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**ASIA SOCIETY SELECTS ZACK FRIEDMAN TO REPRESENT
THE UNITED STATES AT THE
ASIA 21 YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT IN INDIA**

Friedman Named One of The Top Leaders Under The Age of Forty

***Multi-Cultural, Multi-Sectoral Dialogue
Brings Together Over 150 Young Leaders***

Zack Friedman has been named among the 150 next generation leaders from across 30 countries in the Asia Pacific region who will impact global affairs in coming decades. Friedman has been selected as an Asia 21 Young Leader and will participate with fellow leaders in the Asia Society's sixth annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit, to be held in New Delhi from November 18 to 20, 2011.

Friedman joins a multi-sectoral network of his peers, all under age 40, who will engage in discussions about "Worlds Apart Together: Shared Values for an Asia-Pacific Community." The diversity of representation – from business, government, academia, media, civil society, and the arts - brings a wide range of perspectives to the discussions, which will explore issues such as developing a sustainable energy policy for Asia, whether corruption is hampering the region's development, and whether food security should take precedence over civil rights, among others.

"I am honored to be named an Asia 21 Young Leader," Friedman said. "The relationship between the U.S. and Asia in coming decades is increasingly important to our nation's security and prosperity. I look forward to meeting leaders from across Asia and addressing complex issues ranging from economic policy, international trade and national security to poverty, human rights and health care, among other important issues."

The Asia Society’s Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit is part of a larger initiative designed to help emerging leaders from across the region to develop common approaches to meet its shared challenges. “Asia 21 young leaders like Zack Friedman represent the future of the Asia-Pacific region. The work that this incredible community of leaders is doing today and will do in the future is laying a strong foundation for regional collaboration for decades to come,” said Asia Society Executive Vice President Jamie Metzl.

Friedman, who has spent his career in business and public service, has worked at The Blackstone Group and Morgan Stanley. He also served as a White House intern to the Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton. He is a member of the Pacific Council (where he sits on the China and National Security Committees), the Bretton Woods Committee, and the California Bar. Friedman also serves on several boards and advisory committees, including the Columbia Law School Association, Rocking The Boat and the Harvard Kennedy School Fund Council. He previously has volunteered as a youth mentor, community mediator, and advocate for domestic violence victims. Friedman received a B.A. in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University, a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. USA Today named him one of the Top 20 college students in America as a member of the All-USA College Academic Team.

Established by the Asia Society with support from Founding International Sponsor, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the Asia 21 Summit is the pre-eminent gathering of Asia’s most dynamic young leaders from the Asia-Pacific region, from every sector including business, government, media, culture and civil society. To date, the network counts more than 700 of the most accomplished young leaders in the Asia-Pacific among its members, including businessmen, documentary filmmakers, environmental activists, human rights advocates, members of parliament, military personnel, performance artists, and social entrepreneurs.

ABOUT THE ASIA SOCIETY

The Asia Society is an international organization dedicated to strengthening relationships and deepening understanding among the peoples of Asia and the United States. It seeks to enhance

dialogue, encourage creative expression, and generate new ideas across the fields of policy, business, education, arts, and culture. Founded in 1956, the Asia Society is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution with offices in Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, New York, San Francisco, Seoul, Shanghai, and Washington, DC. For more information, contact the Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

For more information about the Asia Society's Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative, including details about previous conferences and Fellows, please visit www.AsiaSociety.org/Asia21.

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