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**SENIOR EXPERTS ASSESS CHINA'S NEW LEADERS, ASIA'S LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS**

**SEATTLE, WA** (November 12, 2012) - As China holds its once-in-a-decade National Party Congress to announce a new leadership, The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will host a November 13 conference at the University of Washington on the political, economic, and societal implications of this and other transitions in Northeast Asia.

In addition to China, all major Northeast Asian countries either have recently undergone or are preparing for leadership transitions. Events such as the death of Kim Jong-il in late 2011 and legislative and presidential elections this year in South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States not only affect the political landscape in Asia but also shape countries' foreign policy priorities and relations with the United States.

This all-day conference, entitled "**Northeast Asia in Transition: New Leadership, New Dynamics,**" will feature a keynote address by Michael K. Young, president of the University of Washington, and panel discussions with senior U.S. and regional experts on issues such as what new leadership means for Asia, the implications of uneven economic growth, and the role of rising nationalism in regional relations.

This conference is organized by NBR's Kenneth B. and Anne H.H. Pyle Center for Northeast Asian Studies and presented in partnership with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and the University of Washington's Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, as well as the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, the Ford Foundation, and the Republic of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**When: Tuesday, November 13**  
**8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Where: University of Washington**  
**Walker-Ames Room**  
**Seattle, WA 98195**

**Agenda:** Available on the [NBR website](#).

Members of the press who would like to attend must RSVP to Jonathan Walton at (206) 632 -7370 or [pylecenter@nbr.org](mailto:pylecenter@nbr.org). Please visit the [NBR website](#) for more information on the event and the [Kenneth B. and Anne H.H. Pyle Center for Northeast Asian Studies](#).

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