

Over the past 12 months, the world of power generation, energy and energy resources has been rocked by a torrent of international events that challenge nations' energy security. The earthquake in Japan and full effects of the subsequent tsunami on the Fukushima power complex, the people in the region, and its long-term impact on the nuclear industry have yet to be fully measured. The Arab-Spring brought about by consecutive waves of popular protest against entrenched Arab leaders leads global oil and gas concerns about the long-term security of supply for oil importing states dependent on a volatile Arab producing world. The ongoing expansion of Chinese and Indian economic growth has the effect of keeping price-pressure on oil high, supply tight, and enriching the Chinese and Indian economies to the threshold of military growth and expansion.

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Each contribution, totaling 18 in all, should address and consider present and future Asian energy security within the framework of these changing dynamics. Country focus is broad. Article contributions are sought covering energy and security issues from South Korea, Japan, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, to Singapore as examples. Subject categories should address *inter alia* the future of nuclear power in the region in a post-Fukushima era, the role of renewable energy technologies and future innovations capable of changing Asia's energy mix, oil and gas concerns and dependence on Arab oil imports (perhaps with regional views from Egypt, Algeria, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia), the future of LNG in the region, future transportation and alternative transportation fuels application, the North American-Asian relationship in energy, cooperation, and innovation, the banking and finance sector perspective on inward foreign investment in energy and power generation, global shipping and maritime security concerns arising from issues like piracy, the growing importance of the Indian Ocean and the Sea of Japan, and the geopolitics of energy and security across the region.

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