

DOHA FORUM AND JIIA LAUNCH STRATEGIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE ON THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Tokyo, July 16, 2025: Doha Forum and the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) co-hosted a high-level event today in Tokyo under the theme: “Future Global Order and Global Governance: A World Without a Navigator.” Held at the Hotel Okura Tokyo, the event brought together over 100 diplomats, scholars, policymakers and private sector leaders to explore the shifting dynamics of multilateral cooperation in an increasingly fragmented global landscape.

This event builds on the partnership between Doha Forum and JIIA, now in its second year, and marks the official launch of a joint, year-long research initiative, aimed at examining the future of global governance. The collaboration was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed during the event. The findings will be shared at Doha Forum 2025 and culminate in a final presentation at the Tokyo Global Dialogue 2026.

Panel opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Tomoyuki Yoshida, Chief Executive Director of JIIA, and H.E. Mubarak Ajlan Al-Kuwari, Executive Director of Doha Forum. The panel discussion was moderated by Professor Ken Endo of the University of Tokyo.

Panelists included:

- Dr. Naoko Eto, Professor, Gakushuin University
- Dr. Maiko Ichihara, Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University
- Dr. Satoshi Ikeuchi, Professor, the University of Tokyo
- Dr. Abdullah Baabood, Visiting Professor, State of Qatar Chair for Islamic Area Studies, Waseda University

The discussion addressed how trade wars, unilateral sanctions, economic protectionism, and the retreat of major powers are contributing to the erosion of multilateral institutions and global trust. In response, the panel explored how middle powers, and other actors, could step forward to support stability, fairness, and cooperation.

H.E. Mubarak Ajlan Al-Kuwari, Executive Director of Doha Forum, said: “At Doha Forum, we are committed to long-term partnerships that strengthen dialogue and drive policy impact. This collaboration with JIIA reflects our shared belief in the role of principled, research-driven engagement in helping navigate an increasingly complex global order. By drawing on the expertise of regional voices and middle powers, we hope this initiative will help identify more inclusive and resilient frameworks for future global governance.”

Tomoyuki Yoshida, Chief Executive Director of JIIA, said: “Japan, as a nation deeply committed to the rule of law and multilateralism, stands ready to contribute. We believe in promoting dialogue over division, inclusion over isolation, and reform over resignation. That is why we are especially pleased to launch today a new joint research initiative with the Doha Forum, focused on the role of middle powers in shaping the evolving global order.”

Following today's Tokyo roundtable, interim findings from the joint research initiative will be presented at Doha Forum 2025, taking place on 6–7 December in Qatar. The final results will be shared at a dedicated during the Tokyo Global Dialogues in 2026, reinforcing the year-round collaboration and global significance of this strategic partnership.

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