News Release

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University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies To Present: Taiwan & Global Affairs III: "New Horizons?"

WHAT: The third in an annual series, this program brings together leading scholars on issues related to Taiwan, China, and the United States. The continuing theme is "Taiwan and Global Affairs." This year, the program will examine the linkage between domestic political developments in China, Taiwan, and the U.S. and their respective consequences for the future of Taiwan's status as an autonomous democracy and global actor.

WHO: Cosponsored by University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies, Houston-Taipei Society and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office of Houston

Panelists include:

- Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi , Assistant Professor of Political Science, Southern Methodist University
- Dr. John F. Copper, Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College
- Dr. Hans Stockton, Associate Professor of International Studies, University of St. Thomas

Dr. Takeuchi will discuss developments in China's domestic politics and Taiwan policy. Dr. Stockton will discuss developments in Taiwan's domestic politics and relations with Beijing. Dr. Copper will provide an overview of Taipei's relations with Washington DC and Beijing, and offer his insights into the near-term future of these relations.

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008
Reception: 6:30 – 7 p.m.
Panel Discussion: 7 – 8 p.m.
Q& A: 8 – 8:30

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Ahern room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

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BACKGROUND:

Given the recent warming in Taipei-Beijing relations since Taiwan's March 2008 election of a more China-friendly president, a great deal of attention is being paid to the potential new horizons in cross-strait relations. The thawing in relations between the Taipei and Beijing also presents new challenges and opportunities to American policies on China, Taiwan, and the region.

COST: Free and open to the public

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