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92. Kishore Mahbubani

for being the voice of a new Asian century.

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There have been few more ardent evangelists for Asia's growing role on the world stage than Kishore Mahbubani. And with the advent of the Great Recession, the career-diplomat-cum-scholar is attracting an ever-wider audience: The collapse of the Western financial system, [he writes](#), "has accelerated the end of the era of Western domination of world history."

While American readers might find this a gloomy take on world events, Mahbubani sees it as a positive development. A world where multiple powers share the burdens of global governance, he argues, will ultimately be more stable than the current fading unipolar moment. That's why Mahbubani -- who says "[the stupidity of U.S. congressmen](#)" keeps him awake nights -- has pressed for a resolution to the long-simmering U.S.-Chinese trade war and urged China and India to play a more prominent role in global institutions.