

## IN REVIEW: 2009 APEC SINGAPORE

### US APEC BUSINESS COALITION MEETS WITH FOREIGN LEADERS AND US OFFICIALS ON MARGINS OF CEO SUMMIT

U.S. business leaders and representatives met with a wide range of U.S. government officials and foreign leaders throughout the week on the margins of the CEO Summit and related meetings. The robust schedule included meetings with Prime Minister Najib of Malaysia, Prime Minister Abhisit of Thailand, Korean Trade Minister Kim and Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen. These sessions provided opportunities for companies to interact directly with APEC leaders on issue of specific interest to U.S. businesses operating in the region.

In addition, delegates had separate meetings with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke, USTR Ron Kirk, Undersecretary of State Robert Hormats, and U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX). These meetings with U.S. leaders provided an opportunity to discuss business priorities in APEC and private sector hopes for the future direction of U.S. trade policy. Ambassador Kirk stressed the U.S.' continued commitment to promoting trade in Asia, and to APEC as a forum for pursuing equitable trading relationships with the economies of the region. He also emphasized the important role business can play in helping government make the case for trade, particularly in communicating with the small and medium business owners as well as the American public at large the advantages to be gained by trading relationships, especially in terms of jobs generated or sustained in the U.S.

General summaries of the various topics discussed in each session are available from the Center.

### NCAPEC 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

The National Center's Annual Luncheon was held November 12, 2009, where more than 250 guests celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Center's establishment. Undersecretary for Energy, Agriculture and Economic Affairs Robert Hormats provided the keynote remarks, and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, The Honorable Masayuki Naoshima, joined NCAPEC Chairman Karan Bhatia, Undersecretary Hormats, and incoming ABAC Chairman Gempachiro Aihara for a traditional "Kagami-biraki" or sake-barrel breaking ceremony to celebrate Japan's year in the chair of APEC and ABAC for 2010. We would once again like to thank our sponsors of the luncheon event for their generous support.

### NCAPEC SPONSORS ENERGY WORKSHOP:

#### "DIVERSIFICATION AND FUTURE FUELS: A RESPONSE TO THE ENERGY SECURITY CHALLENGE IN APEC"

The National Center in conjunction with the ABAC hosted a workshop on the subject of energy diversification as an element of a comprehensive strategic approach to energy security in APEC. The workshop was the first to follow from last year's publication of the "Strategic Framework for Energy Security in APEC", authored by the East-West Center and published jointly by the Center and the ABAC. This year's workshop featured a keynote address by Mr. George Kirkland, Chevron Executive Vice President for Global Upstream, and included remarks by NCAPEC Chair Karan Bhatia and House APEC Caucus co-chair Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX). The workshop also featured two panels of international experts on traditional and alternative fuel sources. A full report of the panel and its outcomes will be available from the Center in the coming weeks.

### SINGAPORE APEC GALLERY



U.S. ABAC member Deborah Henretta with Chinese President Hu Jintao during the Singapore CEO Summit.



Undersecretary for Energy, Agriculture and Economic Affairs Robert Hormats and Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX) converse during the energy workshop.



The NCAPEC sponsored workshop's first panel, entitled: "Future Fuels—Meeting Tomorrow's Energy Demand Through Diversification."

# CALENDAR

## 2009

December 2	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	US APEC Business Coalition—Singapore 2009 Leaders Meeting Outbrief
December 9-11	<i>Tokyo, Japan</i>	APEC 2010 Symposium/ISOM
December 15	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	WITA/NCAPEC Roundtable with Congressman Sander Levin and Congressman Kevin Brady. Roundtable followed by an address from USTR Ambassador Ron Kirk

## 2010

January 14	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	State Department Roundtable
Jan 19-20	<i>Half Moon Bay, CA</i>	NCAPEC Executive Roundtable
Feb 10-12	<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>	ABAC 1
Feb 23-Mar 7	<i>Hiroshima, Japan</i>	SOM I and related meetings

## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

### **APEC AND THE USA: LOOKING TO 2011 AND BEYOND DECEMBER 15, 2009**

The National Center for APEC, in conjunction with the Washington International Trade Association and the Ronald Reagan Building will be hosting a Panel Discussion with Congressmen Sandy Levin (D-MI) and Kevin Brady (R-TX). Following the Congressional Panel, United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk will address the audience.

The speakers will discuss the outcomes of the November APEC conference, goals for the US-hosted APEC conference in 2011, China, the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the President's recent call for expanded trade - particularly exports - with Asia.

### **CEO ROUNDTABLE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CLINTON JANUARY 14, 2010**

The National Center is preparing for the upcoming State Department CEO Roundtable to be held on Thursday January 14th, 2010 in Washington D.C. The roundtable presents an excellent opportunity to dialogue with top U.S. company CEOs conducting business in the APEC area, as well as top-level U.S. government officials. This year's roundtable will be anchored by Secretary of State Clinton, and will also include a number of her Cabinet colleagues. Past roundtables have also included Secretaries of the Treasury, Commerce, Transportation, Energy, and the U.S. Trade Representative.

With the United States hosting the APEC Leader's Meetings in 2011, dialogue between the public and private sector is more critical than ever. This year's CEO Roundtable will provide a critical forum in which to recognize and encourage the private sector's role in the dynamic Asia Pacific region. Nominations for the CEO Roundtable are now closed. A list of participants will be issued by the State Department in the coming weeks.

### **EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE JANUARY 19-20, 2010**

The National Center for APEC will be holding the Annual Executive Roundtable for the Japan year on January 19-20, in Half Moon Bay, California. With APEC set to be hosted in succession by the world's two largest economies, this Roundtable will be an important opportunity to set the agenda for prioritizing the issues and objectives that truly matter most to business.

The agenda will focus on key regional and global issues such as leveraging information technology to promote and sustain growth, energy and food security, health and human security, capital market development, and trade facilitation. We will also take a look at the overarching, crosscutting themes that are common to many of these sectoral concerns, including regulatory reform and harmonization, transparency issues, IPR, investment, and more.

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*For information or to register for any of these events, please contact the National Center.*



*From left to right: Congressman Brady (R-TX), Congressman Levin (D-MI), and USTR Ambassador Kirk are slated to speak at the panel discussion.*



*Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will be anchoring the State Department CEO Roundtable.*



*Participants at last year's NCAPEC Executive Roundtable, January 8-9, 2009.*