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## 1. JIAP NEWS

### **THE ASIA POLICY CALENDAR WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST.**

**The Next issue will be sometime after 8/30.  
Happy Summer Vacation!  
Happy O-bon!**

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## 2) ASIA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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**7/20 - Taiwan holds rare military drill.** A busy motorway is closed to let fighter jets use it as an emergency runway and practice refueling, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3911961.stm>

**7/21 - John Bolton, US Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security in Seoul urges North Korea and Iran to follow in the footsteps of Libya and abandon their programs of weapons of mass destruction.** "Once the strategic decision is made to give up nuclear weapons, I think the Libyan example demonstrates you can move very quickly," he said. *Lessons from Libya and North Korea's Strategic Choice*, Yonsei University, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul, South Korea. <http://www.state.gov/t/us/rm/34538.htm>

**7/21-22 – US-South Korea military talks, Future of the Alliance (FOTA), Washington, DC.** Agreed to complete the planned relocation of the US military command out of Seoul by 2008, one year behind its previous schedule. <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2004/nr20040723-1057.html>

**7/22 - Final Report - Japan-United States BSE Working Group - [PDF]** <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/n-america/us/bse0407.pdf>

**7/24 - DPRK dismisses a US nuclear proposal,** saying it is little worthy to be considered any longer and the DPRK will not follow the so-called "Libya mode." <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3922741.stm>

**7/24-26 - Jordanian King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein visits South Korea at the invitation of President Roh Moo-hyun.**

**7/25 – Nikkei reports that the Japanese government is considering accepting a U.S. proposal for relocating the 13th Air Force headquarters in Guam and the headquarters of the 1st Army Corps at Fort Lewis in the state of Washington to Japan.**

**7/25 - The assistance from the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force in the province's capital of Samawah "is significantly below our expectations," council chairman of Iraq's Muthana Province Ahmed Marzoq said.** "The activities are not that of a country with advanced technologies." So reports Kyodo News. <http://home.kyodo.co.jp/all/display.jsp?an=20040725063>

**7/26 - June survey of consumer sentiment** (Nippon Research Institute), <http://research-soken.or.jp/www/>  
**June nationwide supermarket sales** (Japan Chain Stores Association), [http://www.jcsa.gr.jp/index\\_1.htm](http://www.jcsa.gr.jp/index_1.htm)  
**June nationwide department sales** (Japan Department Stores Association), <http://www.depart.or.jp>  
**Ministers of information and telecommunications from Japan, China and South Korea meet in Sapporo,** [http://www.soumu.go.jp/joho\\_tsusin/eng/index.html](http://www.soumu.go.jp/joho_tsusin/eng/index.html)  
**Panel on regulatory reform, opening of public sector to private firms meets**

**7/26 – US Existing Home Sales for June 2004,** National Assn. of Realtors, <http://www.realtor.org/Research.nsf/pages/EconHousingData?OpenDocument>

**7/26 - Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo delivers her annual State of the Nation Address (SONA) to the Congress.** <http://www.kgma.org/speech.html>, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3926643.stm>

**7/26 - ICC's International Maritime Bureau (IMB) reports the highest number of piracy-related killings for a decade in its latest *Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships* report.** The report reveals that 30 crewmembers were killed in attacks - twice as many as for the same period of 2003. Indonesia recorded the highest number of attacks, accounting for over one quarter of the world total with 50 incidents. [http://www.iccwbo.org/ccs/news\\_archives/2004/Piracy\\_report\\_Jan-June\\_2004.asp](http://www.iccwbo.org/ccs/news_archives/2004/Piracy_report_Jan-June_2004.asp)

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**7/26 – Indonesia’s General Elections Commission (KPU) announces the July 5<sup>th</sup> election results. Democratic Party candidate Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was the first winner in the first round of the presidential election.** He will contest with the incumbent President Megawati Soekarnoputri in the runoff slated for Sept. 20. According to the KPU's final announcement, Susilo won 33.57 percent of the total votes, while Megawati garnered 26.6 percent. They are followed by Wiranto of the Golkar Party with 22.15 percent of the votes.  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3925571.stm>

**7/26 - Australian officials arrive in Nauru in an attempt to rescue the tiny Pacific island from financial disaster.** At the head of the deputation is Peter Depta from the Australian Treasury, who will effectively take charge of Nauru's tattered state finances. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/3926497.stm>

**7/26-27 - India and China hold a new round of talks in Delhi on their long running border dispute.** The two-days talks are being held between the Indian National Security Adviser, JN Dixit, and his Chinese counterpart, Dai Bingguo.

**7/26-27 – Afghan transitional President Hamid Karzai Visits Pakistan**

**7/26-29 – Democratic National Convention, Boston, MA,**  
<http://www.dems2004.org/site/pp.asp?c=lu12LaPYG&b=92959>

**7/26-30 – International Tropical Timber Agreement** 60 Timber-producing countries in Geneva to renegotiate the agreement, which expires next year. <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Meeting.asp?intItemID=3089&lang=1>

**7/26-8/1 - Secretary of State Colin L. Powell travels to Hungary, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Poland. In Poland,** Secretary Powell will attend the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

**7/27 - June corporate service prices (BOJ),** <http://www.boj.or.jp>  
**Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy decides outline of fiscal 2005 budget**  
**Kakutaro Kitashiro, chairman of Japan Association of Corporate Executives, meets press,**  
[http://www.doyukai.or.jp/E\\_index.htm](http://www.doyukai.or.jp/E_index.htm)

**7/27 – US Consumer Confidence Index, Conference Board,** <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>

**7/27 - New Residential Sales for June 2004, Department's Bureau of the Census,**  
<http://www.economicindicators.gov/>

**7/27- OECD Economic Survey of the Euro Area 2004, released.**  
[http://www.oecd.org/document/39/0,2340,en\\_2649\\_34569\\_33618087\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1.00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/39/0,2340,en_2649_34569_33618087_1_1_1_1.00.html)

**7/27 - The Philippine and the US Navy launch a round of week-long joint naval exercises in the main northern island of Luzon.** The maneuvers, dubbed as Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Exercise 2004, is designed to promote interoperability between the two forces in combined naval operations which about 2,500 Filipino and US troops are to join.

**7/27 - Ceremony to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the Korean War and the 9th anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, The National Mall, Korean War Veterans Armistice Committee (703) 893-6313**

**7/27 – Victory Day, North Korea**

**7/27-30 - WTO General Council meets; Geneva. 31<sup>st</sup> considered “drop dead” deadline for agreement on a framework for the Doha talks,** <http://www.wto.org>

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**7/27-31 - Democratic Party of Japan President Katsuya Okada visits US.** Will meet John Kerry, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, <http://www.dpj.or.jp/english/>

**7/28 - Preliminary data on June commercial sales (METI),** <http://www.meti.go.jp>  
**Survey of smaller businesses (Japan Finance Corp. for Small and Medium Enterprise),** <http://www.jasme.go.jp/>

**7/28 – Beige Book,** US Federal Reserve, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/fomc/beigebook/2004/default.htm>

**7/28 - Advance Report on Durable Goods - Manufacturers' Shipments and Orders for June 2004,** Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census

**7/28-29 - The Foreign ministers of Pakistan and India hold a bilateral meeting**

**7/29 - Preliminary data on June industrial output index (METI)**  
**Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy meets to approve fiscal 2005 guidelines on ministry budget requests**  
**Atomic Energy Commission meets to devise long-term plan for nuclear power projects**  
**Yoshihiko Okuno, head of Resolution & Collection Corp., meets press,** <http://www.kaisyukikou.co.jp/>

**7/29 – US Help Wanted Advertising Index,** Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>

**7/29 - Housing Vacancies for 2nd quarter 2004,** Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census  
**Employment Cost Index for 2nd quarter 2004,** Labor Department, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://www.bls.gov>  
**Unemployment insurance claims for the week,** Labor Department, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**7/30 - June survey of spending by households headed by salaried workers (Ministry of Public Management),** <http://www.stat.go.jp/english/index.htm>

**July consumer prices in central Tokyo, June CPI nationwide (Ministry of Public Management)**

**June ratio of job offers to seekers (Labor Ministry),** <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/database/db-1/index.html>

**June unemployment rate (Ministry of Public Management)**

**Official interventions in foreign exchange market for July (MOF),** <http://www.mof.go.jp>

**Deadline for Kanebo to have its restructuring plan accepted by creditor banks,** <http://www.kanebo.co.jp/english/>

**Cabinet meets to approve fiscal 2005 guidelines on ministry budget requests**

**7/30 - Extraordinary Diet session convenes,** likely to run only one week

**7/30 - Unemployment insurance claims for the week,** Labor Department, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
**Gross Domestic Product for 2nd quarter 2003 (advance estimate),** Commerce Department, Bureau of Economic Analysis, <http://www.economicindicators.gov/>

**U of Michigan Consumer Sentiment survey,** <http://www.sca.isr.umich.edu/main.php>

**7/30 – WTO Dispute Settlement Panel meets to consider US request to investigate earlier WTO ruling against Japanese quarantine measures on apples.** [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/dispu\\_e/dispu\\_e.htm#disputes](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_e.htm#disputes)

**7/30-31 – 4<sup>th</sup> APEC Meeting of the Counter Terrorism Task Force,** Singapore, [http://www.apecsec.org.sg/apec/apec\\_groups/som\\_special\\_task\\_groups/counter\\_terrorism.html](http://www.apecsec.org.sg/apec/apec_groups/som_special_task_groups/counter_terrorism.html)

**8/1 – Japan, New law takes effect authorizing pre-emptive injections of public funds into financially troubled banks**

**8/1 – 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army (PLA)**

**8/2 – US Manufacturing ISM Report On Business<sup>®</sup>,** <http://www.ism.ws/ISMReport/pastROB.cfm>

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- 8/5 – **Japan Leading Economic Indicators**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/5-11 – **Pacific Islands Forum and Post Forum Dialogue**, Apia, Samoa, <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/>
- 8/6 – **US Non-Manufacturing ISM Report On Business**, <http://www.ism.ws/ISMReport/pastROB.cfm>
- 8/6 – **1945. Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima**
- 8/9 – **1945. Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki**
- 8/9 – **South Korea Leading Economic Indicators**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/9 – **National Day**, Singapore
- 8/10 – **Possible 5 days of talks between Japan and North Korea on abductions, Pyongyang.**
- 8/12 – **Singapore's Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong turns over power to Lee Hsien Loong.** Mr Lee is the son of Lee Kuan Yew, 80, who ruled Singapore for 31 years, and has long been groomed for the post. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/3903995.stm>
- 8/13-15 – **Obon Holiday, Japan (travel is expected 8/7-15)**
- 8/15 – **National Liberation Day [from Japan], North and South Korea**
- 8/19 – **US Leading Economic Indicators**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/19 – **Australia Leading Economic Indicators**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/24 – **US Consumer Confidence Index**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/26 - **US Help Wanted Advertising Index**, Conference Board, <http://www.conference-board.org/economics/indicators.cfm>
- 8/30-9/2 - **Republican National Convention**, New York City, <http://www.gopconvention.com/>
- 9/2-3 - **APEC Finance Ministers Meeting**, Santiago <http://www.apecsec.org.sg/apec.html>
- 9/7-11 - **Asia Leading the Future, ITU TELECOM ASIA 2004**, Busan, South Korea, <http://www.itu.int/ASIA2004>
- 9/8 – **Beige Book**, US Federal Reserve, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/fomc/beigebook/2004/default.htm>
- 9/11 – **9/11 Commemoration**
- 9/12-13 - **China's Development: Balancing Fast and Smart Growth, World Economic Forum, Beijing**, <http://www.weforum.org/site/homepublic.nsf/Content/China+Business+Summit+2004>
- 9/15-17 – **WTO, Trade Policy Review Body on South Korea**
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9/21-10/1 – UN General Assembly convenes

9/23 – Autumnal Equinox Festival, Japan

9/28 – Moon Festival, China, Taiwan

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### 3) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

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Congress out of session until September 6th

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### 4) UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### JAPAN

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**SONY: A DIVERSIFIED INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.** 7/29, 12-1:30pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Keizai Koho Center. Speaker: James Toyama, Sony Electronics. Location: 1900 K Street, NW, Suite 1075. Contact: Miho Tanaka, 293-8430; e-mail, [mihot@kkc-usa.org](mailto:mihot@kkc-usa.org); <http://www.kkc-usa.org/index.cfm/1270>

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#### JAPAN-RELEVANT

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#### ANTITRUST

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**THE REACH OF U.S. ANTITRUST LAW AFTER EMPAGRAN.** 8/19, 12-1:30pm, Washington, DC. Sponsors: D.C. Bar International Law Section and the Antitrust and Consumer Law Section. Speakers: Steven Mintz, U.S. Department of Justice; Peter Orszag, Brookings Institution; Elaine Metlin, Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky and moderator Jonathan Franklin, Hogan & Hartson. Location: Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Cost: Section Members: \$10; Non-Section Members: \$15; Government and Nonprofit Employees and Students: \$10. Contact: Joyce Olley, 737-4700, ext. 262; [http://www.dcbar.org/for\\_lawyers/events/search\\_results.cfm](http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/events/search_results.cfm)

#### CHINA

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**ROOTS OF COMPETITIVENESS: CHINA'S EVOLVING AGRICULTURE INTERESTS.** 7/29, 12-2pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: IIE. Speaker: Daniel Rosen, China Strategic Advisory; Scott Rozelle, UC-Davis; Jikun Huang, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. Location: 1750 Massachusetts Ave. Contact: RSVP by 7/19; Yvonne Priestley; e-mail, [meetings@iie.com](mailto:meetings@iie.com); [www.iie.com](http://www.iie.com)

**U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND THE NORTH KOREAN CRISIS.** 8/18, 2:30-4:30pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: CSIS, Freeman Chair. Speaker: Zhu Feng, Peking Univ. School of International Studies. Location: CSIS, B1-B Conference Rm, 1800 K St., NW. Contact: [freemanchair@csis.org](mailto:freemanchair@csis.org), 457-8719, <http://www.csis.org/china>

#### FOREIGN POLICY

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**IS DEMOCRACY POSSIBLE?** 7/28, 12pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: The National Endowment for Democracy (NED). Speaker: Fidaa Shehada, International Forum for Domestic Studies. Location: 1101 15th St., NW, Suite 700. Contact: Melissa Aten, 293-0300, ext. 665; <http://www.ned.org/>

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**A LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE DEBATE: WHAT SHOULD BE THE NEW COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY?** 7/28, 12:30pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). Speakers: John Gersham, Foreign Policy in Focus and James Carafano, Heritage Foundation. Location: 733 15th St., NW, Suite 1020. Contact: 234-9382, ext. 229, or <http://www.ips-dc.org/radio/index.htm>

**SOLVING THE WAR PUZZLE: BEYOND THE DEMOCRATIC PEACE.** 7/30, 12pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Library of Congress (LOC). Speaker: John Norton Moore, author. Location: James Madison Building, 101 Independence Ave., SE, West Dining Room. Contact: Center for the Book, 707-5221; [pao@loc.gov](mailto:pao@loc.gov); <http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2004/04-127.html>

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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**SPACE 2030: EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF SPACE APPLICATIONS – VIDEOCONFERENCE.** 7/27, 8:30am, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Speakers: Michel Andrieu, OECD; Henry Hertzfeld, GWU. Location: 2001 L Street, NW, Suite 650. Contact: 785-6323; <http://www.oecdwash.org/NEWS/EVENTS/EVENTS2004/july27-2004.htm>

**GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON INTERNET-PROTOCOL BASED SERVICES.** 7/30, 9:30am, Washington, DC. Sponsor: FCC. Speakers: Robert Pepper, Chief, Policy Development; Donald Abelson, Chief, International Bureau; Jeff Carlisle, Senior Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; Anna Gomez, Deputy Chief, International Bureau, FCC; Jeffrey S. Young, Alcatel North America; Kristen Verderame, British Telecom Americas, Inc.; Mary Brown, Cisco System; Jonathan Draluck, iBasis, Inc.; Glen Campbell, Merrill Lynch Canada; Al Safarikas, Nortel Networks; Jeff Pulver, Pulver.com; Kathryn O'Brien, Division Chief, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division, International Bureau, FCC; Michael Binder, Canada, Industry Canada; Ben Willis, United Kingdom, OFCOM; Yasu Taniwaki, Japan, Japanese Embassy; Dr. Derrick I. Cogburn, University of Michigan and Jose Otero, InfoAmericas. Location: 445 12th St., SW, Commission Meeting Room, TW-C305. Contact: Brad Lerner, 418-7066; [Brad.Lerner@fcc.gov](mailto:Brad.Lerner@fcc.gov); [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-04-2214A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-04-2214A1.doc)

## SECURITY

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**IMPROVING CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES.** 7/27-28, 10:45am, Washington, DC. Sponsor: National Academies' Computer Science and Telecommunications Board. Speakers: Joel S. Birnbaum, Hewlett-Packard Company and Committee Chair; Elizabeth Grossman, House Committee on Science; Jim Wilson, House Committee on Science; Carl Landwehr, NSF; Ed Roback, National Institute for Standards and Technology; Lee Badger, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Wm. A. Wulf, President of the National Academy of Engineering; Fred B. Schneider, Cornell University and CSTB Liaison to Committee; Doug Maughan, Department of Homeland Security; Dan Hitchcock, Department of Energy; Gary Koob, High Confidence Software and Systems Coordinating Group; Robert Herklotz, Air Force Office of Scientific Research; Brian Shaw, CIA; Richard DeMillo, Georgia Institute of Technology; Brian Witten, (former) DARPA. Location: National Academies' Keck Center, 500 Fifth St., NW. Contact: Janice Sabuda, 334-3489; e-mail, [jsabuda@nas.edu](mailto:jsabuda@nas.edu); [http://www4.nationalacademies.org/webcr.nsf/\(MeetByDocID\)/51085DFE65B5407A85256EB40073B9E4?OpenDocument](http://www4.nationalacademies.org/webcr.nsf/(MeetByDocID)/51085DFE65B5407A85256EB40073B9E4?OpenDocument)

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## TRADE

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**TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF EU ENLARGEMENT.** 7/28, 12:30-2pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Women in International Trade (WIIT). Speaker: Peter K.J. Berz, First Secretary, Trade Delegation of the European Commission to the US. Location: The Offices of Coudert Brothers, 1627 I Street, N.W., 11th Floor. Cost: WIIT

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<http://www.wiit.org/events/events.htm>

**THE WTO'S DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDERSTANDING SYSTEM.** 8/6, 8:30-10am, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Washington International Trade Association (WITA). Speaker: Bruce Wilson, Director, WTO Legal Affairs Division. Location: Hemisphere A, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Cost: WITA members: \$25; WITA government, student, and transitional members: \$15; Non-members in advance: \$40; Non-members at the door: \$45. Contact: e-mail, [events@wita.org](mailto:events@wita.org);  
<http://www.wita.org/content.cfm?L1=4&QA=246>

**CUSTOMS LAW UPDATE 2004: KEY ISSUES IN CBP'S EXPANDED MISSION.** 10/7, 8:30am-4pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Customs Lawyers Association (CLA). Speakers: Robert Bonner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP; invited); Sandra Bell, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; Myles Harmon, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; Alfonso Robles, Office of the Chief Counsel, CBP; George McCray, Chief, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; Jeremy Baskin, Supervisory Attorney Advisor, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; William Rossoff, Chief, Duty & Refund Determination Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; Robert Sands, Attorney Advisor, Duty & Refund Determination Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP; Michael Cerny, General Counsel, Global Customs and Trade Specialists, Inc.; Timothy Skud, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax, Trade and Tariff Policy, U.S. Department of Treasury and Monika Brenner, Chief, Special Classification and Marking Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, CBP. Location: JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Cost: Government: \$90; Non-government (early registration discount through August 29): \$175; Non-Government (general admission beginning August 30): \$200. Contact: <http://www.acteva.com/go/cla>

## US POLITICS

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**CRONIES: OIL, THE BUSHES, AND THE RISE OF TEXAS, AMERICA'S SUPERSTATE.** 7/27, 7pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: Politics and Prose Bookstore. Speaker: Robert Bryce, author. Location: 5015 Connecticut Ave., NW. Contact: 364-1919; e-mail, [books@politics-prose.com](mailto:books@politics-prose.com); <http://www.politics-prose.com/calendar.htm#ju27>

**RUNNING ON EMPTY: HOW THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES ARE BANKRUPTING OUR FUTURE AND WHAT AMERICANS CAN DO ABOUT IT.** 8/9, 12pm, Washington, DC. Sponsor: IIE, CSIS, and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Speakers: Peter G. Peterson, author; Robert Rubin, former Secretary of the Treasury; and Alan Murray, CNBC and WSJ. Location: 1750 Massachusetts Ave., NW. Contact: RSVP by 8/3 to Yvonne Priestley; e-mail, [meetings@iie.com](mailto:meetings@iie.com); [www.iie.com](http://www.iie.com)

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### For additional information on Asia-relevant meetings see:

ASIA TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION PROGRAM: ASIAN CONFERENCES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. <http://www.atip.or.jp/SSI/conflist.html>

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ASSOC OF ASIAN STUDIES: ASIAN STUDIES CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS,  
<http://www.aasianst.org/confs/main.htm>

AGENDA ASIA, <http://eurasia.nias.ku.dk/agenda>

ACCJ, <http://www.accj.or.jp>

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