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Fifth US-ROK Strategic Dialogue
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AGENDA

Sunday, February 3, 2013

Participants arrive

- 6:30PM **Opening reception - *Lahaina Kai Lawn***
7:00PM **Opening dinner - *Lahaina Kai Lawn***

Monday, February 4, 2013

- 8:30AM **Continental breakfast – *Hale Piilani room***
9:00AM **Welcome remarks**
9:15AM **Session 1: Security Policy after the Elections**

This session looks at the impacts of the US and ROK elections on regional perspectives. Is the region more or less stable than the last time we met? What factors are driving regional security policy? What impact did regional developments have on the elections? What has been the impact of the US and ROK elections in the region? Have they (or will they) alter security policy and priorities? How does each government see current US foreign policy in the region and what has been the impact of the US Defense Strategic Guidance? What are the key concerns for each government? What are their priorities and do they align? (Discussion of China and Japan apart from their role in above-mentioned issues should be withheld until sessions 2 and 6, respectively); Korean Peninsula issues will be taken up in Sessions 3 and 4.)

US presenter: Bryan Port
ROK presenter: Lee Hawon

- 10:45AM **Coffee break**

- 11:00AM **Session 2: China's Role in Northeast Asia**

This session will examine views of China's role in Northeast Asia. How do participants characterize Chinese foreign policy and its role in the region during this leadership transition period? How does China impact regional stability? Does either government anticipate a shift in policy toward China? If so why? What are the implications for nuclear policies and postures? What is the role of the United States in this equation? What are the constraints? How does your country see the other's relations with China and what impact does that have on your relationship with your ally? How are other countries responding to the rise of China and its new role in the region?

ROK presenter: Kim Tae-hyo
US presenter: James Kelly

12:30PM **Lunch – *Royal Ocean Terrace Restaurant***

1:45PM **Session 3: Views of North Korea**

Here we will explore perceptions of North Korea and their impact on the ROK and the alliance with the United States. How does your government characterize the new North Korean government? After a year, is the Pyongyang leadership different from its predecessor? How? What are Seoul's and Washington's expectations for one another when it comes to North Korea? Will the new ROK government change its approach to the North? How? What is the status of the Six-Party Talks? What are the implications of the low-level talks in Beijing between North Korea and Japan? Do Seoul and Washington agree on how to assess the North's nuclear program and how to proceed? What is China's proper role when dealing with North Korea?

US presenter: Evans Revere
ROK presenter: In-Taek Hyun

3:15PM **Coffee break**

3:30PM **Session 4: Extended Deterrence**

This session explores thinking in each country about how extended deterrence (ED) works. How has thinking about ED evolved, in particular the nuclear dimension? What is the reassurance role of nuclear weapons? Does ED need to be strengthened vis-à-vis North Korea? If so how? Is ED applicable in the South China Sea? The East China Sea? How should it be applied/used in each case? What lessons can we draw from these different cases? What should the United States do to make its ED more credible in these different contexts? What can allies do to increase ED credibility in these contexts?

ROK presenter: Shin Beomchul
US presenter: Robert Gromoll

5:00PM **Session adjourns**

6:30PM **Dinner – *Lahaina Kai Lawn***

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

8:30AM **Continental Breakfast - *Hale Piilani room***

9:00AM **Session 5: The Alliance after the Elections**

This session looks at the impact of the US and ROK elections on the alliance. Will either government change its policy toward the alliance? Why? What does each government expect its partner to do and to prioritize during the next term? What does the current US foreign policy mean specifically for the US-ROK alliance and relationship?

US presenter: Scott Snyder
ROK presenter: Park Jaejeok

10:45AM **Coffee break**

11:00AM **Session 6: Potential and Limits of Trilateralism**

This session examines the opportunities and challenges for trilateral coordination and cooperation among the United States, the ROK, and Japan on strategic issues following elections in all three countries. What are the participants' views of such a dialogue? What do they see as the main opportunities, for each country, and to improve the regional security environment? How have ROK-Japan relations influenced the prospect for trilateral cooperation? Have leadership changes in both countries improved or complicated the prospects of closer cooperation? What are the obstacles? How can these obstacles be overcome? What would be the role of nuclear policies, including diplomacy, extended deterrence, and energy, in such a trilateral arrangement?

ROK presenter: Rhee Sang Woo

US presenter: Amy Searight

12:30PM **Lunch – Villas Lanai**

1:45PM **Session 7: The future of the US-ROK alliance**

This session invites specific recommendations on what the two countries' new leaderships can do to promote regional security and stability, specifically within the context of ED, and how these policies can strengthen the alliance. How can the United States and ROK strengthen their alliance, promote strategic reassurance, and better cope with future strategic challenges? What role do nuclear weapons play in that equation? What issues deserve more attention?

US presenter: Victor Cha

ROK presenter: Kyudok Hong

3:15PM **Meeting adjourns**