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**SENIOR EXPERTS ASSESS THE POTENTIAL OF ASIAN NATURAL GAS MARKETS
AND THE ROLE OF THE SHALE GAS REVOLUTION**

Washington, D.C. (November 5, 2013) – Asia has emerged as the center of energy-demand growth and today accounts for more than two-thirds of the global market for liquefied natural gas (LNG). However, there is considerable uncertainty about the extent to which the region will rely on LNG to meet future demand, as well as about the impact of the U.S. shale gas revolution on global markets.

On Thursday, November 7, in Washington, D.C., the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will host an on-the-record discussion with senior energy experts. Panelists will examine how and to what extent countries in the Asia-Pacific are integrating LNG into their energy-security strategies and assess key market and geopolitical implications. This event will also serve as the launch of NBR's 2013 Energy Security Report, "Asia's Uncertain LNG Future."

WHO:

- **Mikkal E. Herberg**, Research Director of NBR's Energy Security Program and Senior Lecturer at the University of California–San Diego
- **Shoichi Itoh**, Manager and Senior Analyst for the Strategy Research Unit at the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ)
- **Jane Nakano**, Fellow in the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Padu S. Padmanaban**, former Program Director at the South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy and a former Senior Energy Advisor with USAID India
- **James Slutz**, President and Managing Director of Global Energy Strategies
- **Nikos Tsafos**, Senior Manager for the Global Gas Practice at PFC Energy (an IHS company)

WHEN: Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Reserve Officers Association (One Constitution Ave. NE, Washington, D.C., 20002)

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