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**SENIOR U.S. AND TAIWAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS TO DELIVER  
KEYNOTES AT US-TAIWAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE 2006**

William Greenwalt, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, and Ko Chen-Heng, Vice Minister of Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense, will deliver keynote addresses at the **US-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference 2006**. This event, hosted by the US-Taiwan Business Council, will take place September 10-12, 2006 in Denver, Colorado.

The conference focuses on strategic US-Taiwan defense cooperation, government/industry partnerships, and Taiwan's future defense and national security needs. Rupert Hammond-Chambers, President of the Council, said, "We are delighted to have DUSD Greenwalt - whose office ensures that DoD policies stimulate competition and innovation in the industries supporting defense - speak at the conference. DUSD Greenwalt offers a unique perspective on U.S.-Taiwan defense industrial cooperation and its role in the development of an indigenous Taiwan defense industry."

Hammond-Chambers added, "We are honored to have Vice Minister Ko speak at the conference. His views and insights on Taiwan's current and future defense policy, expanding Taiwan's defensive capabilities by increasing defense spending up to 3% of GDP, and building bi-partisan support for a comprehensive national security policy, will be both valuable and timely."

Other themes for the conference include Taiwan's defense vision and priorities, bilateral opportunities in space, readiness, and hardening, as well as joint offshore defense and homeland defense. Additional conference speakers include senior U.S. and Taiwan government officials, members of academia, and private industry representatives.

This is the fifth in a series of conferences addressing U.S. defense cooperation with Taiwan. The first was held in St. Petersburg, Florida in 2002, and then in San Antonio, Texas in 2003, Phoenix, Arizona in 2004, and San Diego, California in 2005.

Visit the conference website at [www.us-taiwan.org/defense/2006/](http://www.us-taiwan.org/defense/2006/).

**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 to foster trade and business relations between the U.S. and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as a vital and effective representative in dealing with Taiwan business, trade, and investment matters.

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