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Layers of YL Networking: A US-Japan Approach

Despite the US government shutdown, the annual US-Japan Council Annual Conference (US-JCAC) held its largest conference yet celebrating the economic and political synergy among American and Japanese businesses, government agencies, and various sectors of civil society. Attracting approximately 400 attendees on Oct. 3-5, the conference was a testament to firm US-Japan relations that only continue to advance and solidify. YLs can rest assured of the vast array of networking opportunities available in both Japan and the US.



JICUF Program Director Mark Flanigan (right) with YL Kay Makishi (left) and USJC President Irene Hirano (center) at the Oct. 3 USJC Conference evening reception in Washington DC.

Among the US-JCAC attendees was Japan International Christian University Foundation's (JICUF's) Mark Flanigan who recently travelled with JICUF staff to seven high schools in Honolulu to give presentations about International Christian University (ICU) and the importance of US-Japan relations. Additionally, they were able to conduct site visits to the Japan-America Society of Honolulu, East-West Center and Pacific Forum CSIS. Guests from diverse organizations like Rotary International, Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program alumni, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, and Pacific Forum CSIS's very own Nicole Forrester and Ellise Akazawa joined Flanigan and the Hawaii ICU Alumni Chapter for an evening dinner event. Aside from helping ICU in their student recruitment and alumni outreach efforts, JICUF was able to make many new contacts at both schools and potential partnering organizations.

Conveniently situated between North America and the Asia-Pacific, Honolulu serves as a cultural, economic, and strategic hub for both the US and Japan. The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) and their involvement with the locally-based international affairs community is a further testament to US-Japan relations. Pacific Forum CSIS's very own resident and non-resident SPF and WSD-Handa fellowships are the result of these organizations' generosity and commitment to furthering US-Japan alliance and regional security/development issues respectively. As a result, Pacific Forum CSIS is able to provide guidance and consultation to burgeoning scholars, policy makers, and a wide variety of young professionals.



Left: Young Leaders are everywhere! YLs met last month with Pacific Forum CSIS's Ralph Cossa in Beijing for an informal evening gathering. Participants included Tsinghua University students Michael Sullivan and Vasilis Trigkas, Jacob Bressman of AP-CO, Cornell University PhD graduate Wendy Leutert, Cloris Xu of Sanlian Life Week, Liang Wei of the Chinese Navy, Du Lan of the China Institute of International Studies, Huang Jing of the China Institutes for Contemporary International Relations, and Yuzhe Ren of China Foreign Affairs University.

CHINA Town Hall Meeting Draws Students, Public Interest

On Oct. 28 at Hawaii Pacific University's new Hale Makai location, Pacific Forum CSIS co-sponsored the National Committee on US-China Relations' CHINA Town Hall featuring Madeleine Albright via live webcast. The former US Secretary of State highlighted major issues concerning US-China relations and the increasingly crucial role of the US in the Asia-Pacific region. A national Q&A followed in which Dr. Albright addressed concerns ranging from financial stability to the perceived regional threat of North Korea. Exploring these challenges and concerns with participants were local experts Brad Glosserman of Pacific Forum CSIS, Gerald Kato of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and director of the Parvin Fellows Program, and Betty Brow, executive vice president at Bank of Hawaii and president of Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Honolulu was one of more than 60 cities participating in this annual event.

The CHINA Town Hall event is one of the few free and open-to-the-public events that Pacific Forum CSIS hosts each year. We encourage attendance from the business, government, military, and academic communities, in addition to students, China watchers, and those interested in foreign policy.



Former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright speaks via livestream to CHINA Town Hall participants.



CHINA Town Hall participants meet over lunch prior to Albright's livestream and the feature discussion.

Director's Message



YL Program Director Nicole Forrester with Weston Konishi (L), director of Asia-Pacific studies at IFPA, and Mike Flanigan (R), program director of JICUF.

With more than 2000 dead and around 800,000 displaced from their homes, Typhoon Haiyan has delivered great calamity to the Philip-

pines. Our thoughts are with our Filipino Young Leaders, their families and friends.

As the US and the region gears up to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) to the Philippines, this first week will prove critical to how the second order effects (such as hunger and water-borne diseases) can be ameliorated by a fast, coordinated, comprehensive and effective response.

In these arduous times, I'm further convinced of the need for a networked approach to US allies and partners in the region. Prior to disasters and in times of peace,

building institutional relationships and interoperability across the allies like the Philippines and Thailand with Australia, Japan and the ROK will improve the ability of the US, and reduce the burden upon it, to provide much needed emergency assistance. By networking the allies, and eventually partners, cooperation will deliver greater efficacy than can be achieved bilaterally.

For some time, Young Leaders have been producing good ideas on how allies and partners can build cooperation in non-traditional security areas. Check their recent work out [here](#) and [here](#).

Featured Young Leader Publications

“Australia's Nuclear Policy is A Complex Challenge” by Crispin Rovere



Crispin Rovere is a PhD candidate at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC) at the Australian National University. He is currently convenor of the ACT Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for the Australian Labor Party, formally engaged with the Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (APLN), and played a key role in preparations for launching this network. Rovere graduated with honours from the University of Western Australia.

Thom Woodroffe has accurately identified some apparent inconsistencies in Australia's approach to nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament as revealed by the recent freedom of information disclosures made by the departments of foreign affairs and trade, and defence. But the problem is not the policy, it is that successive governments have failed to communicate the complexity of the challenge to the Australian people.

On one level, there is some bureaucratic tension with regard to Australia's policy on nuclear disarmament. Some in government, particularly in the diplomatic space, argue that Australia's credentials on nuclear disarmament would be bolstered internationally if we weren't viewed as piously lecturing others while being comfortably sheltered ourselves under the US nuclear umbrella.

Read the full article [here](#).

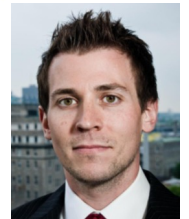
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“US-Japan-Australia: A Trilateral With Purpose?” by J. Berkshire Miller

Jonathan Berkshire Miller is a senior advisor on the Asia-Pacific for the Canada Border Services Agency and a non-resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow with Pacific Forum CSIS. He has held a variety of positions in the private and public sector, including several roles at the Canadian foreign ministry on international security issues. Miller has a MA in international affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa.



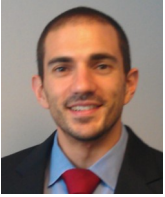
Effective trilateral cooperation is never a simple endeavor. Indeed, achieving a worthwhile set of common strategic objectives is difficult enough between two states, let alone throwing a third in – even if it is a likeminded ally. Washington's three most important allies in the Asia-Pacific are Japan, South Korea and Australia. Attempts to forge a trilateral partnership between the US and its two East Asian allies has been scuttled repeatedly over the years due to sniping between Tokyo and Seoul over history and differing strategic goals.

But the futility of comprehensive alignment with Japan and South Korea has opened the diplomatic capital for another key trilateral – Tokyo, Canberra and Washington – that both suffers and benefits from its geographic disparity. The US-Japan-Australia Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (TSD) was first launched in 2002 at the bureaucratic level and was then elevated to the foreign minister level in 2006. After a relatively nondescript meeting in 2009, the three ministers met for the third TSD earlier this month in Bali on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial summit.

Read the full article [here](#).

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“Advancing US-Japan Collective Cyber Capabilities (Part I: Context)” by Robert Sheldon



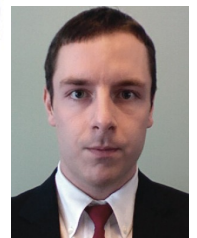
Robert Sheldon is a 2013-2014 Mansfield Fellow and policy analyst for Military and Security Affairs at the congressionally mandated US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Prior to joining the commission, he worked in several executive branch agencies. Sheldon has an MA in security policy studies and a BS in computer and digital forensics.

After several years of incremental improvements, Washington and Tokyo are now more purposefully advancing their alliance into the cyber age. During the Oct. 3, 2013, Security Consultative Committee (“2+2”) meeting in Tokyo, cabinet members from both sides agreed to establish a new Cyber Defense Policy Working Group (CDPWG), intended to promote cyber cooperation between their respective defense establishments and governments. Official statements following the dialogue indicate that each side views this as a central achievement of the meeting and a key forum for future cooperation. More generally, cybersecurity has the potential to be a key manifestation of the alliance over the coming decades. But Washington and Tokyo must first overcome various constraints, both domestically and within the alliance. This piece, the first of a three-part series, surveys recent developments in Japanese cyber policy within the context of more fundamental changes in Japan’s defense policy.

Click [here](#) for the remainder of Part I. See also: [Part II](#) and [Part III](#).

“Preparing for a North Korean Collapse” by Michael Miner

Michael Miner is a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University. He is currently researching potential civil-military force requirements for the event of North Korean collapse, drawing on the experience of provincial reconstruction teams in Afghanistan and the broader field of international development. His other research interests include changing dynamics in nuclear security, authoritarian state governance, and American foreign policy broadly defined. Michael holds an MA from Dartmouth College and previously worked for a consultancy based in Washington DC.



A report by Bruce Bennett and the RAND Corporation has brought attention to one of the most important issues for international politics. Ironically, despite being a region of vital interest within American foreign policy, there has been very little public discussion of what to do in the event of government collapse in North Korea. Bennett’s timely report provides a series of vital contributions to the discussion and further outlines the lack of preparation in political, social, economic and military terms. Yet beyond the critical end game for the Korean peninsula are deeper questions concerning how any international force might respond. Specifically, how can the US and Republic of Korea effectively mobilize regional powers with their differing security and development goals?

Read the full article [here](#).

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Young Leader Opportunities



Call for Conference Applications

Early Deadline: January 31, 2014

Final Deadline: March 1, 2014

The Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) was founded in 1934 by Japanese students who were concerned about the deteriorating relations between Japan and the United States. Patterned after the JASC model of a student-run conference, the first Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) launched in 2008. For either month-long program, students will participate in discussion groups called Roundtables, visit sites, attend lectures, and present the conclusions they reached during their discussions at a final forum. The conferences enable students to grow as leaders, build mutual understanding, and forge life-long friendships. Students of all studies and backgrounds are eligible to participate in the 66th JASC and 7th KASC; no background in Japanese or Korean studies or language is necessary. Posters for the conferences can be viewed for the [JASC](#) and [KASC](#) conferences. Click [here](#) for more information.



The Young Leaders SINGAPORE Alumni, Associates, and Friends Chapter invites you to:

Welcome to Singapore!

Catching up with
Kei Koga and Justin Goldman



Join fellow Singapore-based Young Leaders alumni, associates, and friends as we welcome two former Honolulu resident fellows back to the Lion City. Kei Koga was recently appointed as an assistant professor in the Public Policy and Global Affairs Program at NTU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Justin Goldman has returned to the Military Studies Program at RSIS. Join us for this no-host happy hour with old and new friends.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013
6 p.m. at Alley Bar
180 Orchard Road, Peranakan Place, Singapore
RSVP: youngleaderssingapore@gmail.com

As the name indicates, this event is open to Young Leaders alumni, associates, and friends. Prospective Young Leaders and friends of Pacific Forum are also welcome.

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PacNote: Fall 2013 Class of Fellows and Interns

For the first time in our history, and purely by chance, our Fall 2013 Honolulu-based class of fellows and interns is composed entirely of women. This outstanding group of young achievers features a former cancer researcher who is developing ways that the US and Japan can cooperate on biological security and safety, a JD candidate who has worked at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and a flight attendant who is aiming for a career in the US Foreign Service.

Fellows

Sachi Gerbin, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow
Erin Hoshibata, WSD-Handa Fellow
Stephanie Kang, Kelly Fellow
Aiko Shimizu, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow
Nanae Yamashiro, Vasey Fellow

Interns

Elisha Goo, Intern
Heather Heffner, Intern
Megan Strausser, Intern

We also welcome to Pacific Forum CSIS our new Washington DC-based intern Mike Governa. As you know, Pacific Forum CSIS is proud of its commitment to help develop the next generation of Asia-Pacific specialists. We offer next-generation leadership and training opportunities at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional level. Our four residential fellowship programs (Kelly, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, WSD-Handa, and Vasey) offer exceptional young people the opportunity to work and research in our Honolulu office for periods of three to 12 months. Fellows are also active participants in our Young Leaders Program, which celebrates its 10th anniversary next year. More information regarding our [fellowships](#) and [internships](#) and their respective application processes is available at our website.

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Call for Papers

Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs, Vol. 14

Advised by five Stanford University professors and supported by the Stanford Center for East Asian Studies and the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford, the Stanford Journal of East Asian Affairs (SJEAA) is currently distributed nationally and regularly receives submissions from leading universities in the US and abroad. Submissions are being accepted for the next issue (Vol. 14) to be published in 2014. Articles from a variety of disciplines on any topics pertaining to East and Southeast Asia with the word limit between 4000 to 8000 are welcomed. The successful candidates will be notified of their status two weeks after the submission deadline. All articles will also be published on our [website](#) and authors will receive their free copy of the journal by mail. Click [here](#) for more detailed information on the submission guidelines.

Submission Deadline: November 20, 2013

ASAA 20th Biennial Conference (July 8-10, 2014)

Although 'landscape' as a metaphor is well-worn, '-scape' remains a productive suffix, spawning terms such as ethnoscapes, technoscapes, mediascapes, ideoscapes and so on, to account for the movement of peoples, technologies, money, images, ideals and ideologies throughout the world. This Conference seeks to emphasise the involvement of Asia as a region of origin, transmission and reception in such flows, extending from the local to the global in scale. Read more [here](#).

Panel Submissions Deadline: 29 November 2013

Call for Applications

Next Generation National Security Leaders Program

For the fifth successive year, the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) will select potential future national security leaders to participate in a series of frank and open discussions on pressing foreign policy and national security challenges. The Next Generation National Security Leaders Program will convene a bipartisan group of emerging analysts and practitioners with the goal of developing a shared understanding of the nation's security interests and international priorities. Participants in the Next Generation National Security Leaders Program also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of private CNAS events, off-site visits and meetings and potentially contribute to collaborative writing projects and travel internationally. Read more [here](#).

Application Deadline: December 2, 2013

Asia Development Fellows

The Asia Foundation's Asia Development Fellows: Emerging Leadership for Asia's Future program provides highly qualified, young professionals from Asia with an unparalleled opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills and gain in-depth knowledge of Asia's critical development challenges. The year-long professional advancement program is designed to be a multifaceted experience, involving intensive learning modules – short courses, conferences and study tours in Asia and the US – to enhance leadership skills, Asian development knowledge, professional networks, and international exposure. The program provides the flexibility for fellows to design their own professional development component and to stay in their current occupations while participating in the program's rigorous modules. Read more [here](#).

Application Deadline: December 15, 2013