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THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ASIAN RESEARCH OFFERS ANALYSES AND ACCESS TO EXPERTS IN ADVANCE OF CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING'S VISIT

On September 22, President Xi Jinping will arrive in Seattle for a series of private meetings with top U.S. business leaders and his only public address. This will be his first stop in his state visit to the United States, which will also take him to Washington, D.C., as well as the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

In advance of this visit and during its course, The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), headquartered in Seattle, will provide new content and regular updates via a special website, <http://xivisit.nbr.org>, as well as through planned live expert briefings and scheduled meetings. Content will include cutting edge research and background information on U.S.-China trade, political, and national security issues, including intellectual property protection (see [The IP Commission Report](#)), cyberattacks, and other high-tech issues, as well as expertise on other aspects of U.S.-China relations, including maritime security, energy, and global leadership challenges.

The attached Fact Sheet provides further background on the issues likely to dominate President Xi's visit. [Fact Sheet: Chinese President Xi Jinping's Visit to the United States.](#)

President Xi's visit follows a well traversed path of Chinese leaders to Seattle seeking to meet U.S. business leaders in important industries, beginning with Deng Xiaoping's historic visit in 1979, followed by the first APEC heads of state meeting in 1993 hosted by President Bill Clinton and attended by Jiang Zemin, and Hu Jintao's visit in 2006. President Xi is scheduled to make his only public address to Americans in downtown Seattle on September 22. Additional activities are reported to include a "US-China Internet Industry Forum," organized by China and attended by Chinese and U.S. high-tech industry leaders, many of whom have already planned to attend a business policy forum.

For 25 years, NBR has sustained a focus on China's emergence as a regional and then global power and its impact on U.S. interests and policy. China's development into the world's manufacturing hub and international trade leadership, its opaque political system, and its military's growing power and regional

influence have stressed the international system and challenged U.S. global leadership. “In no other U.S. bilateral relationship are the new economic forces, new technologies, and rising national expectations more challenging,” noted Richard J. Ellings, NBR president. “President Xi’s visit to Seattle and the Chinese-initiated high-tech forum encapsulate the difficulties faced by U.S. foreign policymakers and business leaders, who desire both continued U.S.-China cooperation and progress on real and substantial bilateral challenges.”

Often in collaboration with Chinese experts and institutions, NBR has developed and maintains several projects covering U.S.-China issues. These include an annual flagship publication, *Strategic Asia*, (now in its 15th year); regular research on Chinese innovation policy, industrial policy, and intellectual property policy tools; our country’s major annual conference on the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) cosponsored with the U.S. Army War College and US Pacific Command; and the Energy Security Program, with NBR’s 2015 Pacific Energy Summit held recently in Beijing.

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