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Biographies

Mr. Michael Ming-Shian Tsai assumed the duties of Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States in April 2002. Elected in 1996 to two consecutive three-year terms in Taiwan's highest legislative body, the Legislative Yuan, he served as Whip and Deputy Convener of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Caucus, Chair of both the National Defense and the Judicial Committee, and member of both the Education and the Budget Committee. From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Tsai was also the Chair of the DPP's Defense Affairs and Policy Research Committee, and the Advisor to the Department of National Defense. He is currently the publisher of the *Journal of Taiwan Defense Affairs*, Taiwan's premier defense-related publication. In 1992, Michael was elected to Taiwan's National Assembly, in which he served four years as the DPP Convener. In addition to these elected positions, Mr. Tsai has also held a wide range of other important leadership posts. From 1997 to 2002, he was Chair of the Tai-Yuan Cultural and Education Foundation. From 1996 to 2000, he was an Adviser to the Mainland Affairs Council, and from 1994 to 1996, he was a member of the Judicial Yuan's Judicial Reform Commission. Mr. Tsai holds a J.D. from the California Western School of Law, an MBA from the University of Wisconsin, and an LLB from National Taiwan University. He passed the California, New York State, and New Jersey bar examinations and practiced law in all three states. From 1991 to 2002, he taught constitutional, business, and international law at the National Taichung College of Technology and the National Air University. And from 1987 to 1990, he was a Research Fellow at San Diego State University's Center for Human Resources & Development in California.

Dr. Bernard D. Cole is Professor of International History at the National War College in Washington, D.C., where he concentrates on Sino-American relations and the Chinese military. Dr. Cole's first book, *Gunboats and Marines: The U.S. Navy in China*, was published by the University of Delaware Press; *The Great Wall at Sea: China's Navy Enters the 21st Century*, was published in October 2001 by the Naval Institute Press; *Oil for the Lamps of China: Beijing's 21st Century Search for Energy* was published by the NDU Press in November 2003. He has also published many articles, book reviews, and essays, including in 2003 "The PLAN at 50: Lessons Learned About Naval Warfare in Beijing." Dr. Cole earned an A.B. in History from the University of North Carolina, an M.P.A. (National Security Affairs) from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in History from Auburn University. Dr. Cole served 30 years as a surface warfare officer in the Navy, all in the Pacific.

Ms. M. Elizabeth Guran is a Senior Defense Analyst and project manager for the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO). She has led a variety of defense and international affairs work in GAO's Washington headquarters and Far East Office, including reports and congressional testimony on the performance of U.S. Navy and Marine forces in Operation Desert Storm, the U.S. military's role and training in international peacekeeping operations, U.S. Navy force structure challenges, assessment of U.S. military presence in Europe and the Asia-Pacific, China and the WTO, and numerous other issues. Ms. Guran has also written on international security issues for various defense journals. She recently returned from a Council on Foreign Relations fellowship at Japan's National Institute for Defense Studies (and other locations outside Japan) looking at Japan's role in cooperative security activities in the Asia-Pacific region. Her case studies focused in particular on Japan's maritime forces—the JMSDF and Japan Coast Guard. Ms. Guran is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and has a Master of Letters degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. She currently is pursuing a PhD at King's College London, Department of War Studies, on U.S.-Japan naval relations.

Mr. Paul Giarra is a Senior Analyst and Program Manager for Global Strategies and Transformation in the Strategic Assessment Center of Hicks and Associates, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). He is responsible for long-range planning, wargaming, cultural intelligence, and strategic assessment for U.S. government clients. He concentrates on regional political, economic, technology, energy, and security futures, and the parallel transformation of the U.S. military. Mr. Giarra also conducts weapons system analysis and explores technology futures for U.S. government and clients. During his Naval career, Mr. Giarra was a Naval aviator, naval strategic planner, and a political-military strategic planner for Far East, South Asia and Pacific issues. From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Giarra was assigned to the Strategic Concepts Group (OP-603) on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, responsible for the formation of global naval strategy and policy, strategic wargaming, regional strategy, and Navy strategic planning in Asia. From 1991 through 1995, Mr. Giarra was the Senior Country Director for Japan in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Giarra's B.A. is from Harvard University and his M.A. is from Salve Regina College (in conjunction with the U.S. Naval War College). He is a graduate of Japan's National Institute for Defense Studies.