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NEW REPORT ASSESSES THE ENERGY AND GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES INFLUENCING MARITIME DISPUTES IN ASIA

Washington, D.C. – On December 6, 2011, The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will release a report examining the energy and geopolitical drivers influencing rising tensions in East and Southeast Asia maritime disputes.

This new *NBR Special Report*, “Maritime Energy Resources in Asia: Energy and Geopolitics,” is the first of two reports emerging from a three-year study of “Maritime Energy Resources in Asia: Opportunities for Joint Development.” Members of the initiative’s multidisciplinary and international team of scholars—led by principal investigator **Dr. Clive Schofield** (Professor and Director of Research at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong)—assessed the maritime boundary disputes from historical, legal, geopolitical, economic, and energy resource perspectives. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Asia Security Initiative sponsored the study.

In addition to Dr. Schofield, authors include:

- **Mr. Nick Owen** (University of Cambridge) – Disputed South China Sea Oil in Context
- **Dr. Zhao Hong** (National University of Singapore) – Energy Security Concerns: The View from China and Southeast
- **Ms. Dini Djalal** – Indonesia: Domestic Transformation and the Implications for Maritime Energy Security in Southeast
- **Dr. May Tan-Mullins** (University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China) – The Implications of Seabed Energy Resource Development: The Gulf of Thailand Case
- **Dr. Gong Yingchun** (China Foreign Affairs University) – The Development and Current Status of Maritime Disputes in the East China Sea
- **Dr. Atsuko Kanehara** (Sophia University, Japan) – Provisional Arrangements as Equitable Legal Management of Maritime Delimitation Disputes in the East China Sea
- **Dr. Ian Storey** (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore) – Asia’s Changing Balance of Military Power: Implications for the South China Sea Dispute
- **Dr. Tran Truong Thuy** (Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam) – The Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea and Developing Maritime Energy Resources

Select authors will present their findings at a public launch event on Monday, December 12, at the Hotel Nikko in Jakarta, Indonesia. NBR will host the event in partnership with The Habibie Center, an independent, nonprofit organization based in Jakarta dedicated to advancing modernization and democratization in Indonesia.

To request information on the launch event or arrange an interview with one of the authors, please contact Sonia Luthra at (202) 347-9767 or media@nbr.org.

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