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**"US-TAIWAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE 2009" TO DISCUSS
TAIWAN'S STRATEGY FOR INTEGRATION, INNOVATION, AND
MILITARY TRANSITION**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today announced that it will host the 8th annual US-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference from September 27-29, 2009 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Keynote speakers at the conference will include Wallace "Chip" Gregson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian & Pacific Security Affairs; David Shear, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for China, Hong Kong, Taiwan & Mongolia; and a senior representative from Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense. Council Chairman Dr. Paul Wolfowitz will be the conference host.

This annual conference focuses on US-Taiwan defense and military cooperation and Taiwan's future defense and national security needs. This year, conference sessions will examine Taiwan's military transition and transformation strategy, force modernization and integration, and defense innovation. Special breakout sessions will cover each of the services: Army, Navy, and the Air Force.

Rupert Hammond-Chambers, President of the Council, said "We are honored to have General Gregson and Mr. Shear as keynote speakers. Their views and insights on the U.S.-Taiwan defense and security relationship, and on current and future challenges for Taiwan, will be both valuable and timely."

Hammond-Chambers added "The Defense Industry Conference is the most important private event reviewing US-Taiwan defense and security issues each year. A high-caliber group of leading U.S. and Taiwan experts - including members of think tanks and academia, as well as representatives from the defense industry - will address many important topics and will engage our attendees in an informative dialogue on shared issues and concerns."

Visit the US-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference website at www.us-taiwan.org/defense/2009.

About the US-Taiwan Business Council:

The US-Taiwan Business Council (www.us-taiwan.org) is a membership-based non-profit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, offers access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as a vital and effective representative in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.

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