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**TSMC AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SENIOR OFFICIALS TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL TAIWAN AND CHINA SEMICONDUCTOR OUTLOOK CONFERENCE**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today announced the keynote speakers for *Taiwan + China Semiconductor Outlook 2006*. This conference, scheduled for January 12, 2006 in Santa Clara, California, is the third in a series of events focusing on the challenges and opportunities presented by the increasing integration of the U.S., Taiwan, and China semiconductor markets.

The Outlook 2006 conference will feature keynote addresses from:

- Dr. Rick Tsai, President & Chief Executive Officer, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)
- David McCormick, Under Secretary, Bureau of Industry & Security, U.S. Department of Commerce

According to Council President Rupert Hammond-Chambers, "The participation of both Dr. Tsai and Under Secretary McCormick at Outlook 2006 will provide a unique opportunity for technology industry executives to hear high-level government and industry perspectives on the future course of U.S. business in the Taiwan and China markets. With the U.S., Taiwan, and China becoming increasingly integrated, the technology industry is looking for guidance on a number of issues such as intellectual property rights protection, technology security, industry competitiveness, export controls, and supply chain integration. Outlook 2006 will seek to address these concerns and will provide a valuable forum for promoting dialogue between the industry and policymaking communities."

**Dr. Rick Tsai** has been President & CEO of TSMC since July 2005, when he replaced company Chairman Dr. Morris Chang as CEO. TSMC is the world's largest dedicated semiconductor foundry.

**David McCormick** has been Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce since October 2005. As head of the Bureau of Industry & Security, he is responsible for overseeing the advancement of U.S. government policies at the intersection of national security, foreign policy, and trade interests, with particular attention to U.S. industry competitiveness.

For more information on the conference and to register online, please visit [www.taiwan-china-outlook.com](http://www.taiwan-china-outlook.com).

**About the US-Taiwan Business Council:**

The US-Taiwan Business Council ([www.us-taiwan.org](http://www.us-taiwan.org)) is a membership-based non-profit association founded in 1976. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, access to a network of companies involved in business between Taiwan and the United States, and serves as a vital representative in dealing with investment, business development, and intellectual property matters.

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