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Myanmar's Ambassador, Senior Experts Discuss Myanmar's Reforms and Implications for U.S. & Asia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 21, 2014) – Myanmar's recent domestic reforms and improved relations with the United States, European Union, Japan, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have opened the door for Myanmar to be an important regional player. This transformation will not only have an impact on Myanmar's economic development but also have significant implications for the strength and coherence of ASEAN.

To explore the implications of these issues, on Tuesday, March 25, The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) and the US-ASEAN Business Council will host a discussion that examines Myanmar's reemergence as a regional player. This program will feature remarks from Myanmar's Ambassador Kyaw Myo Htut, as well as insights from senior experts on the prospects for Myanmar's domestic reforms and its developing role in Southeast Asia.

This on-the-record event will also mark the release of a new NBR Special Report, "**Myanmar's Growing Regional Role.**" Copies will be available at the event.

WHO:

- **Carolyn Brehm**, Procter & Gamble
- **Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony**, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
- **Priscilla Clapp**, U.S. Foreign Service
- **Catharin E. Dalpino**, Foreign Service Institute
- **Ambassador Kyaw Myo Htut**, Republic of Myanmar to the United States
- **Meredith Miller**, NBR
- **Anthony Nelson**, US-ASEAN Business Council
- **Dr. Morten Pedersen**, University of New South Wales

WHEN: Tuesday, March 25, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Capitol Visitor Center, SVC Room 202-203, Washington, D.C.

EVENT AGENDA: See the [event agenda](#) (PDF) for more detail, including speaker bios.

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