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Implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)

Future U.S. security challenges, the related defense strategy and planning issues, and associated implications of the recent QDR report will be assessed at the National Defense University 2006 Joint Symposium March 16-17.

The **Honorable Gordon England**, *Deputy Secretary of Defense*; **Admiral Edmund Giambastiani**, *USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*; the **Honorable Ike Skelton**, *Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee, United States House of Representatives*, **Ambassador W. Robert Pearson**, *former Director General of the Foreign Service*; and the **Honorable Douglas Feith**, *former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy*; will join many other distinguished U.S. and international security and foreign policy experts for this symposium on national security issues. The event will be held in Eisenhower Hall and Marshall Hall at the university's Fort McNair campus in Washington.

The Quadrennial Defense Review serves as the foundation for developing the long-term national defense strategy of the United States and sets the direction for further transformation of the Armed Forces. The 2006 QDR comes at a critical time and responds to a security environment fundamentally different than envisioned during preceding reviews. The threats and challenges are wide ranging, the analyses more difficult, and the solutions more complex – many involve missions and activities well beyond the Defense Department's purview and require integrated interagency actions. This symposium seeks to examine these security challenges and related U.S. defense strategy and planning issues.

Over 350 participants have registered, including policymakers, experts, journalists, members of the diplomatic community, and faculty and students from the National Defense University and other civilian and military colleges and universities. The conference agenda (follow the link on NDU's homepage: www.ndu.edu) includes the following panels:

- **Building and Sustaining Partnerships to Defeat Terrorism**
- **Defending the Homeland in-Depth**
- **Shaping the Choices of Countries at Strategic Crossroads**
- **Preventing Acquisition and/or use of WMD by Hostile State or Non-State Actors**
- **Transforming to Meet Tomorrow's Security Challenges**

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Asia-Pacific, joint operations, and an issue of topical import. These symposia draw a diverse audience of scholars, practitioners, media, and the attentive public from the U.S. and abroad and are a major element of NDU's outreach activities. Proceedings of symposia are disseminated on the Web and in published form.

Unless noted on the agenda as "On the Record," symposium proceedings will be conducted in accordance with NDU's non-attribution policy, which is available on the website with the conference agenda and registration form.

For more information on the symposium please contact the NDU Conference Directorate at 202-685-3857 or at ndu_conferences@ndu.edu or consult NDU's website at <http://www.ndu.edu/inss/symposia/joint2006/qdr.htm>.

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