



Growing North America–Asia Energy Ties

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction	Meredith Miller, NBR
Speakers	Mikkal E. Herberg, NBR Toshikazu Okuya, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

SPEAKER BIOS

Mikkal E. Herberg is Research Director of NBR's Energy Security Program and Advisor to NBR's Pacific Energy Summit. He is also a senior lecturer on international and Asian energy at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego. Previously, Mr. Herberg spent 20 years in the oil industry in Strategic Planning roles for ARCO, where from 1997 to 2000 he was Director for Global Energy and Economics. He writes and speaks extensively on Asian energy issues to the energy industry, governments, and major research institutions in the Asia-Pacific and Europe.

Toshikazu Okuya is Special Advisor to Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). At his current position, Mr. Okuya covers a range of energy topics, including energy security, geopolitical architecture, and technology innovation. He spent part of his career in science and technology development. Mr. Okuya was a member of the developing group for Japan's second Science and Technology Basic Plan in 2000, where he was in charge of budget allocation and planning a new higher education system for Japan. He has also been involved in policymaking for Japan's energy sector, including drafting amendment acts on energy supply plans such as the Electricity Business Act, the Gas Business Act, and the Electrical Appliance and Material Safety Act.

BACKGROUND ON NBR'S ENERGY SECURITY PROGRAM AND PACIFIC ENERGY SUMMIT

Now in its eighth year, the Energy Security Program convenes top energy and geopolitical experts from industry, research, and policy for an assessment of the developments taking place in Asian energy markets and their implications for geopolitics. To inform and strengthen the public policy dialogue, experts share insights and recommendations through a number of channels, including an invitation-only spring workshop, an annual Energy Security Report, and a public fall launch event.

As economies in the Asia-Pacific region continue to grow at astonishing rates, energy demand is increasing to sustain economic prosperity. Launched in 2009, NBR's annual Pacific Energy Summit is an invitation-only event that convenes leaders from government, business, and research to explore innovative solutions to the dual challenges of rising energy demand and climate change. By bridging the commercial, public, and nonprofit sectors, the Summit informs policy and inspires collaboration to help support sustainable economic development.