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**US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue
Royal Lahaina Resort ♦ Maui ♦ August 28-30, 2016**

AGENDA

Sunday, August 28, 2016

6:30 PM **Opening Trilateral Dinner**

Monday, August 29, 2016

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Introductory remarks**

9:15 AM **Session 1: Assessing North Korea**

How does each country assess prospects for the DPRK over the next five years? How will sanctions impact economic developments and regime prospects? How will the Pyongyang government respond? How will its military and nuclear modernization efforts proceed and how will they influence North Korean behavior and its position in Northeast Asia?

ROK presenter: Beomchul SHIN

US presenter: Victor CHA

Japan presenter: Hiroyasu AKUTSU

10:30 AM **Coffee break**

10:45 AM **Session 2: North Korea's Nuclear Intentions**

A US presenter will outline Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program, focusing on how the DPRK intends to develop and use its nuclear arsenal. How will it signal with its nuclear capabilities? Who are its primary "targets" of that signaling? What is North Korea's "theory of victory"? How should the US, the ROK, and Japan respond?

US Presenter: Shane SMITH

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*

Dinner at leisure

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Round Two**

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

10:45 AM **Round Two Assessment**

12:30 PM **Lunch**

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*

6:00 PM **Dinner**