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**\*THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ASIAN RESEARCH LAUNCHES NEW VOLUME ON  
WHAT THE NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ASIA\***

Washington, D.C. — The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) lays out the major strategic decisions on Asia for the next U.S. administration in its eighth annual *Strategic Asia* volume. NBR will launch *Strategic Asia 2008—09: Challenges and Choices* at two public events on September 18. The first event—“Challenges and Choices in Asia” at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Kenney Auditorium, from 8:00–11:30 a.m.—will feature a keynote address from Senator Chuck Hagel and presentations by select volume authors. The second event—“Asia’s Wildcards: Pakistan, North Korea, and Iran”—will take place on Capitol Hill from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in 628 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

According to Ashley J. Tellis, co-editor of the volume and research director for the Strategic Asia Program, “If the president-elect can craft effective policies in Asia and generate regional support for them, you can expect the positive outcomes to spill over into other parts of the world in ways that reinforce U.S. interests and promote global stability. Asia should be at the forefront of U.S. foreign policy.”

Tellis and the volume’s other contributors explain how Asia will play a defining role in the future of U.S. global leadership. This year’s Strategic Asia team is composed of leading strategic thinkers on Asia, U.S. foreign policy, and international relations, including Admiral Dennis Blair, U.S. Navy (ret.), Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer, and Professor Richard Betts, among others. The authors overwhelmingly argue that the rise of Asia presents a historic opportunity to redefine the international system in ways that enhance global economic growth and political stability.

Richard J. Ellings, NBR president, believes the volume will highlight the critical role of U.S. policy in Asia and help prepare the new administration to bolster American security while creating opportunities for engagement. “The president-elect needs to clearly articulate to the American people and our Asian friends and partners that the United States is an Asia-Pacific country, with steadfast, vital interests in the region. This needs to be done from the outset of his administration, recognizing that the accomplishments, capacities for strategy, and influence among Asia-Pacific powers make the region today a center of world power.”

For further information about the September 18 events, to view the volume’s table of contents, or to request a free review copy of *Strategic Asia*, please visit the NBR website at [www.nbr.org](http://www.nbr.org).

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