Washington, D.C., November 21, 2005 – Following President Bush’s trip throughout Asia to promote free trade, economic growth, and regional security cooperation, the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies (CNAPS) will hold its annual fall conference in Seoul on December 1. Organized by CNAPS, the Seoul Forum for International Affairs, the Korean-American Association, and JoongAng Ilbo, the conference will bring a delegation of Brookings leaders and scholars, led by Brookings President Strobe Talbott, together with Korean scholars and former diplomats to discuss “The Changing Korean Peninsula and the Future of East Asia.”

The Seoul Conference will provide an opportunity for participants to take a step back to analyze the latest developments on the Korean Peninsula, including North Korea’s continued nuclear ambitions, the six-party talks, and the future of the Republic of Korea-United States alliance. CNAPS at the Brookings Institution collaborates with NGOs, universities, and media outlets to host a public conference in a different Asian city each fall. This is the sixth conference hosted by CNAPS. The previous two occurred in Taipei and Hong Kong.

WHAT: 2005 CNAPS Forum in Seoul
Panel Discussions on the Changing Korean Peninsula and Future of East Asia

WHEN: Thursday, December 1
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Panel I: Developments on the Korean Peninsula
9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Panel II: Future of ROK-U.S. Alliance
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Panel III: Alternative Futures for Northeast Asia
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Westin Chosun Hotel
Seoul, Korea

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