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HONOLULU NAMED HOST CITY FOR 2011 APEC LEADERS' MEETINGS

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National Center for APEC Applauds Administration's Decision to Name Honolulu the Host City for the 2011 APEC Leader's Meeting

Singapore (November 15, 2009) – The National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (NCAPEC) enthusiastically supports the Obama Administration's choice of Honolulu as the host city for the 2011 APEC Leaders' Meeting.

"The choice of Honolulu to host the 2011 meetings of APEC signals understanding and commitment on behalf of the President and his administration to the goals of the forum," said Monica Whaley, President of the U.S. National Center for Asia-Pacific Cooperation (NCAPEC). "Honolulu is an important city in the context of our Asia-Pacific relationships. Hawaii contributes significantly to our domestic economy, and will facilitate an extraordinary series of meetings. I look forward to the knowledgeable perspectives that the city and its leaders will provide, and the attention and participation that it will stimulate here in the United States and abroad."

Whaley noted that "The National Center for APEC looks forward to working closely with the City of Honolulu and other Hawaii leaders to make 2011 a success."

The Economic Leaders' Meeting, a gathering of the heads of state and representatives of the twenty-one APEC members, rotates annually among the member economies and has not been held in the United States since the inaugural meeting in 1993, when President Bill Clinton invited the APEC leaders to Blake Island in the Puget Sound of Washington State.

About the National Center for APEC

The U.S. National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (NCAPEC) is the only U.S. business association focused exclusively on facilitating American private sector input to the APEC process. NCAPEC serves as the official coordinator of business activities for the 2011 APEC Meetings. National Center membership is limited to U.S. corporations. The National Center also functions as a conduit for U.S. businesses into APEC by serving as the Secretariat for the three U.S. executives who are appointed members of the APEC Business Advisory Council.

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