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**NBR hosts Deputy Secretary of State Steinberg, senior policy leaders, and scholars at
“Engaging Asia 2009: Strategies for Success”**

Washington, D.C. – The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will host Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg, Congressman Rick Larsen, Congressman Mark Kirk, and senior policy leaders and experts at the half-day event *Engaging Asia 2009: Strategies for Success* on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Speakers will offer analysis of the economic and strategic trends in Asia - with a special focus on implications for the development of effective U.S. policy.

WHO: Opening Remarks

Congressmen Rick Larsen and Mark Kirk, co-chairs of the U.S.-China Working Group, will open the event with an update on the U.S.-China relationship.

Panelists

Edward Gresser and Daniel Twining will lead a panel discussion and elaborate on findings in their recent publication “Shock of the New: Congress and Asia in 2009.” They will provide an overview of the many immediate challenges and opportunities related to the Asia-Pacific region facing the 111th Congress while also suggesting a longer-term strategic U.S. approach.

Discussants

Professional staff from the House and Senate will provide off-the-record feedback from the Hill.

Closing Remarks

Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg will conclude with remarks on U.S. strategies for success in Asia.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: The Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street NW

Call Sarah Snyder to register at (202) 347-9767. For more information on the event or to download “Shock of the New: Congress and Asia in 2009,” visit www.nbr.org.

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