



Submission Guidelines - Opinion Piece

We recommend our opinion pieces take inputs from our intelligence-based daily newsletter in some way or the other. Essentially, we want well analysed pieces that take the liberty to make ‘educated guesses’ rooted in scholarship. Our submission guidelines are a little different from conventional ventures:

1. The word length should be ranging between 1400-1800 words on topics that concern China, regions of Asia, and the Indo-Pacific from a geo-political, geo-security, and geo-economic tangent. Your piece should have citations in the form of hyperlinks (please use official and authentic sources for facts, quotes, and numbers) and should be justified with 1.5 spacing in Times New Roman (size 12). Please only submit Word documents.
2. While we want assessment and individual opinion in a non-partisan manner, we also want to give you the chance to expand on your analyses by focusing on reading between the lines. Intelligence-driven reporting is what we at ORCA focus on via Conversations in Chinese Media, our daily newsletter. A similar kind of thought process that binds together your piece is what we are looking for.
3. Unconventional topics that ultimately focus on geopolitical security are always welcome; concurrently, we also seek assessments on topics in mainstream media that require immediate focus.
4. Pitch your idea (300 words) to us at writetous.orca@gmail.com; once approved, we would expect a completed piece in a week’s time along with a short biography and picture. Post copy-editing and final approval from both you and us, your piece will be ready to be published!
5. If you have a finished piece that you are confident fits our requirements, share it with us at writetous.orca@gmail.com .



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6. While at present we are seeking to commission paid pieces only from senior scholars, if your piece performs well, we may just commission one from you the next time!
7. We would also want you to share extensively the pieces we publish, follow our Twitter platform and keep tabs on our website to read and review.
8. Plagiarism is strictly not-allowed; each submission will be thoroughly checked for the same.
9. Pieces on China's domestic politics are most welcome with proper fact-checking.
10. When sharing your pitch/complete piece, please share a short biography and a formal picture of yourself along with it.

