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Henry Kissinger to Discuss Asia Pivot at Sisco Forum Luncheon

WASHINGTON, DC, November 7, 2013: The Honorable Henry Kissinger will address the Obama Administration's pivot toward Asia at a [Joseph J. Sisco Memorial Forum](#) luncheon on December 4, 2013 at The Fairmont Hotel Washington, DC. The event is co-sponsored by the [World Affairs Council - Washington, DC](#) and the American Academy of Diplomacy. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering will moderate the discussion.

"From China to Syria, strategy remains the foundation for effective policy; it is a subject meriting serious reflection," stated Dr. Henry Kissinger, Chairman of Kissinger Associates.

"Dr. Kissinger's insight on the Asia pivot will be a tremendous contribution to the Council's mission of stimulating timely discussion about global education and international affairs," said Heidi Shoup, President of the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC.

"The discussion with Dr. Kissinger will be a searching examination of the potentials and pitfalls of a major reorientation of American foreign policy," indicated Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann, President of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

"The program with Dr. Kissinger is an excellent blending of the Academy's mission of strengthening American diplomacy and the World Affairs Council – Washington - DC's of strengthening American understanding of international events," emphasized Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering, Chairman of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

"On behalf of Northrop Grumman, I look forward to introducing Dr. Henry Kissinger, a distinguished statesman and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. We support the important activities of the World Affairs Council and its commitment in promoting global education and international diplomacy," says Dave Perry, vice president, Northrop Grumman's global business development organization.

Notes to Editors

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The Council's **Distinguished Speaker Series** and other international affairs programs and events provide a neutral forum for remarks by prominent political, business and opinion leaders; senior officials, legislators, and diplomats; Nobel laureates; and others.

The mission of the **American Academy of Diplomacy** is to support and strengthen U.S. diplomacy and enhance public appreciation of its critical role in advancing the national interest.

Dr. Henry Kissinger is the Chairman of the international consulting firm Kissinger Associates, Inc. He served as U.S. Secretary of State from 1973 to 1977, as well as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from 1969 through 1975. Dr. Kissinger is also the author of numerous books and articles on international affairs and foreign policy, including his 2011 work, *On China*.

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The late **Dr. Joseph J. Sisco** was an American diplomat who played a prominent role in Dr. Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy missions in the Middle East. Following his State Department Career, Dr. Sisco served as president of American University from 1976-1980 and then as Chairman of the American Academy of Diplomacy from 1999-2004. The upcoming luncheon will be the eighth in a series of foreign policy-themed discussions hosted by the academy in memory of Dr. Sisco.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering had a diplomatic career that spanned five decades and held the rank of Career Ambassador. He has served as U.S. ambassador to the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He also served as U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

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