AGENDA

Friday, March 15

Noon-2:00PM  Lunch at leisure

3:00PM  Welcoming Remarks  (Skyline Room B & C, 21st Floor)
Yoshiji Nogami, JIIA President
Ralph Cossa, Pacific Forum CSIS President

3:15-5:00PM  Session I: Security Perspectives
Japan Presenter: Yukio Okamoto
US Presenter: Gordon Flake

In this survey of security outlooks, we compare the two countries’ assessment of the regional security environment. Participants will identify top security concerns – broadly defined – and prioritize them. What does each country consider a threat to its security and prosperity? Has this threat perception changed since we last met? In particular, is there greater danger of military conflict in East Asia? Why? President Vladimir Putin has said that Russia now sees Asia as key to its future. What is the impact of this shift? Do the two countries agree on the priority of challenges outside East Asia? While China is part of this discussion, an in-depth assessment of China will be taken up in the next session.

6:30-9:00PM  Reception/Dinner  (Skyline Room A, 21st Floor)
Keynote Address: Amb. J. Thomas Schieffer

Saturday, March 16

8:00-9:00AM  Continental Breakfast  (Skyline Room B & C, 21st Floor)

9:00-10:15AM  Session II: Understanding China
US Presenter: Brad Glosserman
Japan Presenter: Akio Takahara

How does each country characterize or assess Chinese behavior, militarily and diplomatically, in the last year? Has China become more belligerent? If so, why? If not, why has Beijing acted the way it has? How do participants assess Chinese behavior in the South China Sea? Is it different from Chinese behavior regarding the Senkakus? Have our two countries responded properly to these incidents? How can we influence Chinese behavior and decision making? What have been the economic implications and consequences of increased Sino-Japanese tensions? Which side stands to gain or lose the most – politically and economically – from such tensions?

10:15-10:30  Break
10:30-12:00  **Session III: Domestic Politics**


**3B [US presenter: Torkel Patterson]**: How do Americans assess the state of Japanese politics? What has been the impact of the December elections in Japan? What is the meaning and significance of the Osprey protests in Japan?

12:00-1:30PM  **Lunch**  
*(Skyline Room A, 21st Floor)*

1:30-3:00PM  **Session IV: The Return of Geoeconomics**

**US Presenter**: Charles Morrison  
**Japan Presenter**: Yoshiji Nogami

This session explores each country’s understanding of the role of economics in influencing regional dynamics and the institutions that shape economic interactions. Is there a tension between economic relations and security partnerships? How does each country prioritize transpacific institutions with those in its own region (i.e., the ASEAN Plus Three and NAFTA in relation to APEC)? Is there a tension between them? How does each country assess of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), APEC, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership of East Asia (CEPEA), and APEC? Should Japan consider tighter ties to the US as suggested at last year’s meeting?

3:00-3:15PM  **Break**

3:15-5:00PM  **Session V: National Security Policies and Strategic Cooperation**

**Japan Presenter**: Takashi Kawakami  
**US Presenter**: Evans Revere

This session focuses on implementation of the two countries’ national security policies - the “rebalance” and the National Defense Program Guidelines - and their implications for the alliance. Has the rebalance proceeded as anticipated? What problems have arisen? Has the US deterrent been impacted by regional developments? How? How has Japan implemented “dynamic deterrence?” How have efforts to improve jointness and maneuverability proceeded? What more needs to be done? How does each side assess strategic cooperation and the review of US-Japan defense cooperation, in particular? What could be the new elements for the revised, if any, the Guidelines for Japan-US Defense Cooperation? What more can be done to make such efforts more effective? Can the two countries agree on a vision for alliance cooperation? What is it? Are there opportunities for trilateral security cooperation with South Korea and US? What limits such cooperation? What can be done to remedy these limitations?

5:00-5:30PM  **Session VI: Wrap up and conclusions**

Final thoughts with special emphasis on how to make the 20th seminar a landmark event.

6:30PM  **Reception/Dinner at Consul General Hiroshi Inomata’s Residence**