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Agenda

Friday, March 27

- Morning Participants arrive
- Noon-2:00PM Lunch at leisure
- 3:00PM **Welcoming Remarks** *Skyline Room B & C, 21st Floor*
Yoshiji Nogami, JIIA President
Ralph A. Cossa, Pacific Forum CSIS President
- 3:30-5:30PM **Session I: Strategic Priorities at 50**
U.S. Presenter: Michael Armacost
Japan Presenter: Masashi Nishihara

The opening session explores the two allies' strategic priorities. As in previous years, speakers will focus on global and regional concerns, highlighting areas where interests and approaches overlap or diverge. Most important, the discussion should hone in on each partner's priorities and the degree to which they do or do not match. How will the current financial crisis affect the two governments' security policy? How will it affect countries and relationships in Asia more broadly? Can the U.S. sustain the current level of its force posture overseas? What is the impact of Japan's budgetary constraints? Are both countries thinking globally or is a regional focus more appropriate? How should the two governments balance traditional and nontraditional security threats? Topics could include the status of and prospects for the Six-Party Talks and other Korean Peninsula developments; China's rise and status as a "responsible stakeholder"; the cross-Strait relationship after the election of Ma Ying-jeou; ASEAN Plus Three and Japan-China-ROK cooperation; and attempts to find energy and environmental security. This overview will help set the stage for subsequent in-depth discussions of U.S. and Japanese security policies and our individual and bilateral efforts to address these challenges. This session can also address regional reactions to the Obama administration, but an assessment of any policy changes (or continuity) will be deferred to the next session.

6:00- 9:00PM Reception and Dinner *Skyline Room A, 21st Floor*
Keynote Address: Hon. Richard Armitage

Saturday, March 28

8:00-9:00AM Government officials-only breakfast meeting,
Skyline Room A, 21st Floor

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

9:00-10:15AM **Session II: Domestic Politics and the Japan-U.S. Security Alliance: Part A: Japan's Political Turmoil**
Presenter: Sheila Smith

This session will focus on the political tumult in Tokyo. How will Japanese politics develop in the next year? What are the prospects for the government of Prime Minister Aso Taro? What is the outlook for the 2009 general election in Japan? What role will security issues in general and the alliance in particular play in Japanese politics and that election? What should the U.S. expect from Tokyo during this time and in the aftermath of the election? What can we expect from the current review of security policy and the next National Defense Program Outline? What are the prospects for implementing the roadmap outlined in the May 2006 Security Consultative Committee statement?

10:15-10:30AM Break

10:30-12:00PM **Session II: Domestic Politics and the Japan-U.S. Security Alliance Part B: The Obama Administration and a Democratic Congress**
Presenter: Fumiaki Kubo

This session examines the security policy of the administration of President Barack Obama. What are its guiding principles, its primary objectives, and how will they likely be achieved? How will it differ from its predecessor? Has the administration adopted an Asia strategy and how will it be implemented? What role will alliances play and what does it expect of those allies, Japan in particular? What problems in the Japan-U.S. relationship will this administration inherit and how can it fix them? What is the impact on the alliance of a Democratic majority in the Congress? Will economic issues assume a new significance in the relationship?

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

2:00-3:30PM **Session III: Future Visions of the Alliance**
Japanese Presenter: Yukio Okamoto
U.S. Presenter: Dr. Joseph S. Nye Jr.

This session will focus on how Japan and the U.S. see the alliance evolving. Do we have a common vision regarding future security challenges and preferred responses? How should the 50th anniversary of the alliance be commemorated? What are the future challenges that will affect the alliance? How should the alliance engage other U.S. alliance partners and allies? How can and should the two governments balance their alliance and multilateral security mechanisms and initiatives? How can the alliance tackle nonproliferation challenges; in particular how can the two countries work together to bring about a successful conclusion to the 2010 NPT Review Conference?

3:30-3:45PM Break

3:45-5:00PM **Session III: Conclusions and Wrap Up**

This session provides participants an opportunity to make overall observations or to focus further on specific issues. The chairs will make concluding remarks.

6:15 PM Bus departs for Consul General's residence

6:30 PM Reception/Dinner at Consul General Yasumasa Nagamine's residence