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U.S.-Japan Strategic Dialogue

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AGENDA

Feb. 24, 2008 – SUNDAY

Participants Arrive

6:30 PM **Welcome Dinner – OCEAN FRONT LAWN**

Feb. 25, 2008 – MONDAY

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast – OAHU BALLROOM**

9:00 AM **Opening Remarks**

9:15 AM ***Session I: Views of the Security Environment***

Japan presenter Mr. Mizuno Taka'aki * US presenter: Adm. Michael McDevitt, USN (Ret.)

This session is intended to identify issues for the United States and Japan, within Asia and worldwide, and highlight both shared and divergent concerns. How does each country view the strategic environment? What are the primary threats? How does each country see the rise of China? Topics could include issues related to China's growing status and influence; relations with Taiwan and the cross-Strait relationship; the North Korea denuclearization process; prospects for relations with Pyongyang; relations with South Korea after the ROK presidential elections; Middle East, Central and South Asian challenges. This overview will set the stage for subsequent discussions of U.S. and Japanese security policies and efforts to address these challenges.

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM ***Session II: Views of the Global Nonproliferation Regime***

Japan presenter: Prof. Nobumasa Akiyama * US presenter: Mr. Henry Abeyta

How does each country view the global nonproliferation regime (GNR)? How does it fit into each country's national security strategy? How do they assess its effectiveness, and that of its various components? What can be done, unilaterally and bilaterally, to strengthen the GNR?

Feb. 25, 2008 – MONDAY cont'd.

12:00 PM Lunch – OCEAN TERRACE RESTAURANT

1:30 PM *Session III: Understanding Deterrence and the Roles of Strategic Systems*

Session IIIA: Nuclear Weapons and Strategic Systems and U.S. Strategy

US presenter: Mr. Brad Roberts

This session explores the role of nuclear weapons and strategic systems (such as missile defense and other defense technologies) in U.S. national security strategy. It is intended to provide a theoretical and practical understanding of the role such weapons and systems play in U.S. thinking and defense policy. It will focus on their strategic implications in East Asia, and the ways that the GNR can impact on U.S. strategy.

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM *Session IIIB: Nuclear Weapons and Strategic Systems and Japan*

Japan presenter: Prof. Ken Jimbo

How does Japan view nuclear weapons and strategic systems? How does it view the nuclear balance of power in East Asia? How does North Korean proliferation affect this situation? What is the status of the nuclear debate in Japan? How does Japan view extended deterrence? What implications does this have for the alliance with the United States?

5:00 PM Session adjourns

6:30 PM Dinner – OCEAN FRONT LAWN

Feb. 26, 2008 – TUESDAY

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast – OAHU BALLROOM

9:00 AM *Session IV: Views of the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance*

Session IVA: Japan's Perspective

Japan presenter: Ms. Yuki Tatsumi * US discussant: Mr. Brad Glosserman

This session focuses on respective views of the bilateral security alliance. What are key issues for Japan when it looks at the alliance? How do Japanese politics affect the national security debate? How do Japanese define a “normal” nation? How does Japan view its role and that of the Self-Defense Forces in regional and global security challenges and in the global war on terrorism? How does Japan see the alliance functioning? What is Japan’s role in the alliance? What is the role and impact of the antiballistic missile defense system the two countries are deploying? What progress has been made on implementation of the May 2006 “United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation”? What obstacles exist?

Feb. 26, 2008 – TUESDAY (cont'd.)

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM *Session IVB: A U.S. Perspective*

US presenter: Mr. James L. Schoff * Japan discussant: Lt. Gen. Noboru Yamaguchi

How does the U.S. see its alliance with Japan? What are the two countries' respective roles within the alliance? What are the key issues in and obstacles to future development of the alliance and the realization of those roles and objectives? How will the redeployment of U.S. forces in Japan affect the alliance? What are Washington's expectations? What does it want Japan to contribute to the alliance? How does Washington define a "normal" Japan?

12:30 PM Lunch – OCEAN TERRACE RESTAURANT

2:00 PM *Session V: Visions of Future Asian Security*

Japan presenter: Mr. Masashi Nishihara * US presenter: Dr. James J. Przystup

How do the two countries envision future Asian security relations? Do we have a common vision regarding future security challenges and preferred responses? What is the role of U.S. alliances – with Japan and other partners – in this vision? What factors will influence their development and survival? Will new regional security architectures emerge? What are key factors shaping cooperation and how can current levels of cooperation be sustained? What are the political/security-related areas in which future cooperation will be most important? How do the Six-Party Talks and regional security architectures fit into the alliance? Is more cooperation with South Korea desirable? If so, what can be done to facilitate such cooperation? How do other regions, in particular South and Southeast Asia, fit into each country's thinking?

3:30 PM *Session VI: Conclusions and Wrap Up*

4:00 PM Conference adjourns – free evening – optional group luau