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### **U.S. Senator Menendez to Speak at the Asan Institute**

Seoul, August 14, 2013 – U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will deliver a keynote address at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 19 in the auditorium at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

The title of his speech is “Economic Statecraft and the New American Internationalism” and the topics include the U.S. pivot to Asia and ROK-US relations.

The speech is open for the media but R.S.V.P. is required by 12 p.m. Friday, August 16.

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## **Short Bio of U.S. Senator Robert Menendez**

Senator Menendez's background is a quintessential American story. He grew up the son of immigrants in a tenement building in Union City, New Jersey and has risen to become one of 100 United States Senators. He is a former school board member, mayor, and state legislator. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 and he became a United States Senator in 2006. Menendez succeeded John Kerry, currently U.S. Secretary of State, as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier this year. He also serves on the Senate Finance Committee and the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. In the Banking Committee, he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development.

