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SUBJECT: Eurasia Policy and Strategy Conference (U)

- (U) ISP/Eurasia and the J-5/Eastern Europe and Eurasia Division jointly hosted the ninth annual Eurasia Policy and Strategy Conference on February 1-3.
- (U) This conference brings together policy personnel, Combatant Command planners, Defense Attaches and Office of Defense Cooperation chiefs from the Eurasia region. 145 attendees were present this year.
- (U) The conference offers OSD Policy and J-5 an opportunity to provide policy guidance to personnel involved in Security Cooperation activities and included briefings on the Global War on Terrorism, PSI, Security Cooperation Guidance and Global Posture Review.
- (U) In addition to OSD Policy and J-5 representatives, speakers from the State Department, academic institutions and private industry provided analysis of the rapidly changing Eurasian political and security landscape, including key issues such as Islam in Central Asia and energy security.
- (U) Individual sessions were held for: the Caucasus; Central Asia; Russia, and; Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus to focus on matching security assistance programs to U.S. objectives in the National Security Strategy and Security Cooperation Guidance.
- (U) The conference is an important step in ensuring your priorities as articulated in the Security Cooperation Guidance are communicated clearly to key DoD personnel working in the Eurasia region.

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