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THE US-TAIWAN BUSINESS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR THE US-TAIWAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE 2003

The United States-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference will be held February 12-14, 2003, in San Antonio, Texas. This is the second in a series of ongoing conferences addressing the future of U.S. defense cooperation with Taiwan and the defense procurement process. The conference will also look in-depth at Taiwan's C4ISR and missile defense programs, and provide a progress report on Taiwan's future defense needs. The two-day conference will feature keynote addresses by a variety of speakers from the US and Taiwan governments.

The Conference's keynote speakers include:

- Admiral Dennis Blair, Former CINCPAC & Senior Fellow, Institute for Defense Analyses
- Chen Chao-min, Vice Minister for Armaments & Acquisition of Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense
- Richard Lawless, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian & Pacific Affairs
- Randy Shriver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for China

The Conference's session speakers from Taiwan include:

- Chen Yuan-hsiung, Director, Defense Policy Division, Strategic Planning Department, MND
- MGen Chou Mong-bai, Deputy Chief of Staff for A5, ROC Air Force
- Dr. Chiang Hsu, Chairman, China Shipbuilding Corporation
- MGen Kuo Chien-chung, Deputy Chief of Staff for G5, ROC Army
- LtGen Shuai Hua-min (Ret.), National Policy Foundation
- RAdm Tung Hsiang-lung, Deputy Chief of Staff for N5, ROC Navy
- Col Wang Yang-cheng, CEO, National Strategic Studies Institution, National Defense University, MND
- RAdm Wang Chung-wu, Chief of Defense Science Technology and Industry Division, Resources Department, MND

Please visit the US-Taiwan Business Council's website at <u>www.us-taiwan.org</u> for more information about the conference and a complete list of speakers.

About the US-Taiwan Business Council: The US-Taiwan Business Council is a membership-based nonprofit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as an effective representative in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.

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