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NCAPEC Welcomes Re-Launch of the House Caucus for APEC

The National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) joined Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA, 2) and Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA, 8) at a reception today welcoming the relaunch of the bipartisan House Caucus for APEC. The Caucus will serve as forum for Members dedicated to promoting U.S. engagement in APEC and addressing trade and economic issues facing the 21 APEC economies. The reception featured remarks by Ambassador of Vietnam Pham Quang Vinh and hosted officials from seven APEC embassies, the U.S. Department of State, and senior private sector executives.

On the relaunch of the Caucus, NCAPEC President Monica Hardy Whaley said, “Members of the House Caucus for APEC recognize that APEC is an essential platform for the United States to engage with officials from 20 Asia-Pacific economies to discuss key business, trade, and economic issues that matter to the United States and U.S. companies. U.S. engagement in this important forum remains essential to strengthen economic and strategic ties with key partners in the Asia-Pacific, including this year’s host, Vietnam. We are grateful for Rep. Larsen and Rep. Reichert’s leadership of the Caucus and for the many members who have joined the Caucus to date. Going forward, we look forward to working with all Caucus members on key issues, including renewal of the APEC Business Travel Card program and advocating for deeper U.S. engagement in the region.”

Founded in 1989, APEC is an economic forum that works to foster sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. This year, Vietnam is playing an integral role in APEC’s work and activities. In November 2017, Vietnam will host the annual APEC Leaders’ Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam. This meeting will bring together senior leaders from APEC economies to discuss pressing trade, economic, and strategic issues facing the region.

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About the National Center for APEC

Established in Seattle, Washington in 1994, the National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) is the only U.S. business association focused exclusively on facilitating private sector engagement in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) organization. Led by a board of 50 major U.S. companies with a strong interest in the growth and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific, NCAPEC works to advance U.S. private sector policy priorities in APEC’s discussions on trade and economic issues. NCAPEC also serves as the Secretariat to the U.S. members of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the official mechanism for private sector input in APEC.

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