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◆ Session 1 “Strategic Choices for an Uncertain Era”

★ **Kenichiro Sasae** President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) / Former Ambassador of Japan to the U.S

Kenichiro Sasae joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan after graduating from The University of Tokyo in 1974. His distinguished and illustrious diplomatic career includes prestigious assignments as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, Director-General of the Asian & Oceania Affairs Bureau, and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs. During his period of service in Tokyo, he represented the Government of Japan in the Six-Party Talks on North Korean issues. He also worked as Political Director for the G-8 Summit. From 2012–2018, he served as Ambassador of Japan to the United States. In June 2018, Ambassador Sasae was appointed to his present post as President of The Japan Institute of International Affairs to head Japan’s premier foreign affairs think tank. He has subsequently also chaired the Cabinet Secretariat’s Expert Panel on Comprehensive Consideration of Defense Capabilities as National Power and the Expert Panel toward Improving Response Capabilities in the Field of Cybersecurity. He currently serves as Chair of the Cabinet Secretariat’s Expert Panel to Consider National Security from the Perspective of Comprehensive National Power.

◎ **Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer** Chairwoman, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)
Former Minister of Defense, Federal Republic of Germany

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, born in Völklingen in 1962, was elected as Chairwoman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung by the General Assembly in December 2025. From December 2018 to January 2021, she served as Chairwoman of the CDU of Germany and from July 2019 to December 2021 as Federal Minister of Defense. Prior to that, she was a minister of various departments from 2000 to 2011 and subsequently Minister-President of Saarland until 2018. In 1998, Kramp-Karrenbauer was a member of the

German Bundestag and from 1999 to 2018 a member of the Saarland State Parliament. She also served as State Chairwoman of the CDU Saar from 2011 to 2018 and Secretary General of the CDU of Germany from February to December 2018.

© **Sungnam Lim** Global Advisor, BAE, KIM & LEE LLC / Former First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Ambassador LIM Sungnam served for about 40 years in various key positions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea, including First Vice Minister, Special Representative for Korean Peninsula Peace and Security Affairs, Ambassador to the UK and Ambassador to the ASEAN.

His other overseas assignments included two stints in Washington DC, Beijing, UN (New York) and Taipei. At the Foreign Ministry headquarters, he also served as Director-General for North Korean Nuclear Affairs, and Senior Coordinator for the Korea-US Security Cooperation. After leaving the government in December 2021, he has joined Bae, Kim & Lee, a leading law firm of Korea, as its Global Advisor.

Ambassador Lim received BA and MA in international relations from Seoul National University and AM from the Department of Government of GSAS, Harvard University. He also served as a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo and as a visiting research fellow at the Sejong Institute, respectively.

© **C. Raja Mohan** Motwani Jadeja Institute of American Studies, Jindal Global University, Delhi / Columnist, Geopolitics for the Foreign Policy Magazine

C. Raja Mohan is a Distinguished Professor at the Motwani Jadeja Institute of American Studies, Jindal Global University, Delhi. He is a distinguished non-resident fellow with the Asia Society Policy Institute, New York. Prof Mohan is a former director of the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. He was previously Professor of South Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. He was also the founding director of Carnegie India, New Delhi. He was the Henry Alfred Kissinger Chair in International Affairs at the United States Library of Congress, Washington DC, from 2009 to 2010. He served on India's National Security Advisory Board. Prof Mohan's research interests include Asian geopolitics, Indian foreign and security policies, and the global governance of new technologies. He writes a regular column for Foreign Policy the Indian Express. His latest book is India and the Rebalancing of Asia (2025).

© **Masataka Okano** Former National Security Advisor to the Cabinet and Secretary General of National Security Secretariat, Japan

Mr. OKANO Masataka most recently served as Japan's National Security Advisor, where he advised the Prime Minister and oversaw national security policy across domains including economic security and cybersecurity. He has held several other senior positions, including Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs: the highest-ranking Foreign Service officer, and Deputy National Security Advisor/Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, where he contributed to drafting the 2022 National Security Strategy and preparing for Active Cyber Defense legislation.

Mr. Okano has also served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Policy and as the Ministry's Legal Advisor.

His overseas postings were Washington, D.C. (2004-2008, 2015-2018), Beijing (2001-2004), and Paris (1988-1992).

Mr. Okano holds a B.A. in Law from the University of Tokyo and an international diploma in public administration from France's École nationale d'Administration.

He published "Japan's National Security Reckoning: How Tokyo Is Adjusting to a More Dangerous World," Foreign Affairs, February 26, 2026.

© **Andrew Shearer** Ambassador-designate of Australia to Japan / Former Director-General, Office of National Intelligence, Australia

Andrew Shearer is a foreign policy and national security expert with 35 years' experience across government, including as Director-General of National Intelligence, Cabinet Secretary, and senior adviser to two Australian prime ministers. He has worked closely with Japan throughout his career.

He has also held senior positions at Australia's embassy in Washington DC, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the office of the Minister for Defence, and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet.

During stints as senior adviser on Asia-Pacific Security at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and as director of studies at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, Mr Shearer's analysis featured in a range of leading international media outlets, journals and books. He was awarded the US Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service and the US National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal.

He holds an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Melbourne.

© **Dingli Shen** Director, Center for American Studies, Grandview Institution / Professor and former Executive Dean, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, China

Shen Dingli is a member of Grandview Institution's Academic Committee, and its Director of Center for American Studies. He is a professor emeritus and former executive dean at Fudan University's Institute of International Studies, and former Director of Center for American Studies. He is also an Honorary Visiting Professor of Washington University in St. Louis. He has taught international security, China-US relations, China's foreign and defense policy in China, the US and the "Semester at Sea" Program. His research and publication covers China-US security relations, regional security and international strategy, arms control and nonproliferation, foreign and defense policy of China and the US etc. He received his Ph.D. in physics from Fudan in 1989 and did post-doc in arms control at Princeton University from 1989-1991. He was an Eisenhower Fellow in 1996, and advised in 2002 the then UN Secretary General Kofi Annan for his strategic planning of second term.

© **Robert Wilkie** Chair, American Security, America First Policy Institute (AFPI) / Former Secretary for Veteran Affairs / Former Under Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Robert Wilkie is from Fayetteville, North Carolina, and serves as a Chair, for American Security at AFPI. Wilkie was nominated by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the tenth Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA). He was confirmed by the United States Senate after previously serving as the acting Secretary of VA. Before confirmation as VA Secretary, Wilkie was the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. In that role, Wilkie served as the principal advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for Total Force Management as it relates to readiness, National Guard and Reserve component affairs, health affairs, training, and personnel requirements and management, including equal opportunity, morale, welfare, recreation, and the quality of life for military families. He also previously served as Assistant Secretary of Defense and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Wilkie is a Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. He holds an Honors degree from Wake Forest University, a Juris Doctor from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, a Master of Laws in international and comparative law from Georgetown University, and a master's in strategic studies from the United States Army War College. A graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff, Air Command and Staff College, the United States Army War College, and the Joint Forces Staff College, Wilkie has published many articles. Wilkie also serves as Senior National Security Analyst for Newsmax Television. He holds personal and unit decorations, as well as the Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest noncareer civilian award of the Department.

◆ Session 2 "Advancing Cross-Theater Cooperation in the Age of Strategic Flux"

★ **Takako Hikotani** Professor, Center for Global Education, The University of Tokyo

Takako Hikotani is a Professor and Head of the International Support Division at the Center for Global Education, the University of Tokyo. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Asia Society Policy Institute. From 2016 to 2021, she served as the Gerald L. Curtis Associate Professor of Modern Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy at Columbia University. Prior to that, she was an Associate Professor at the National Defense Academy of Japan. Her research focuses on civil military relations, Japanese domestic politics, and Japanese foreign policy. Publications in English include "How the Ukraine War is Changing Japan," *Foreign Affairs*, April 28, 2022. Professor Hikotani received her BA from Keio University, MAs from Keio and Stanford University, and PhD in Political Science from Columbia University, where she was a President's Fellow.

© **Justin Bassi** Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Justin Bassi is the Executive Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

From June 2019 to March 2022 he was Chief of Staff to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne.

Immediately prior to this, Justin was the Cyber Intelligence Mission Manager at the Office of National Intelligence, where he led the integration of cyber security and critical technologies across the National Intelligence Community.

From September 2015 to August 2018, Justin was the National Security Adviser to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. He led the team advising the PM and Cabinet Ministers on Australia's national security, defence and international relations. This included responsibility for all areas of security legislation, policy and operations, including counter terrorism, foreign interference, cyberspace, intelligence and border security.

Justin was also previously the National Security Adviser to Attorney-General George Brandis, focusing on Australia's national security legislation, policy and activities, including counter terrorism and telecommunications security.

Prior to that, Justin spent over 10 years in the Australian Public Service, including in the intelligence community for the Office of National Assessments and at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where he had responsibility for cyber security policy.

© **Heng Chee Chan** Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Former
Ambassador of Singapore to the United States

Ambassador Chan Heng Chee is Ambassador-at-Large with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore and SUTD Honorary Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities in the Singapore University of Technology and Design.

She is a member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights.

Ambassador Chan is the Chair of ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, the premier research Institute on Southeast Asia in the region.

Ambassador Chan is Global Co-Chair of Asia Society. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Previously, she was Singapore's Ambassador to the United States and Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico.

Ambassador Chan has received numerous awards including The Public Administration Medal (Gold); The Meritorious Service Medal; The Distinguished Service Order and honorary degrees from Universities in the United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore.

© **Satoru Mori** Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University and Deputy Director of Keio Center for Strategy

Dr. Satoru Mori graduated from Kyoto University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and completed his Master of Laws (LL.M.) at the Kyoto University Graduate School of Law in 1997. He served as a foreign affairs officer in Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1996 to 2001, during which time he earned an LL.M. from Columbia University Law School. In 2002, he enrolled in the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics at The University of Tokyo, where he obtained his Ph.D. in Law in 2007. He was appointed as an Associate Professor of Law at Hosei University in 2008 and became a Professor of Law in 2010. He assumed his current position in 2022. He was a visiting researcher with the George Washington University (2013-2015) and Princeton University (2014-2015) during his sabbatical leave. He assumed his current position in 2022. Among recent publications is *After the Crisis in Ukraine* (co-authored, 2025). He is a member of the Ministry of Defense's New Defense Policy Roundtable and the Space Domain Advisory Board. He is a non-resident fellow of the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR).

© **Luis Simón** Director, Center for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS), Vrije Universiteit Brussel / Director of the Brussels office of the Elcano Royal Institute

Prof. Luis Simón is Director of the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) at Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Director of the Brussels Office of the Elcano Royal Institute. He is also a Senior Associate (non-resident) at CSIS and a Visiting Fellow at the Robert Schuman Institute for Advanced Studies (EUI). He currently leads a European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator project on US–China rivalry and its implications for Europe. His expertise covers international security, US foreign and defense policy, European and

transatlantic security, and Asian security. His work has been published in leading journals including Security Studies, International Affairs, European Journal of International Relations, Review of International Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Contemporary Security Policy, Survival, The Washington Quarterly or Geopolitics. Previously, he was a postdoctoral FWO Fellow at Columbia University and a Visiting Fellow at Johns Hopkins University. He holds a PhD from the University of London and a Master's degree from Sciences Po Paris.

◆ **Session 3 "Reframing Economic Statecraft: National Strategy for Economic Power and Order"**

★ **Kaori Iida** Deputy Director, News Department, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK)

Kaori IIDA covers tech, finance, and the global economy for NHK. She previously led NHK's Digital News Division, overseeing initiatives on disinformation countermeasures and the integration of AI in the newsroom. Her past roles include Anchor of the business news, Editor of the flagship 9 PM news program, Los Angeles Bureau Chief, and Senior Economic Correspondent in Washington, DC. She has interviewed a wide range of global leaders and innovators—from Elon Musk to Lady Gaga—and has moderated high level discussions at events hosted by the World Economic Forum and the IMF.

© **Tobias Gehrke** Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Tobias Gehrke is a senior policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations. He advises the public and private sectors on geoeconomic competition and economic security policies, with a specific focus on EU-China-US dynamics. He is also a non-resident fellow with the American German Institute in Washington DC, an associate fellow with the Egmont Royal Institute in Brussels, and an external expert with the Economic Security Forum in Helsinki. He holds a PhD in international political economy from Ghent University.

© **Alexander B. Gray** Senior Fellow, American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) / Former Chief of Staff, National Security Council, United States

Alexander B. Gray is the Chief Executive Officer of American Global Strategies LLC, an international strategic advisory firm that he co-founded with former National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien. Mr. Gray's wide-ranging practice includes the defense, aerospace, maritime, and technology sectors.

Mr. Gray most recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff of the White House National Security Council (NSC), where he directed the daily operations of the National Security Advisor's immediate office, as well as the budget, personnel, and security functions of the NSC. Previously, he served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President for the Defense Industrial Base at the National Economic Council (NEC) responsible for matters impacting the defense and manufacturing industrial base, and as the first-ever Director for Oceania and Indo-Pacific Security at the NSC. His writings have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy, The Washington Times, National Review, Newsweek, The National Interest, The Hill, Naval War College Review, among others.

© **Hyun Chul Kim** Professor, Seoul National University

2002.9 – Present / Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University

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2017.6 – 2019.1 / Presidential Economic Advisor, Office of The President, The Republic of Korea

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© **Naoko Munakata** Project Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo / Former Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

Naoko Munakata is a Project Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo, where she teaches trade policy and economic security. She played a central role in reshaping Japan's trade strategy at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), including launching Japan's first free trade agreement negotiations and helping secure Japan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, while also promoting broader economic cooperation across the Indo-Pacific region. She later served as Director-General for Trade and Economic Cooperation, Executive Secretary to Prime Minister Abe, and Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office. At the Japan Patent Office, she strengthened the intellectual property litigation system, expanded support for startups, and introduced design-driven management into public administration. Her current work focuses on how trade and industrial policies should be redesigned to support economic security and competitiveness in an era of great-power rivalry and rising geopolitical tensions. She holds an LL.B. from the University of Tokyo and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

◆ **Special Address "Steering Japan Through a Turbulent Global Order"**

Takayuki Kobayashi Chair of the Policy Research Council, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), JAPAN / Former Minister of State for Economic Security / Former Minister for State for Science and Technology Policy

After graduating from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo in 1999, KOBAYASHI joined the Ministry of Finance of Japan in 1999. He completed his graduate studies at Harvard Kennedy School in 2003. After serving at the Embassy of Japan in the United States, he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2012. He is currently serving his sixth term. In 2016, he served as Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense; in 2021, he served as Minister in charge of Economic Security; Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy and Space Policy. In October 2025, he was appointed as the Chairperson of the Liberal Democratic Party's Policy Research Council, a position he holds to this day. His publications include "A New Era for the Space Business! An Explanation of the 'Space Resources Act'" (2022) and "Toward a Nation That Leads the World" (2024).

◆ **Session 4 "In Pursuit of Japan's Grand Design in Turbulent Times"**

★ **Masafumi Ishii** Managing Director, JIIA Platform / Former Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia / Former Japanese Government Representative to NATO

Upon graduating from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo in 1980, Ambassador Ishii joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan. During his career at MOFA, he served as Executive Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Director of the Policy Planning Division in the Foreign Policy Bureau, Director of the Second Southeast Asia Division in the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Director-General for Global Issues, and Director-General of the International Legal Affairs Bureau. His overseas assignments includes Political Minister at the Embassy of Japan in the UK and the Embassy of Japan in the US, as well as Ambassador of Japan to Belgium and Japanese Government Representative to NATO, and Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia. He retired from MOFA in January 2021 and has served as Managing Director of the JIIA Platform since 2024.

© **Aya Igarashi** Vice Chair of Editorial Board, The Yomiuri Shimbun

Aya Igarashi has more than 30 years of experience as a journalist, reporting for The Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's largest daily newspaper. Currently serving as Vice Chair of Editorial Board, primarily writing editorials on international affairs. Worked as a reporter and correspondent in the three capitals of Tokyo, Washington and Beijing. She also served as the editor-in-chief of "Chuo Koron," the oldest monthly magazine still in publication in Japan. She is fluent in English and professionally proficient in Chinese.

© **Leo Lewis** Tokyo Bureau Chief, Financial Times

Leo Lewis is the Financial Times' Tokyo bureau chief. Until the August 2024 market turmoil, he wrote award-winning columns and features as Asia Business Editor; and was previously the FT's Tokyo correspondent, covering financial markets, investment, banking, and a broad sweep of Japanese industry. His experience of Japan and Asia is extensive – before becoming a journalist and working in London for the Independent on Sunday newspaper, he graduated in Oriental Studies. Roles at The Times (of London) included five years as Beijing bureau chief during a period that covered the rise of Xi Jinping.

© **Ramon M. Lopez** Former Secretary (Minister) of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) / Chairman of the Governing Board, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Ramon M. Lopez was the former Secretary (Minister) of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). He served the full term (July 2016 - June 2022) of the administration of former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. He chaired during his term the DTI institutions such as the Board of Investments, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, the National Development Company (NDC), the Export Development Council, Anti-Red Tape Authority Advisory Council, Philippine International Trading Corp., CITEM, and the Halal Board. He also supervised attached agencies such as the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and the Cooperative Development Authority, among others.

Mr. Lopez is currently an Independent Director of SM Investments Corporation (SMIC), the largest conglomerate in the Philippines. He also currently serves as Independent Director of AIC Group of Companies Holding Corporation (in the Logistics sector), which is a subsidiary of the SMIC.

Mr. Lopez is also an Independent Director of Monde Nissin Corporation, a major food and beverage listed company, and the Pilmico Food and Agribusiness Corporation. He is also an Independent Board Director of the New Marketlink Pharmaceutical Corporation. He is also a Trustee and Vice-Chairman of the Valenzuela City Technological College (VALTECH) which aims to upgrade the future skills of the industrial workforce.

Mr. Lopez is the Philippine Governor and elected Chairman of the Governing Board of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

Mr. Lopez was also recently elected as Independent Board Director in Seedbox Securities Inc. and as Member of the Board of Advisors in Packworks Venture PTE. LTD.

Seedbox provides an online investment platform that democratizes people's access to financial products, services, and tools with the use of technology.

Packworks is a start-up venture that provides mobile super app and multi-sided marketplace B2B ecosystem for micro-entrepreneurs. It gives opportunities to micro entrepreneurs to digitalize their business system through a built-for-ease, scalable, and data-driven business tools and platforms.

Mr. Lopez is also an Independent Director of the Board of Asian Consulting Group (ACG), the Philippines' first tax hub/ consulting services/advocacy for SMEs, top corporations in the Asia-Pacific. He is also one of the Advisors of the AYC Consulting Group.

He is also made part of the Advisory Board of the Bayan Family of Foundations which focuses on entrepreneurship development advocacy.

As DTI Secretary, Mr. Lopez was one of the key proponents of major economic reforms and trade and investments liberalization measures that promote more investments, greater competition, higher productivity for industries and competitive pricing for consumers. He was instrumental in the finalization and signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the ASEAN region and Trading partners' largest Free Trade Agreement.

He is also an advocate for technology and innovation for smart manufacturing, MSME development and start-up ventures. He also supports sound macroeconomic policies, and promotes innovative agriculture, industry and service sector development, investment promotion, and Inclusive Business models, job generation policies and program, international trade collaboration and negotiation, digitalization of MSMEs, fintech and e-commerce development, among others. He initiated numerous competency upgrading programs for MSMEs, skills future for the workforce, technology and equipment support, microfinancing, SME market incubation and franchising development.

He received several awards such as the 2016 Nation Builders Award for Government Service and the Philippine Innovation Man of the Year Award in 2017. In 2018, he received from former President Duterte the Presidential Award, Order of Sikatuna, with a rank of Datu, one of the senior honors one can receive in the Philippines. He was also named by People Asia as one of the 2020 People of the Year, for the re-opening of the economy during the pandemic. In June 2022, he was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Merit for his vital role in the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases. He also recently received The Asia CEO Awards 2022 "Lifetime Contributor of the Year Award".

Mr. Lopez has a Master's Degree in Development Economics 1988 class at Williams College, Massachusetts USA and an AB Degree in Economics (1981) from the University of the Philippines School of Economics.

© **Kazuyoshi Umemoto** Managing Director, JIIA Platform / Former President, The Japan Foundation / Former TPP Chief Negotiator, Japan

Upon completing his postgraduate studies in Mathematics at the Graduate School of Science at the University of Tokyo in 1977, Ambassador Umemoto joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan. Throughout his career, he held numerous high-level positions, including Director-General of the North American Affairs Bureau at MOFA and Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary. He then served as Ambassador to Italy, and later as TPP Chief Negotiator. Most recently, he served as President of the Japan Foundation until March 2024 and has served as Managing Director of the JIIA Platform since October 2024.

© **Akihisa Shiozaki** Member of the House of Representative

Representative for Ehime District 1; elected three times

Member of the House of Representatives; Deputy Chair of the LDP's Diet Affairs Committee

Within the LDP, as Secretary-General of the Web3 Task Force and the Task Force on the Evolution and Implementation of AI under the Headquarters for the Promotion of a Digital Society, he drafted white papers on NFTs, Web3, and AI. In April 2026, he coordinated the "AI White Paper 2.0: Structural Transformation Toward an AI-Driven Nation." He is also involved in drafting the party's Governance Code as Deputy Secretary-General of a working team established within the Party Reform Executive Headquarters. Serves as the Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)'s Intelligence Strategy Headquarters in charge of strengthening Japan's intelligence capabilities.

Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

LL.B. from the University of Tokyo, an M.A. in International Policy from Stanford University, and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

◆ Session 5 "FOIP at its 10th Anniversary: Charting the Next Decade of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

★ **Takio Yamada** Executive Director, JIIA Center for Global Outreach / Ambassador for AZEC

Takio Yamada joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1983. During his distinguished diplomatic career, he held numerous senior positions, including Director of the Southwest Asia Division; Director of the Regional Policy Division of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau; the inaugural Ambassador to ASEAN; Deputy Director-General for the Intelligence and Analysis Service (IAS); Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Policy Bureau (Ambassador in charge of Security Policy); Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department; Director-General of the International Cooperation Bureau; Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Japan to UNESCO; and Ambassador of Japan to Vietnam.

Since October 2025, he has served as Executive Director of the Center for Global Outreach (CGO) at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). He concurrently serves as Ambassador in charge of the Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC).

He brings extensive diplomatic experience spanning Indo-Pacific affairs, development cooperation, security policy, and strategic intelligence analysis. A native of Osaka Prefecture, Japan, he holds a B.A. in Law from Kyoto University and an M.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the University of Oxford.

© **Michael J. Green** Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre (USCC),
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Previously Dr Green was Senior Vice President for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and is on leave from Georgetown University where he was Director of Asian Studies and Chair in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. He served on the staff of the National Security Council at the White House from 2001 through 2005.

© **Keiichi Ichikawa** Director-General, National Security Advisor, Japan

Apr. 1989	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
Feb. 2006	Principal Deputy Director, Policy Coordination Division Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
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Aug. 2008	Principal Senior Foreign Policy Coordinator, Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
Jul. 2009	Director, Oceania Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA
Jul. 2010	Director, National Security Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
Jan. 2011	Executive Assistant to the Chief Cabinet Secretary, Prime Minister's Office
Oct. 2015	Director, Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
Jan. 2018	Deputy Director-General, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA

Jul. 2018	Minister for Political Affairs, Embassy of Japan in the U.S.A.
Jul. 2020	Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA
Sep.2022	Deputy Minister for Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
Aug.2023	Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary and Deputy National Security Advisor, Cabinet Secretariat
Oct. 2025	Secretary General of National Security Secretariat and National Security Advisor, Cabinet Secretariat

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© **N. Hassan Wirajuda** Rector, Universitas Prasetya Mulya / Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

With academic training in international law and politics, Dr. Wirajuda pursued diplomacy as a lifelong vocation. He held senior posts in Indonesia's foreign service, including Director for International Organizations, Director General for Political Affairs, and Ambassador to Egypt and to the United Nations in Geneva. He was later appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs (2001-2009) and subsequently served as Presidential Advisor. His contributions include as the initiator of the National Human Rights Commission and a proponent of the ASEAN human rights body. He played a pivotal role to ASEAN's institutional transformation into the ASEAN Community. In conflict resolution, he facilitated the Southern Philippines peace process (1993-1996), which led to the 1996 Manila Peace Agreement, and served as Chief Negotiator in the Aceh peace process (1999-2001). He is currently Rector of Universitas Prasetya Mulya, Jakarta.

◆ Session 6 "The United State in Transition: Choices for Japan and the World"

★ **Kaoru Iokibe** Professor, The University of Tokyo

Professor of political and diplomatic history of modern Japan at the University of Tokyo. His main interest in research is the relationship between foreign policy and domestic politics from the late Edo period to the post-war era. He has published three books in Japanese: *Okuma Shigenobu to Seito Seiji* [*Okuma Shigenobu and Party Politics*] (University of Tokyo Press, 2003), *Joyaku Kaiseishi* [*Meiji Treaty Revision*] (Yuhikaku, 2010), and *"Uso" no Seijishi* [*Political History of Deception*] (Chuokoron Shinsha, 2020). He also super-edited a history of recent 10 years of Japan in Manga, *Japanese History*, vol. 16 (KADOKAWA), published in 2022. Recently, with the support of the Japan Institute of International Affairs, he published an edited volume titled *Kokka Keisei no Seijigaikoushi* [*Political and Diplomatic History of State Formation*] (University of Tokyo Press, 2026).

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