The Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA) is dedicated to research, analysis and better public understanding of US-Japan relations. In collaboration with Freedom House, it is bringing US and Japanese experts together at this workshop to exchange views on each country’s approach to democracy support and to draw up a roadmap for closer collaboration. This roadmap will identify opportunities for greater convergence on policy, stronger cooperation on specific countries and themes, closer alignment on diplomatic initiatives, and joint projects.

The Japanese government has placed a growing emphasis on democracy support in recent years but has yet to make substantial changes in practice to reflect this new emphasis. The United States has actively supported democracy across the world for over 30 years but has done so inconsistently, often giving precedence to other short-term interests. Closer US-Japan collaboration can strengthen their respective and collective efforts to support democracy in Asia and beyond, and these efforts are increasingly needed to counteract the resurgence of authoritarian powers and to defend our shared values.

This workshop will be structured as a dialogue among experts and will culminate in the production of a draft roadmap for the way forward. Each session will begin with brief remarks (5-7 minutes) by a designated expert to frame the issues for discussion. At the final “open” forum, workshop participants will obtain feedback from outside experts and observers on the feasibility of the ideas presented.

*The discussion will follow the Chatham House Rule.*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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| 8:30-9:15 | Trends of democracy worldwide and in Asia  
*What are the main threats to democracy? Where are the opportunities for progress?* |
Remarks by: Robert Herman, Vice President for Regional Programs, Freedom House

9:15-10:45  
**US policy on democracy support**  
What aspects of US policy are most effective? What are the main weaknesses in US democracy support?  
Remarks by: Daniel Calingaert, Executive Vice President, Freedom House

10:45-11:00  
**Break (Photo)**

11:00 –12:30  
**Japan’s policy on democracy support**  
What is driving the new emphasis on values-based diplomacy? How is Japan supporting democracy in practice? How does democracy support fit into foreign aid budgets and policies? What are the strengths and limitations of current democracy assistance programs?  
Remarks by: Maiko Ichihara, Assistant professor, Kansai Gaidai University, and Yoichiro Sato, Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

12:30-13:30  
**Working Lunch (with bento lunches):**  
Democracy and Prime Minister Abe’s Foreign and Security Policy  
What are the drivers of Prime Minister Abe’s emphasis on democracy? How much of this is about China? How did the “Arc of Freedom” concept develop? What are planned practical applications of greater emphasis on democracy?  
Remarks by: Tomohiko Taniguchi, Professor, Graduate School of System Design and Management (SDM), Keio University and Special Advisor to the Cabinet of Prime Minister Abe

13:00-14:15  
**Diplomacy in support of democracy**  
What diplomatic initiatives help to advance democracy? How can democratic countries support human rights in repressive environments?  
Remarks by: Admiral Dennis C. Blair, USN (ret.), Chairman and CEO, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

14:15 - 15:45  
**Myanmar case study**  
What opportunities exist to expand pluralism and build accountable institutions in Myanmar? What are the main obstacles to democracy?  
Remarks by: Amb. Priscilla A. Clapp, former Chief of Mission to Burma, and Mr. Keiichiro Nakazawa, Executive Advisor to the Director-General and Deputy Director-General for Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam Operations and Former Chief Representative of the U.S. office of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

15:45- 16:00  
**Break**

16:00-17:30  
**Targets of opportunity and Draft Roadmap**  
How can the United States and Japan strengthen their cooperation and their respective support for democracy?  
Daniel Calingaert summarizes the day’s discussion and invites additional suggestions. Initial ideas on roadmap developed.
Bus departs for dinner venue

18:00-

Group buffet dinner at the Willows
Location: Japanese Tea Room (private)
901 Hausten St, Honolulu, HI 96826 / (808) 952-9200

20:00

Bus departs for hotel

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Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

08:00
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Room: John A. Burns Hall (JAB) Room 4005/09 (4th Floor)

8:30-10:30
Draft Roadmap continued
• Recommendations on policy, diplomatic initiatives, countries and themes of focus, and joint projects
• Action items: How do we promote and build on these recommendations? What do we do next? Who do we add to this discussion?

10:30-11:00
Break

11:00-12:30
Open Forum on U.S.-Japan Cooperation in Strengthening Democracy in Asia
This will include a small number of heads of other key organizations based in Honolulu.
Daniel Calingaert, Executive Vice President, Freedom House, presents workshop’s recommendations
Adm. Dennis Blair, USN (ret.), Chairman and CEO, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
G Shabbir Cheema, Senior Fellow and Director, Asia Pacific Governance and Democracy Initiative (AGDI), East-West Center
Gerard A. Finin, Resident Co-Director, Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP), East-West Center
David Fouse, Professor of Regional Studies (Northeast Asian security), Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS)
Jim Kelly, Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs and former President of Pacific Forum CSIS

12:30
Buffet Lunch from Duc’s Bistro

14:00
Bus departs for hotel
BACKGROUND READING:

Calingaert, "Rising to the Authoritarian Challenge"
Freedom House, Supporting Democracy Abroad: An Assessment of Leading Powers
Carothers, Closing Space: Democracy and Human Rights Support Under Fire
Kliman and Twining, Japan’s Democracy Diplomacy
Ichihara, “Japan’s Strategic Approach to Democracy Support” *to be updated before the workshop
Ichihara, Understanding Japanese Democracy Assistance