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THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ASIAN RESEARCH ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ITS GOVERNANCE

Congressman Norm Dicks elected to Board of Directors and named as Counselor; Mr. C. Michael Petters elected to Board of Directors; Senator Joseph Lieberman named as Counselor; Ambassador Karl Eikenberry elected to Board of Advisors.

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce several changes to its governance. Congressman Norm Dicks has been elected to the Board of Directors and named a Counselor; Mr. C. Michael Petters has been elected to the Board of Directors; Senator Joseph Lieberman has been named a Counselor; and Ambassador Karl Eikenberry has been elected to the Board of Advisors.

Congressman Norm Dicks is Senior Policy Advisor at the law firm Van Ness Feldman LLP, where he focuses on legal issues involving energy, the environment, and natural resources. A native of Washington State, Congressman Dicks represented Washington's 6th district in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 2013. He served on the House Appropriations Committee his entire 36 years in Congress, concluding as the committee's top-ranking Democratic member. Congressman Dicks has a deep history with NBR and was instrumental in the organization's founding in 1989. He served in Congress with Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, in whose legacy NBR was founded.

[Click here](#) for Congressman Dicks's full biography.

Mr. C. Michael Petters is President and Chief Executive Officer of Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), the United States' largest military shipbuilder. He is also a member of the HII Board of Directors. HII designs, builds, and maintains nuclear and non-nuclear ships for the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard and provides after-market services for military ships around the globe. Mr. Petters is responsible for leading the design, construction, and overhaul of conventionally powered surface combatants, amphibious and auxiliary ships, and nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers, as well as for developing business opportunities in adjacent markets.

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Senator Joseph Lieberman is Senior Counsel at the law firm Kastowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman. He previously served 24 years representing Connecticut in the U.S. Senate. During that time, he was deeply involved in matters relevant to the U.S. role in Asia, serving as a member of the Armed Services Committee and as Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, and was well admired for his bipartisanship. Senator Lieberman was very engaged with NBR while in Congress, serving on the organization's Congressional Board of Advisors, hosting a delegation for NBR's China's Rising Leaders program, and supporting other NBR initiatives.

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Ambassador Karl Eikenberry served as the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan from May 2009 until July 2011, where he led the civilian surge directed by President Obama to reverse insurgent momentum and set the conditions for the transition to full Afghan sovereignty. Before his appointment as Chief of Mission in Kabul, Ambassador Eikenberry had a 35-year career in the U.S. Army, retiring in April 2009 with the rank of Lieutenant General. He is currently the William J. Perry Fellow in International Security at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and a faculty member of the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University.

[Click here](#) for Ambassador Eikenberry's complete biography.

"I am proud to welcome Norm, Mike, Joe, and Karl," said Rich Ellings, NBR president. "The depth of their experience and leadership in policy, business, and diplomacy will greatly enhance our organization. I look forward to working with them as we shape NBR's research agenda and strategic direction."

About The National Bureau of Asian Research

Founded in 1989 with a major grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, NBR is an independent, nonpartisan research institution committed to informing and strengthening U.S. policy toward the Asia-Pacific. NBR also helps train the next generation of scholars who concentrate on Asia.

NBR's operations are governed by the Board of Directors, a nationally prominent group of leaders with long-term interests in the Asia-Pacific region. NBR's research agenda is developed in consultation with the Board of Advisors, which consists of experts from research centers, universities, and corporations. The Counselor is NBR's most senior advisory position, counseling the Board of Directors and President and providing guidance to NBR Programs.

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