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REP. CHARLES BOUSTANY JR. AND REP. GENE GREEN CO-HOST
NORTH AMERICAN COAL AND GAS TO ASIA

WHAT: This exciting Capitol Hill event on November 19, North American Coal and Gas to Asia, will feature remarks from Rep. Charles W. Boustany, Jr. (R-LA) and Rep. Gene Green (D-TX), followed by panel discussions with senior energy and environmental security experts from Asia and the U.S. Hosted by The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), this event will build off high-level discussions held at the 2014 Pacific Energy Forum in Seattle, WA, and the 2014 Pacific Energy Summit in Seoul, Korea. Materials from both events will be available.

Speakers will explore today’s burning energy questions, including: How will North America’s newfound energy renaissance (thanks to hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling) play into Asia’s emergence at the center of global energy demand? How are Asian and North American policymakers addressing tension between inexpensive energy sources and environmental impacts? Can trans-Pacific cooperation support transformation of coal to a cleaner fuel source?

WHEN:
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
9:00am–12:00pm

WHERE:
210 Cannon House Office Building
C St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

WHO:
• Takashi Kume (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan)
• Romeo Pacudan (Brunei National Energy Research Institute)
• Han Phoumin (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)
• Beni Suriyadi (ASEAN Centre for Energy)
• Armond Cohen (Clean Air Task Force)
• Mikkal E. Herberg (NBR, University of California, San Diego)
• Ayaka Jones (Energy Information Administration)
• Jeffrey Kupfer (Asia Society)
• Samuel Tumiwa (Asian Development Bank)

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:
Mikkal Herberg, Armand Cohen, Takashi Kume, Han Phoumin, and Beni Suriyadi will be available for interviews after the event and via phone.

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About the Pacific Energy Forum
The Pacific Energy Forum gathers experts and leaders from Asia, the United States, and Canada to assess the key policy questions that will shape the future trans-Pacific energy relationship and enhance energy and environmental cooperation among key actors in the region. This invitation-only event brought Asian views into the ongoing discussion in Canada and United States about the future energy relationship between North America and Asia. The Forum included discussion of the economic, security, and environmental implications of increasing energy exports from North America to Asia. NBR would like to thank the Slade Gorton International Policy Center for co-hosting the 2014 Pacific Energy Forum. Learn more.

About the Pacific Energy Summit
As economies in the Asia-Pacific region continue to grow at astonishing rates, the Pacific Energy Summit aims to foster economic and energy security in the Asia-Pacific by developing practical solutions to the dual challenges of rising energy demand and global climate change. The annual, invitation-only Summit convenes 200 global leaders to articulate practical and tenable policy solutions to energy and environmental challenges. The 2014 Pacific Energy Summit was brought to Seoul by the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Korea Energy Economics Institute, and NBR. Learn more.

About The National Bureau of Asian Research
Founded in 1989 with a major grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, NBR is an independent, nonpartisan research institution committed to informing and strengthening U.S. policy toward the Asia-Pacific. NBR also helps train the next generation of scholars who concentrate on Asia.

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