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US-Japan Strategic Dialogue

Royal Lahaina Resort ♦ Maui
April 26-27, 2010

AGENDA

April 25, 2010 - SUNDAY

Participants Arrive

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

April 26, 2010 - MONDAY

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast – *Oahu Room*

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:30 AM **Session I: National Perceptions of International Security Concerns**

US presenter: Michael Auslin

Japan presenter: Noboru Yamaguchi

This session explores each country's view of the international and regional security environment, to identify issues, and highlight shared and divergent concerns. What are the principal security concerns of each country? How does each country see the Asian balance of power? What could change that balance? 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 US and Japanese security policies and efforts to address these challenges.

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:15 AM **Session II: Security Dynamics in Tokyo and Washington**

Japan presenter: Masafumi Ishii

US discussant: Robert Gromoll

The governments in both Japan and the US are relatively new. What is each government's national security strategy? What are the timelines for new documents on strategy and defense? What are key elements of continuity and

change in the new governments' policies? How does each country see its role in Asia? How does each government see its partner's role in Asia – political, social, and military? What role does each envision for the alliance and its role within the alliance? (Assessments of the state of the alliance will be taken up later)

12:30 PM Lunch – *Villas Lawn*

1:30 PM **Session III: Views of the US-Japan Defense Relationship: Understanding Alliance Dynamics**

Session IIIA: Japan's Perspective

Japan presenter: Mataka Kamiya

This session focuses on views of the bilateral security alliance. How does Japan characterize the state of the alliance? What are the characteristics of the ideal Japan-US alliance? What are the major challenges? How can they be addressed? What role does Japan envision for the alliance with the US in its national security strategy? How does Japan see the alliance functioning? Is extended nuclear deterrence still desired? Will a nonnuclear security umbrella suffice? Are the right topics being addressed?

3:00 PM Coffee Break

3:15 PM ***Session IIIB: US Perspective***

US presenter: Andrew Oros

How does the US characterize the state of its alliance with Japan? What are the characteristics of the ideal US-Japan alliance? What are the challenges in alliance relations (such as desired national roles and each nation's alliance objectives) and how can they be addressed? What are the key issues in and obstacles to future development of the alliance and the realization of those roles and objectives?

5:00 PM Session adjourns

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

April 27, 2010 - TUESDAY

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast - *Oahu Room*

9:00 AM **Session IV: Nuclear Dynamics**

Session IVA: US Perspectives

Presenter: Michael McDevitt

This session explores US perspectives of nuclear dynamics. What are the key features and forces driving the Asian and global nuclear regimes? What can be

done to reinforce positive change and minimize the negative effects? How does the Obama administration understand the influence of nuclear weapons (American, Chinese, Russian, and DPRK) on alliance relations? How does America envision the role of nuclear weapons in extended deterrence and in Asian security strategy? How might these roles of American and other nations' nuclear weapons evolve; why and to what effect?

10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM ***Session IVB: Japanese Perspectives***

Presenter: Ken Jimbo

How does Japan analyze the nature and impact of Asian and global nuclear dynamics (including vertical and horizontal proliferation, nonproliferation regimes and activities, and sensitive technology transfer)? How could, and why should Japan respond to and shape these dynamics? How does Japan understand the role of the alliance in responding to and shaping Asian nuclear dynamics?

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

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

Japan presenter: Yuki Tatsumi

US presenter: Victor Cha

This session will focus on the future of the alliance and ways to make it more effective. What specific joint and unilateral activities would help achieve the ideal alliance described in Session III? How can we balance our respective interests and concerns relating to extended deterrence and movement toward zero nuclear weapons? Is the current US-Japan security and extended deterrence dialogues sufficient? How can the two countries ensure that the alliance contributes to national defense and regional security? How can the alliance work with other US allies – the ROK, in particular, but also Australia – and partners, such as India? How can it engage China? How can both countries influence the outcome of the 2010 NPT Review Conference?

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

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

6:15 PM Luau attendees meet in Lobby