



Dear Friend,

It is our pleasure to extend warm greetings to all of those participating in the Asia Policy Assembly 2019. This major two-day conference is a flagship event of the National Asia Research Program (NARP), which seeks to reinvigorate and advance the policy-relevant study of Asia.

As you know, in the decades ahead, the United States' greatest overseas interests, both opportunities and challenges, will be in Asia. The goal of the Assembly is to examine the full gamut of strategic issues for the United States in the Indo-Pacific, with particular focus on the strategic rivalry with China, through plenary sessions and roundtable discussions. The Assembly will address issues ranging from international security and military modernization to economic competition, technological innovation, and energy security.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated speakers and participants who share in our excitement about the opportunity to strengthen the policy-relevant study of Asia. We are extremely grateful to have presentations from NARP Fellows and other experts in the field of contemporary Asia studies. Prominent policymakers contributing to the Assembly include Senator Cory Gardner, Assistant Secretary of Defense Randall Schriver, former Senator Slade Gorton, former Congressman Charles Boustany, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan Kazutoshi Aikawa, Chairman of the Board of the American Institute in Taiwan James Moriarty, and Senior Advisor and Counselor on the Democratic staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Michael Schiffer. We would like to thank NBR's Roy Kamphausen and NDU's Phillip Saunders for their exceptional leadership and NARP Executive Director Alison Szalwinski for her masterful direction of the program.

A lively exchange of ideas among more than 250 participants from the media, academic, philanthropic, and policymaking communities at the Assembly will have a great impact on deepening the United States' understanding of the vast changes underway in Asia. We very much hope you enjoy the two days of stimulating discussion!

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