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High-level speakers to meet in Tokyo at inaugural Pacific Energy Summit

Leaders in Science, Government, and Industry Gather to Advance Regional Cooperation on Technologies, Programs, and Policies Necessary for Sustaining Economic Growth and Reducing Environmental Damage

Washington, D.C. – The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will launch the inaugural Pacific Energy Summit on November 3-5 in Tokyo, Japan. Participants include Angelo T. REYES, Secretary, Department of Energy, Philippines; DO Huu Hao, Vice Minister of Trade and Industry, Vietnam; Khempheng PHOLSENA, Head, Water Resources and Environment Administration, Laos; Somasundram RAMASAMY, Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy, Water & Communications, Malaysia; Nguyen MANH HUNG, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Energy; Masahiro KAWAI, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute; Jiang Lin, Senior Vice President and Director, The Energy Foundation; Kateri CALLAHAN, President, Alliance to Save Energy; Hiroshi Komiyama, President, Mitsubishi Research Institute; and C. Lawrence GREENWOOD, Vice President, Asian Development Bank, to list only a few of the leading figures attending.

The Asia-Pacific lies at the center of concerns about rising energy demand and limited energy supplies and the associated environmental consequences. There is an urgent need for a sustained, comprehensive dialogue among stakeholders across the region on technical solutions and the policies necessary to implement them. The leaders convening at the Summit will address this need by identifying potential collaborative projects and developing a roadmap for action around efficient and clean energy technologies that will augment other international initiatives. Summit sessions will deal with energy supply, demand and financing, as well as a special session on Smart Grid Technologies and Policies.

Download the full Summit agenda at www.nbr.org/downloads/pdfs/eta/PES_Conf09_agenda.pdf

In order to encourage candid and frank dialogue at the Pacific Energy Summit, presentations and discussion will be off the record. **To set up side interviews with participants or for more information on the event please contact Lisa Weiss at lweiss@nbr.org.** The Summit is supported by ExxonMobil, GE, Chevron, Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and Asian Development Bank.

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), an independent, nonprofit research institution dedicated to informing and strengthening U.S.-Asia policy, is organizing the Summit in collaboration with partner organizations committed to supporting sustained engagement with policy leaders on energy and environmental issues.

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