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The Future of Korea

Thursday, February 2, 2012

The Mission Inn, Music Room

- 5:30 p.m. Buffet and Reception
- 6:30 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator – Graeme Auton

Whatever you thought you knew about Korea, even a few years ago, is almost certainly out of date. Join us to hear an exciting update and take a look into the future.

South Korea is an advanced post-industrial economy and democracy. With the change of leadership to Kim-Jong-un in North Korea, what are the prospects for stability and instability in the North, and the long-term chances of reunification? And what will Korea's role be in a globalized world?

The Economist recently noted that, with a per-capital income of more than \$30,000, South Korea is moving into the realm of the rich from a newly emerging economy to a Newly Advanced Economy. How will the relationship between South Korea and the United States evolve, given U.S./South Korean military security arrangements, the recently ratified Free Trade Agreement, and the large Korean Diaspora in the U.S.? South Korea's foreign policy involves more than dealing with North Korea. South Korea's close neighbors are China and Japan, and the country also plays a role in the bigger East Asian region.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF “FUTURE OF KOREA” PANELISTS:

Abraham Kim, prior to joining the Korea Economic Institute as Vice President, was research manager of government services and the principal Korea analyst at the global political risk consulting firm, Eurasia Group. He managed a group of analysts and editors that supported a variety of US government research projects covering issues such as international trade, political stability in emerging markets, the political implications of the financial crisis, and the global pandemic crisis. He has written extensively on Northeast Asia, including articles in Asian Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy and the Korea Times, and has been interviewed by CNBC, Fox Business and Bloomberg. He received his BA from Boston University, his MA from Harvard University, and his PhD in political science from Columbia University.

Gheewhan Kim became Minister for Economic Affairs at the Korean Embassy in Washington, DC in August 2012. Previously he was Director-General for Multilateral Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade dealing with WTO, APEC, OECD and G20 trade matters. He was chief negotiator for various WTO Doha Development Agenda negotiations, including services and fishery subsidies. He was also chief negotiator in the Korea-Japan FTA consultations. He received his LL.B. from College of Law at a Seoul National University in Korea, and graduated from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom with an LL.M. and Diploma for International Law.

Jacob Choi serves as Desk Officer in the Office of Korean Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. In this position, he covers consular issues such as recommending State Department authorization for North Koreans who seek to travel to the United States, and assisting with U.S. citizen detainees in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). In addition, he analyzes economic and humanitarian issues in the DPRK, recommends waiver decisions on U.S. exports to North Korea. Choi graduated from Brigham Young University in International Studies with minors in Korean and Japanese. He earned a Master in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR:

Graeme Auton has been a Professor of Government at the University of Redlands since 1987. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the National Security Studies graduate program at California State University, San Bernardino. Dr. Auton has been a NATO Research Fellow and a Ford Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard's Center for International Affairs. In the early 1990s, he worked for the US Arms Control & Disarmament Agency in Washington, Brussels and Vienna. In 2006, he was a Fulbright Hayes Fellow in the Russian Far East. In the fall of 2007 he spent four months in South Korea as a Senior Fulbright Scholar, teaching international security studies at Kyung-Hee University in Seoul. He has returned to Korea and Japan several times since then. He is currently working on issues related to security in Northeast Asia.