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of China-Indonesia bilateral relations as well as Indonesia's treatment

of its Chinese minority, this study explores China's cultural diplomacy and soft power in contemporary Indonesia. Through the case study of the "Transnational Spring Festival Gala", this article posits that China's cultural dissemination as an instrument of soft power has yielded little influence on the Indonesian public and has limited impact on the formation of a transnational imagined community.