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### “NEW SILK ROAD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES”

CHICAGO, IL---“New Silk Road Business Opportunities”, a comprehensive conference focusing on new business, trade, and investment opportunities, will be held on Friday, June 6 at the Gleacher Center of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.

Organized by the Central Asian Productivity Research Center and the Pakistan Club, and cosponsored by the Office of the Commercial Attache, Consulate General of Turkey; and the Commercial Section, Consul of Pakistan in Chicago, the full day conference will include a morning networking session during the registration period, presentations by the Consul-Generals and a presentation by a senior official of the Asian Development Bank, a lunch hosted by the organizers, and networking sessions.

The conference offers an ideal business environment for experienced international business executives, “new-to-export” and “new-to-market” companies. This region is vitally important because of its geopolitical position and geo-economic potential. Countries participating include: Azerbaijan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Turkey and the United States. The combined population of these countries, excluding the United States, is 2.8 billion people, which is about half of the world population; GDP s (PPP terms) is 10 trillion US Dollars; and total foreign trade (export plus import) is 7.6 trillion US Dollars.

“The cobweb of ancient camel routes have given away to a new cobweb of oil and gas lines, new highways, and new rail systems. There are new opportunities in the rapidly expanding energy field. The region boasts 20% of the world’s oil reserves and 33% of the global gas reserves,” commented by Harry Lepinske, CAPRC Chairman.

These countries belong to international organizations including the World Trade Organization, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

For information about the conference and registration, contact the CAPRC at: [lepinske@juno.com](mailto:lepinske@juno.com)

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**8:30am-2pm**  
**Friday, June 6, 2008**  
**Gleacher Center Chicago**

- 8:30am**      Registration/Networking
- 9:00am**      Opening Remarks
- Prof. Harry C. Lepinske, Chairmen      Central  
Asian Productivity Research Center
  - Rizwan Kadir, President      Pakistani  
Club
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- 9:15am**      Official Welcome
- Jack Lavin, Director      Illinois  
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
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- 9:30am**      Hon. Elin Suleymanov, Consul General  
Consulate General, Republic of Azerbaijan in Chicago
- 9:50am**      Hon. Ping Huang, Consulate General  
Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Chicago
- 10:20am**      Hon. Ashok Kumar Atri, Consul-General  
Consulate-General of Indian in Chicago
- 10:40am**      Hon. Olzhas A. Issabekov, Second Secretary (Economic Affairs)  
Embassy of Kazakhstan, Washington DC
- 11:10am**      Hon. Dr. Aman Rashid, Consul General  
Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago
- 11:30am**      Hon. U. Kenan Ipek, Consul General  
Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Chicago
- 11:50am**      Senior Executive  
Asian Development Bank, Washington D.C.
- 12:00pm**      Q & A
- 12:30pm**      LUNCH  
Trade Commissioners of China, India, Pakistan, and Turkey will be available for  
business related assistance.

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