

THE US-JAPAN ALLIANCE
AS A REGIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING MECHANISM
June 27-28, 2016 – 2nd Floor, The Nippon Foundation Building, Tokyo, Japan
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AGENDA

Monday, June 27

- 8:30-9:00AM Registration
- 9:00-9:05AM Opening
General Remarks: Ippeita NISHIDA
- 9:05-10:20AM **Session 1: Security Perspectives**
Each presenter will explain how his/her country assesses East Asian threats. What are the most imminent challenges and concerns? What are medium-term and longer-term threats? What could cause escalation to a military engagement in the region? What are the most likely escalation risks? Which are most worrisome? Presenters should be as detailed as possible.
China presenter: ZHA Daojiong
Japan presenter: Yoji KODA
ROK presenter: KIM Young Ho
US presenter: Grant NEWSHAM
- 10:20-10:30AM Break
- 10:30-12:00PM **Session 2: Changes in Japanese Security Policy**
A Japanese presenter will explain recent changes in Japanese national security policy, their implications for Japan and the region, and what can be expected to come next. Discussion in this session will focus on the impact of a more active Japanese regional security role; alliance issues will be taken up in the next session.
Japan presenter: Hideshi TOKUCHI
- 12:00-1:30PM Lunch
- 1:30-3:00PM **Session 3: Changes in the US-Japan Alliance**
Speakers will assess the impact of recent changes in the US-Japan alliance and how they can and should affect regional security. What are their objectives and how will they be operationalized? What has been accomplished since the new Guidelines for US-Japan Defense

Cooperation were agreed? How can or will this affect cooperation with other countries in the region? What more needs to be done?

Japan presenter: Satoru MORI

ROK presenter: KIM Tae Hyo

US presenter: Adam LIFF

3:00-3:15PM Break

3:15-4:45PM **Session 4: Regional Security Architecture**

Presenters will assess the existing regional security architecture. What are its core components? What is missing? What can be done to fill gaps to address the concerns identified in session 1? What is the role of US alliances in the Asia Pacific in general and the US-Japan alliance in particular?

China presenter: ZHU Feng

US presenter: Jim SCHOFF

ROK presenter: LEE Shin-wha

5:00-7:00PM Dinner Reception

Tuesday, June 28

8:30-9:00AM Registration

9:00-10:15AM **Session 5: Maritime Security**

What mechanisms exist to maintain and ensure maritime security? What are their limits? How can they be surmounted? What specifically can the alliance do and in what context? What other options are available and why are they to be preferred?

Presenter: ZHU Feng

Presenter: Weston KONISHI

10:15-10:30AM Break

10:30M-12:00PM **Session 6: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief**

This session looks specifically at the mechanisms to address HADR. What tools are available to deal with this problem? What limits their effectiveness? What can be done to overcome these limits? What specifically can the alliance do? What more should it do? This discussion and the one after should be as specific as possible.

Presenter: Jim SCHOFF

Presenter: Takashi KAWAMOTO

12:00-1:30PM Lunch

The Chathamhouse Rule applied throughout the closed meeting.

1:30-3:00PM **Session 7: Wrap-up and Next Steps**

(End of the closed-door event)

4:00-5:30PM **Public Panel Session**

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“The Regional Role of the Japan-US Alliance”

6:30PM Dinner