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NBR congratulates Admiral Blair on his nomination for Director of National Intelligence

Washington D.C. - The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) congratulates Admiral Dennis C. Blair, U.S. Navy (retired) on his nomination as Director of National Intelligence. Admiral Blair has served as the inaugural holder of NBR's John M. Shalikashvili Chair in National Security Studies since September 2007.

The Shalikashvili Chair is named in honor of John M. Shalikashvili, U.S. Army (retired), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his 39 years of military service to our nation and for his extraordinary leadership on the NBR Board of Directors. The endowed chair provides a distinguished practitioner or scholar in the national security field with an opportunity to inform, strengthen, and shape the understanding of U.S. policymakers on critical current and long-term national security issues related to the Asia-Pacific.

General Shalikashvili expressed his appreciation to Admiral Blair saying, "Admiral Blair has been called upon, once again, to serve his country. I am sorry to have him leave as the Shalikashvili Chair holder, but I am honored that he joined NBR and helped set the bar so high for future Shali Chair holders. He is a true visionary with a deep appreciation for the importance of U.S. alliances and relationships abroad. NBR's loss is our nation's gain."

As the Shalikashvili Chair, Admiral Blair led NBR's efforts to inform and strengthen senior policymakers' understanding of critical U.S. national security interests in Asia. In his recently authored chapter, "[Military Power Projection in Asia](#)," in NBR's edited volume *Strategic Asia 2008-09: Challenges and Choices*, Admiral Blair assessed the power projection capabilities of China, India, and Japan and evaluated their implications for the United States. The [executive summary](#) is available at www.nbr.org

On Admiral Blair's contributions, NBR President Rich Ellings said, "Admiral Blair has offered important new insights toward understanding the shifting balance of military power in Asia, the potential for lasting peace and possible conflict, and the impact of Asia's emergence as the new global center of gravity on the long-term interests of the United States. His expertise on regional security issues is unparalleled. It was a privilege to work with him and all of us at NBR extend heartfelt congratulations to him and his family as he takes on the challenging position of DNI."

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