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### *NBR Joins ERIN as Lead U.S. Representative*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) accepted an invitation to join the Energy Research Institute Network (ERIN), an exclusive, collaborative network of leading think tanks and energy institutes in the Asia-Pacific. ERIN comprises one organization from each of the eighteen East Asia Summit (EAS) member nations. Among its chief activities, the network presents a collective report of key findings at an annual meeting of EAS energy ministers.

ERIN was founded in 2014 to provide research support to the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), an international organization established by the EAS. ERIA brings together diverse organizations to bridge existing gaps in research and jointly address regional energy challenges. Until NBR's induction, ERIN lacked a member institution from the United States. During the EAS Energy Ministers Meeting in Myanmar in September 2016, the members of ERIN moved to add a U.S. institution, and after reviewing the field, they nominated NBR as its seventeenth member.

“ERIN provides critical support and expertise to ERIA’s energy research,” ERIA said in a statement. “NBR makes a welcome addition to the network, and we are thrilled to have their contributions going forward.”

NBR, an independent, nonpartisan research institution committed to strengthening and informing Asia policy, features a Trade, Economic, and Energy Affairs (TEEA) group. TEEA collaborates with a broad range of U.S. and Asian stakeholders from industry, academia, and government to conduct innovative research and convene high-level dialogues that address common challenges facing the United States and Asia.

“ERIN is an incredibly impressive network dedicated to strengthening the Asia-Pacific architecture through more regular and informed region-wide dialogues,” said Clara Gillispie, Senior Director of Trade, Economic, and Energy Affairs. “It is an honor to be invited to contribute to this network alongside so many distinguished organizations, and to advance a mission we have been advocating for many years.”

NBR participated in its first ERIN meeting in October in Tokyo and was officially welcomed by the network’s other members.

“As the Tokyo meeting showed, members were enthusiastic about the level of expertise and quality of research that NBR brings to the network,” said the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), which serves as the secretariat to ERIN. “We look forward to working with NBR as part of ERIN’s collaborative approach to tackle the Asia-Pacific’s pressing energy questions.”



*ERIN member organizations participate in the network's 5th annual meeting, held in Tokyo in October 2016.*

To learn more about NBR's activities with ERIN, please see [here](#).

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