

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Malaysia

CANDIDATE: Joseph Y. Yun

Joseph Yun, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, brings long experience and deep substantive knowledge to this position. He is currently Acting Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP), directly responsible for the management of our policies and oversight of 45 overseas posts in the region, including our Embassy in Malaysia, and supervision of some 200 staff in the Bureau. Prior to this, Mr. Yun was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP) where he has been intricately involved in multiple issues related to South East Asia, including the U.S. decision to join the East Asia summit, establishment of the Lower Mekong Initiative, and normalization of diplomatic relations with Burma.

Mr. Yun has been PDAS or Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) in EAP since 2010. Prior to that, he was Director of EAP's Office of Maritime Affairs which covers U.S. relations with Malaysia among other countries (2009-2010), and Political Counselor in Seoul, Korea (2005-2009). He has also served in Bangkok, Thailand, (2000-2004), in Seoul, Korea (1996-2000), and in Paris, France (1992-1996). Additional assignments have been in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, and at U.S. missions in Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Mr. Yun has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wales in Cardiff, United Kingdom. He also earned a Master of Science and a Master of Philosophy degree from the London School of Economics. In addition to having native fluency in Korean, he speaks and reads French and Indonesian; the latter is essentially the same as Malaysian. His numerous awards include a Presidential Meritorious Service Award, Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, and individual Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards.

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