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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to Visit Brunei Darussalam During Regional Trip

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Brunei Darussalam as part of a six-country trip, which also includes the Cook Islands, Indonesia, China, Timor-Leste, and Russia.

In Brunei Darussalam, Secretary Clinton will meet with senior officials on September 6-7 to emphasize the importance of the increasingly vibrant U.S.-Brunei relationship. She will also highlight the Brunei-U.S. English Language Enrichment Program for ASEAN and discuss Brunei's 2013 chairmanship of ASEAN.

In the Cook Islands, Secretary Clinton will attend the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Post Forum Dialogue on August 31 as part of our intensive engagement and ongoing collaboration with the Pacific Islands. Her visit will emphasize the depth and breadth of American engagement across economic, people to people, strategic, environmental, and security interests. The visit also represents a concerted effort to strengthen regional multilateral institutions, develop bilateral partnerships, and build on alliances – three core elements of U.S. strategy toward the Asia-Pacific. She will lead the highest-level U.S. interagency delegation in the 41-year history of the Forum with senior officials from the Departments of State, Defense, and Interior.

In Jakarta on September 3, Secretary Clinton will discuss with senior Indonesian officials the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership and our respective engagements on regional global issues. In Beijing September 4-5, Secretary Clinton will meet with senior Chinese leaders. Discussions are expected to cover a wide range of issues of importance in the U.S.-China relationship as part of our efforts to build a cooperative partnership, including preparations for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and other upcoming multilateral meetings and numerous bilateral, regional, and global issues. On September 6, Secretary Clinton will be the first Secretary of State to travel to Dili, where she will emphasize U.S. support for the young democracy of Timor-Leste in her meetings with senior officials.

The final stop on Secretary Clinton's trip will be Vladivostok, Russia where she will lead the U.S. delegation to the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting September 8-9. The Secretary will discuss trade liberalization, food security, and green growth including initiatives to fight wildlife trafficking, with heads of state and other regional leaders, including business representatives. She will engage on many areas of bilateral cooperation with Russia including with Foreign Minister Lavrov.

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