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**“US-TAIWAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE 2010” TO DISCUSS  
THE FUTURE CROSS-STRAIT THREAT, DISASTER RELIEF, AND  
ASYMMETRIC OPTIONS FOR THE TAIWAN MILITARY**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today announced that it will host the 9th annual US-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference from October 3-5, 2010 in Cambridge, Maryland.

Keynote speakers at the conference will include **Wallace “Chip” Gregson**, Assistant Secretary for Asian & Pacific Security Affairs at the U.S. Department of Defense; **Andrew J. Shapiro**, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State; 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 the future cross-strait threat, the Taiwan military’s new focus on disaster rescue, recovery & relief, and asymmetric options for the Taiwan armed forces. 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. Shapiro 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.taiwandefenseconference.com](http://www.taiwandefenseconference.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 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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