

US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue

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Royal Lahaina Resort ♦ Maui ♦ June 19-21, 2017

Monday, June 19, 2017

6:30 PM **Opening Dinner – Villas Lawn**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:00 AM **Breakfast – Lanai Room**

9:00 AM **Introductory remarks**

9:15 AM **Session 1: Assessing the North Korean threat**

How does each country assess the North Korean threat? Be as specific as possible, differentiating between conventional, biological, chemical, nuclear, and cyber threats. How is each threat changing? How does your government prioritize those threats and the best responses to them? Against which threats is trilateral cooperation most effective? What more needs to be done to make defense or deterrence stronger against each threat? Our Korean speaker and participants should also address whether these assessments have been or are likely to change with the new government in Seoul.

ROK presenter: Jina Kim

US presenter: Kevin Shepard

Japan presenter: Hideshi Tokuchi

11:00 AM **Coffee break**

11:15 AM **Session 2: “A strategic game-changer”?**

A North Korean nuclear warhead successfully miniaturized and capable of being mounted on an ICBM is frequently referred to as “a strategic game-changer.” What do we mean by that phrase? Is that the proper characterization of this capability? Why or why not? How long will it be until Pyongyang has this capability? How does this capability fit into the North Korean strategic tool kit? What can we do individually, as alliances and as a trilateral group, to minimize the impact of this capability? How can or will China react?

US Presenter: Elaine Bunn

- 12:30 PM **Boxed Lunch in breakout rooms: Tabletop exercise: Groups get exercise, prepare answers to questions**
- 2:30 PM **Round One Assessment**
Plenary reconvenes to provide answers to questions and how each group reached those conclusions. After each presentation, the group is questioned by others on process and outcome.
- 5:00 PM *Session adjourns*
- 6:30 PM **Dinner – Ocean Front Lawn**

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast – Lanai Room**
- 8:30 AM **Tabletop Exercise: Round Two**
Reconvene in plenary to receive scenario and then disperse to breakout rooms.
- 10:30 AM **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 AM **Round Two Assessment**
- 12:30 PM **Lunch – Royal Ocean Terrace Restaurant**
- 2:00 PM **Session 3: Assessing the TTX**
This session critically examines the outcomes of the TTX, focusing on expectations among all players, especially as identified in Session 2. What divergences among countries were revealed? How did responses differ from expectations? What are the key lessons learned from this exercise? What differences are there between this year's TTX and last year's?
- 4:00 PM **Session 4: Next Steps**
What should be done to close those gaps, to move trilateral cooperation forward, as well as next steps for Pacific Forum and this DTRA process.
- 5:30 PM *Meeting adjourns*
- Dinner at leisure*