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Sasakawa USA to Host Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Second Annual U.S.-Japan Security Forum

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Sasakawa USA is honored to announce that Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will give a keynote address at the Second Annual U.S.-Japan Security Forum on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The conference will take place from 9:00am-6:00pm at the Four Seasons Hotel at 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The forum will bring together key security experts and officials from government, business, think tanks and academia for an in-depth discussion of recent developments and new challenges regarding the U.S.-Japan Alliance as well as strategies to enhance it for the future.

"It's my honor to host Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Sasakawa USA's Second Annual U.S.-Japan Security Forum," said Sasakawa USA Chairman Admiral Dennis Blair, "The U.S.-Japan Alliance is pivotal to maintaining stability not only in the region, but in the world. As Japan moves toward an expanded role in our security relationship, I look forward to hearing the Prime Minister's views and discussing the mutual challenges and opportunities that lie in our future."

This year's forum will engage the highest-ranking defense and security experts in the U.S. and Japan and will also include David Shear, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs and Adm. Harry Harries, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet among many others.

Discussion will cover such issues as a U.S.-Japan strategy for China; understanding the new bilateral defense guidelines; Japan's policy of proactive pacifism; U.S.-Japan relations and America's rebalance to Asia; America's security strategy in the Indo-Pacific; and Japan's global role.

Sasakawa USA is an organization dedicated to research, analysis and better understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Admiral Dennis Blair joined Sasakawa USA as its first American Chairman and CEO in April 2014 and greatly expanded its staff and vision to bring Sasakawa USA to the forefront of discussions on U.S.-Japan relations.

"I've been with Sasakawa USA for a little less than one year, but within that time, we've built a team of experts and set of program activities dedicated to elevating the critical U.S. and Japan relationship," said Blair.