

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, DC
July 6, 2015

Contact: Rachel Wagley
Assistant Director, External Relations
Phone: (202) 347-9767
Email: media@nbr.org

**Pentagon Appoints Abraham Denmark, NBR Senior Vice President,
as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia**

The U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense has appointed Abraham Denmark, Senior Vice President of Political and Security Affairs and External Relations at The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), to the position of United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia. Mr. Denmark replaces former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia David Helvey.

“The Pentagon is gaining an excellent new Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia in Abraham Denmark,” said Admiral Dennis Blair, member of the NBR Board of Directors and CEO of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. “I have worked closely with Mr. Denmark over the past several years, and I can say wholeheartedly that he has the skills and knowledge to be a key player in modernizing U.S. alliances and partnerships in East Asia.”

Mr. Denmark has significant experience both inside and outside government. He previously served in the Pentagon as Country Director for China Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Before moving to NBR, Mr. Denmark served as a fellow at the Center for a New American Security. He has provided testimony at congressional hearings and is widely published, having authored several book chapters and reports on U.S. strategy toward the Asia-Pacific region and the global commons.

Mr. Denmark also serves as a Senior Advisor at the Center for Naval Analyses and is on the Advisory Council of the Emerging Science and Technology Policy Centre. He is a member of the National Committee on United States–China Relations, the U.S. Naval Institute, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He has received several awards and was named a 21st Century Leader by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

“Abraham Denmark has been a remarkable colleague, scholar, leader, and friend at The National Bureau of Asian Research,” said NBR President Richard Ellings. “Given Mr. Denmark’s leadership with policymakers across East Asia, he is well suited to assist Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter in supporting the U.S. rebalance to Asia. He will provide the Pentagon with valuable insight, deep experience, an in-depth understanding of U.S.-Asia relations, and great dedication. All of us in the Asia policy community wish him tremendous success.”