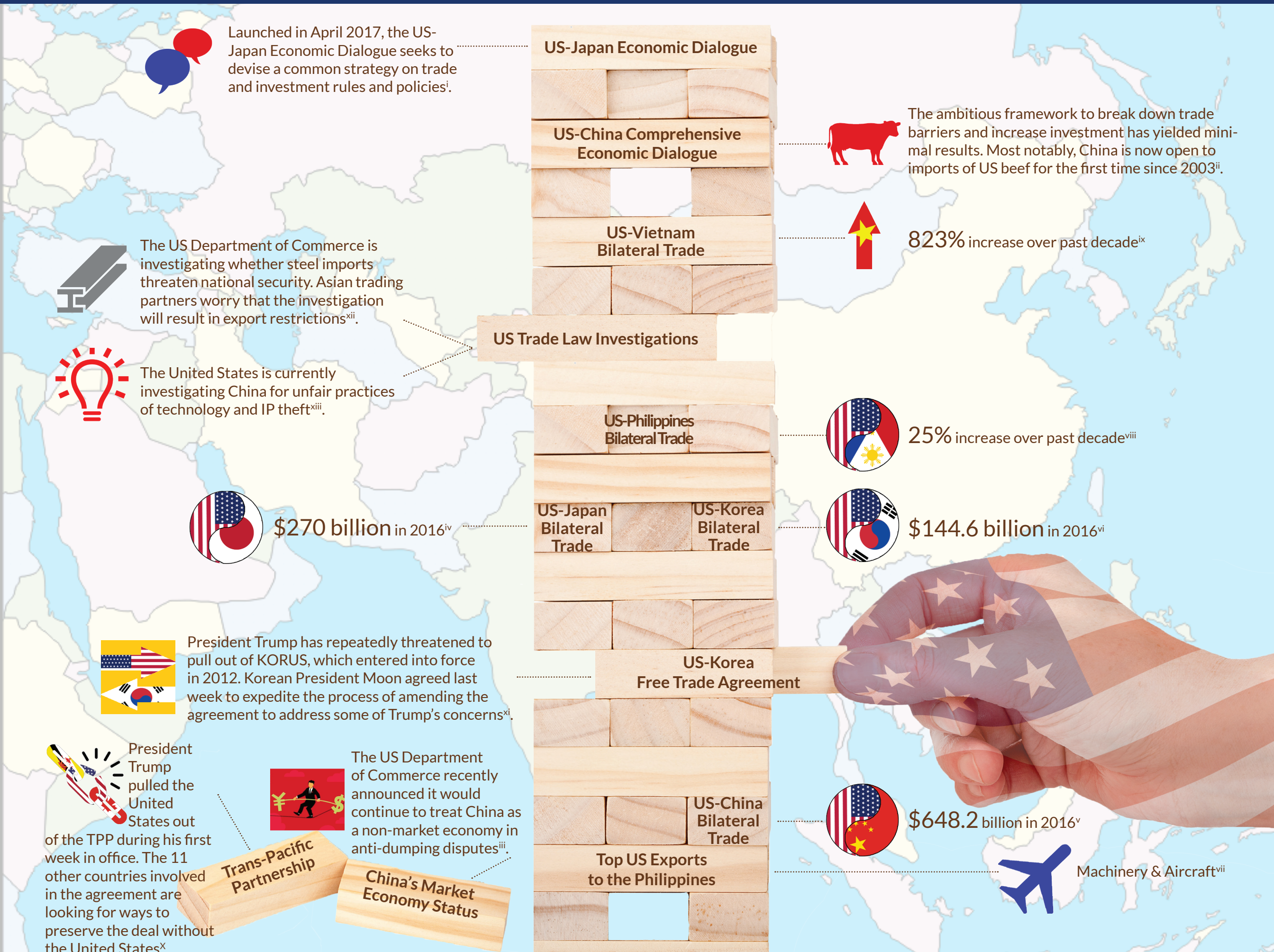


TRUMP'S TEETERING TRADE POLICY

President Trump traveled to Asia last week to lay out his administration's goals for trade and security relations with the region. He delivered a clear message that the United States will aggressively seek fair treatment and reciprocity from trading partners, but offered no concrete strategy for broader economic engagement. It remains to be seen whether the administration's actions – from cracking down on technology theft to staying out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership as other countries move forward – will fortify or destabilize U.S. interests and influence in the region.



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