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The GLB is comprised of prominent Asian leaders who provide invaluable advice on USAI's programs and diverse perspectives on the region. They also provides insight into how the Institute can best work to fulfill its mission across the region.



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Vietnam Energy Roundtable

The Vietnamese Minister of Industry & Trade, The Honorable Tran Tuan Anh, and his delegation participated in a roundtable discussion in Washington D.C. on September 30, 2019 with key U.S. energy businesses and officials. Presented by the US-Asia Institute and Green Power Generation, a member of VinaCapital, the roundtable participants discussed opportunities for cooperation in the fields of energy, electricity and minerals, and ways to strengthen the relationship for investment and trade between Vietnam and the United States. Representatives from Exxon Mobil, Dow, X Coal, LNG Allies, Cheniere Energy, PetroVietnam, Excelerate Energy, GE, OP Energy Advisors, American Security Project, Vietnam Electricity, Vietnam Coal & Mining among others joined the discussion.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Capitol Hill Luncheon

The Honorable Teodoro L. Locsin Jr., Foreign Secretary of the Republic of the Philippines and his wife were the featured guests of the US-Asia Institute at a luncheon in the U.S. Capitol on September 19, 2019. Speaking frankly about the U.S.-Philippine relationship, Foreign Secretary Locsin was joined by Congressman Ted Yoho, Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation. Ambassador John D. Negroponte, Co-Chairman of the US-Philippines Society, offered commentary and moderated the discussion. Representatives of each of the 10 countries of Southeast Asia were present including the Ambassadors from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam and the Deputy Chiefs of Mission from Myanmar and Thailand. Mark Clark, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, led a US State Department contingency with Christopher Johnstone, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, joining from the US Department of Defense. Friends from the business and think tank communities also participated.

Improving U.S.-Indonesia Relations through Soft Power

Details of a proposed program to train and empower young Indonesian leaders were explained at a special roundtable luncheon discussion on Capitol Hill May 15, 2019. Featuring Indonesian business and education leader, Mr. Tanri Abeng, a member of USAI's GLB, the session brought together thought leaders from the US Congress, business, academia and representatives from the U.S. Department of State and the Agency for International Development. Special guest was Diane Farrell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia.



USAI Exclusive Dinner Roundtable Honors Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam

USAI, in collaboration with VinaCapital [founded and operated by GLB member Don Lam] hosted a dinner and roundtable discussion on June 26, 2018 in Washington DC with special guest His Excellency Vuong Dinh Hue, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam. He was joined by a delegation Vietnam's foremost business leaders and economic experts. Topics of discussion included Vietnam's stock market fluctuations, bilateral trade, the possible re-entry of the United States into the CPTTP, foreign direct investment, and state capital divestment as it relates to state-owned enterprises. U.S. business interests from Amazon, Intel, General Electric (GE), MicroStrategy, BIO, Meed, and Heidrick & Struggles participated along with representatives from the U.S. Department of State and the US-ASEAN Business Council. Both the outgoing Vietnamese Ambassador, His Excellency Pham Quang Vinh, and the incoming Vietnamese Ambassador, His Excellency Ha Kim Ngoc, joined.



GLB Visit to the Philippines

GLB Chairman Kenneth Walsh and Member Ambassador Edward Lee from Singapore visited the Philippines in February 2019, meeting with GLB Member Amando M. Tetanco Jr, 3rd Governor of Bangko Sentral NgPilipinas. A special dinner was hosted by Madam Carmencita D. Katigbak (as seen in the picture). U.S.-Philippine relations were discussed and an informal invitation was extended to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Teodoro Locsin to visit the U.S. in 2019 to speak at a forum the US-Asia Institute would arrange,

