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Closed Workshop

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 2:00-5:15 PM

Japanese Diet Members Building #2, B1 Conference Room #1

Not Ready for Prime Time. What role should the U.S. - Japan alliance play in the East Asian region with potential flashpoints ? This question is, of course, being hotly debated in the Japanese Diet and in the media. It is also being studied and researched at various universities, institutions, think tanks and numerous other NGOs.

However, given the current political turmoil in Japan there are many bottlenecks and obstacles to making any tangible movement on basic questions such as:

1) Exercising Japan's right to self defense, or 2) Making serious review of the constitution. Looking at the current geopolitical reality in a Global Era, while keeping one eye on domestic Japanese politics, it's time to re-examine the possibility and priority of Japan's involvement in the whole region. Therefore, we would like to offer a new closed forum (Track 2) for exchanging candid dialogue.

1. Regional scope: In addition to conventional Far East Asia, we will add India, the rest of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa

2. Collaborators: The Gulf Research Center (GRC), UAE's non-profit think tank, will join various U.S. and Japanese organizations.

3. Participants: In addition to experts from think tanks and universities, invitees include non-partisan Diet members and related government officials, business and defense industry representatives, NPO's, embassy staff and the media.

4. Purpose: Create a comfortable, non-public atmosphere where leaders from political and economic realms and the defense industry can candidly exchange views on how to vigorously and creatively build sustainable peace and security in the region.

Building Sustainable Peace and Security in a Global Era: Japan's new role in Asia, the Middle East and Africa

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 2:00-5:15 PM

Venue: Japanese Diet Members Building #2, B1 Conference Room #1

Opening Remarks: Hon. Mieko Nakabayashi, CEPEX Vice Chairwoman

Guest Remarks: Hon. Shinzo Abe, Former Prime Minister

Moderator: Yukio Tada, President, Sojitz Research Institute

Proposed Topic for Session #1

Where Does Japan Stand? :

The Arc of Freedom and Prosperity and its aftermath: (Tentative)

2:15-3:15 PM

Presenter: Tomohiko Taniguchi, Senior Guest Fellow at the Sojitz Research Institute, Defense and Security Team

Since 2008, the world has experienced many big changes in international relations: the birth of the Obama Administration, a shift of political power in Japan, the Lehman Brother's shock, various economic tremors in Europe, etc. Of all of these, however, the rise of China looms largest. How will we interact with it? Specifically, how should Japan approach relations with the U.S. and the rest of the international community?

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Break Time: 3:15-3:30 PM

Proposed Topic for Session #2

**Transforming the Unstable Situation in the Middle East;
Japan's Role in Peace Building and Security**

3:30-4:30 PM

Presenter: Dr. Mustafa Alani, Senior Advisor & Program Director. Security & Terrorism Dept. at the Gulf Research Center, Dubai. UAE

- The future of reconstruction in an independent Iraq after the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops
- The impact of U.N. and U.S. economic sanctions on Iran's suspected development of nuclear weapons

- The situation in Afghanistan after the scheduled withdrawal of U.S. forces in July 2011, and Japan's new joint effort to stabilize the region
- Securing sea lanes in the Middle East and Africa in the face of terrorism and piracy, and Japan's new collaborative role in GCC and Africa.

Proposed Topic for Session #3

Does the War on Terror Pay?

Japan's Potential and Challenges

4:30-5:00 PM

Presenter: **Dr. Keiichiro Komatsu**, Senior Guest Fellow at the Sojitz Research Institute, Defense and Security Team, London. UK

Workshop Conclusion

5:00-5:15 PM

Suggestions on topics for next time and closing words

Post Workshop Reception

5:30-7:30 PM

Venue: **ANA Intercontinental Hotel, 37 FL Sirius Room**

Attendees ("Chatham House Rules" will apply):

- Foreign and domestic defense and security experts
- Representatives from MOFA, MOF, METI, MOD
- Members of the Japan Business Federation (Nihon Keidanren) and the Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Keizai Doyukai)
- Representatives from the U.S.-Japan defense industry
- Members of Non-profits and NGOs, Entrepreneurs
- Representatives from embassies and international organizations
- Japanese Diet members (As the workshop will be held in the Diet Members Building, they will be free to come and go from the sessions as they please)
- Other associated attendees: Around 35 people

***The sessions will be held in English. For those using interpreters, please practice simultaneous "whisper interpretation".*

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