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U.S.-Japan Strategic Dialogue

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February 8-10, 2009

AGENDA

February 8, 2009 - SUNDAY

Participants Arrive

6:30 PM **Welcome Reception and Dinner – Villas Lawn**

February 9, 2009 - MONDAY

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast – Lanai Room**

9:00 AM **Opening Remarks (Introductions, review of 2008 meeting, and Dec. trip)**

9:30 AM **Session I: Perceptions of Asian and Global Strategic Security Environments**

U.S. presenter: James Kelly

Japan presenter: Masashi Nishihara

This session explores each country's view of the global and regional security environment, to identify issues, and highlight shared and divergent concerns. How does each country see the Asian balance of power? What are the principle threats to each country? To the regional balance of power? How are these threats best tackled? How have the perceptions and concerns highlighted at last year's meeting changed? Is the alliance relationship better or worse than a year ago? Why? Topics could include China's growing status and influence; relations with Taiwan and the cross-Strait relationship; North Korea and prospects for relations with Pyongyang; relations with South Korea; the 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.

11:00 AM **Coffee Break**

11:15 AM **Session II: Perceptions of Global Nonproliferation/Counterproliferation Strategies**

Japan presenter: Satoshi Morimoto

U.S. presenter: Corey Hinderstein

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular the spread of nuclear weapons, has been identified as one of the top security threats by President Obama and numerous U.S. national security documents. Do both countries agree on the threat posed by nuclear weapons proliferation? Its priority? The response? Do they agree on the status of the global nonproliferation regime and ways to strengthen it? How should the two countries approach the 2010 NPT Review Conference? How can the U.S. balance commitments to defend its allies with Article VI disarmament obligations?

February 9, 2009 - MONDAY (cont'd.)

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

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

Session IIIA: America's Strategic Security Vision for Asia

Presenter: 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. What is the current posture? What changes can be expected in the Obama administration? Can we anticipate some of the thinking in the next Nuclear Posture Review? Speakers should focus on the strategic implications in East Asia and ways that the global nonproliferation regime can impact U.S. strategy.

3:00 PM **Coffee Break**

3:15 PM ***Session IIIB: Japan's Strategic Security Vision for Asia***

Presenter: Ken Jimbo

How does Japan view nuclear weapons and strategic systems? Is this view changing? Why? 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? What does Japan wish to see (or not see) in the next U.S. Nuclear Posture Review?

5:00 PM **Session adjourns**

6:30 PM **Reception and Dinner – *Villas Lawn***

February 10, 2009 - TUESDAY

8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast – *Lanai Room***

9:00 AM **Session IV: Views of the U.S.-Japan Defense Relationship – Roles and Responsibilities**

Session IVA: Japan's Perspective

Japan presenter: Noboru Yamaguchi

This session focuses on respective views of the bilateral security alliance. How does Japan view its role and that of the Self-Defense Forces in regional and global security challenges? Is that view changing? How does Japan see the alliance functioning? What is Japan's role in the alliance? What progress has been made on implementation of the May 2006 "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation"? What obstacles exist to future implementation? What can be done to overcome them?

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

February 10, 2009 - TUESDAY (cont'd.)

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

U.S. presenter: Jim Przystup

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?

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

2:00 PM *Session V: Enhancing Collaborative, Cooperative Strategic Security Activities*

Japan presenter: Sugio Takahashi

U.S. presenter: Mike McDevitt

This session will focus on the future of the alliance and ways to make it more effective. Do the two countries share a common vision of the alliance? What is it? What are the key challenges to the realization of that vision? How can the two countries ensure that the alliance contributes to national defense and regional security? How can the alliance work with other U.S. allies – in particular, the ROK but also Australia -- and partners, such as India? How can it engage China? How can Japan influence the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review and how can both countries influence the 2010 NPT Review Conference?

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

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