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## **MANSFIELD FOUNDATION PUBLISHES NEW BOOK REASSESSING THE IDEAL SECURITY STATE IN NORTHEAST ASIA 2025**

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of a new book, [\*One Step Back? Reassessing an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025\*](#). The book, which is now available on the Foundation's website ([www.mansfieldfdn.org](http://www.mansfieldfdn.org)), is the product of the second year of an ongoing research partnership between the Mansfield Foundation and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) through Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The aim of this research partnership is to identify and refine the "ideal" state of peace and security in Northeast Asia in 2025.

"Generous support from DTRA through SAIC provided a unique opportunity to reassess the ideal security state for Northeast Asia after a year in which regional developments appeared to threaten prospects for cooperation and integration and push the ideal further from reach," said Mansfield Foundation Executive Director L. Gordon Flake. "By examining the ideal in light of these developments, the papers compiled in this book offer insights into ways the regional powers can overcome current obstacles and work toward the cooperation and integration that are critical to Northeast Asia's future."

The first year of the project focused on defining the characteristics of an ideal security state in Northeast Asia in the year 2025. Papers examining seven key issues related to this ideal were published last year as an edited volume, *Toward an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025* (Mansfield Foundation, 2010), also available on the Foundation's website at [www.mansfieldfdn.org/pubs/nea2025.htm](http://www.mansfieldfdn.org/pubs/nea2025.htm). The second year of this project provided an opportunity to evaluate the ideal in the context of developments in the region since July 2009,

including: the Sino-Japanese dispute in the East China Sea; the rise of tensions on the Korean peninsula; and a perceived fraying of the U.S.-China relationship. Experts from Asia and the Pacific met in August 2010 to refine the previously drafted ideal in light of these developments and to develop a list of divergent trends, obstacles and other factors likely to impact the ideal.

This list was narrowed to five key issues related to the ideal, and nine leading scholars from the region were asked to prepare policy papers examining the issues and their relationship to the ideal and recommending policies to reduce the divergence between current trends and the ideal. The papers address topics ranging from the role of nuclear weapons to the influence of China and the United States in the region. They provided the content for a November 2010 workshop and public conference in Korea and are compiled in the new book.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(C)3 organization that advances Mike Mansfield's lifelong work to promote understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The Foundation's exchanges, policy dialogues, research and education facilitate dialogue among Asians and Americans, explore the underlying issues that influence policies, create networks among Asian and American leaders, and increase public awareness about Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, Japan, and Missoula, Montana.

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