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U.S.-ROK Strategic Dialogue

Royal Lahaina Resort ♦ Lahaina, Maui
July 26-28, 2009

AGENDA

July 26, 2009 – SUNDAY

Participants Arrive

6:30 PM **Welcome Reception and Dinner – Villas Lawn**

July 27, 2009 – MONDAY

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast – Oahu Room**

9:00 AM **Opening Remarks (Introductions, dialogue background, expectations)**

9:30 AM **Session 1: Perceptions of the Asian Security Environment**

U.S. presenter: Evans Revere

ROK presenter: Hwang Jae-ho

This session explores each country's view of the regional security environment, to identify issues, and highlight shared and divergent concerns. What are the principle strategic threats to each country and to regional security and stability? How have the threat perceptions and concerns changed in recent years?

11:00 AM **Coffee Break**

11:15 AM **Session 2: Perspectives on the NPT, the PSI, and other Counter-Proliferation Regimes**

ROK presenter: Hong Kyudok

U.S. presenter: Katy Oh-Hassig

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular the spread of nuclear weapons, has been identified as one of the top security threats by President Obama and in numerous U.S. national security documents. How effective is the NPT and other unilateral, bilateral, and multilateral countering proliferation regimes? What could be done to make them more effective? How do documents like the American NPR and QDR influence ROK decision-makers?

12:30 PM **Lunch – Ocean Front Lawn**

July 27, 2009 - MONDAY (cont'd.)

1:30 PM Session 3: Perspectives on Asian Nuclear Dynamics

U.S. presenter: Bruce Bennett
ROK presenter: Lee Chung-min

This session explores the role of nuclear weapons and strategic systems (such as missile defense and other defense technologies) in the region. How are American nuclear forces best postured in the region? What are the prospects for improved U.S.-ROK-Japan AND U.S.-ROK-China trilateral cooperation? What are ROK concerns about U.S.-Japan-China trilateral cooperation?

3:00 PM Coffee Break

3:15 PM Session 4: Korean Peninsula Dynamics

ROK presenter: Rhee Sang Woo
U.S. presenter: Gordon Flake

This session focuses on security relations on the Korean Peninsula. What influence do North-South relations and unification policies have on the U.S.-ROK alliance? How do U.S.-DPRK relations and Six-Party negotiations impact the alliance? What role should multilateral institutions such as the Six-Party Talks have in defining security relations on the Peninsula? How should the U.S. and ROK deal with a potential collapse in North Korea? What role should China, Japan and/or the U.N. play in security relations on the peninsula?

5:00 PM Session adjourns

6:30 PM Reception and Dinner – Villas Lawn

July 28, 2009 – TUESDAY

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast – Oahu Room

9:00 AM Session 5: Understanding Deterrence and the Roles of Strategic Systems

ROK presenter: Hahm Chaibong
U.S. presenter: Mike Finnegan

How does the ROK rate the credibility and effectiveness of American extended deterrence and other strategic systems such as BMD? Is this view changing? Is the ROK contemplating more self-reliant or 'hedging' strategies?

10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM Session 6: The Alliance

ROK presenter: Kim Tae-woo
U.S. presenter: Victor Cha

How do Koreans and Americans rate the health and mutual respect of the alliance? What are the two countries' respective roles and responsibilities within the alliance? What would cause the collapse of the Alliance?

July 28, 2009 – TUESDAY (cont'd.)

12:30 PM **Lunch** – *Royal Ocean Terrace*

2:00 PM **Session 7: U.S.-ROK Strategic Nuclear Dialogues – Future Topics and Participants**

How can future strategic dialogues help the U.S. and the ROK improve mutual understanding of perceived strategic threats and increase allied capabilities to deter or defeat them? What non-military strategic threats (demographic, economic, resources) most challenge each nation and the alliance, and how have these threats evolved? How can each nation help the other prepare for future strategic challenges?

3:30 PM **Session 8: Conclusions and Wrap Up**

4:00 PM **Conference adjourns – free evening**

6:15 PM **Luau attendees meet in Lobby**