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Sasakawa USA welcomes new experts on Japan, China:
Tomohiko Taniguchi, a Special Adviser to Shinzo Abe's Cabinet;
Hiroko Maeda, an expert on Chinese diplomacy and security

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sasakawa USA is pleased to welcome two new fellows whose expertise on Japanese and Chinese foreign policy will help foster a deeper understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Tomohiko Taniguchi, a professor at the Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management and a Special Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet, joins Sasakawa USA from Tokyo as a Non-Resident Distinguished Fellow. He has served as a Counselor in Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Office and has written speeches on foreign policy for Abe. His previous work included 20 years with the weekly magazine *Nikkei Business*. His areas of expertise include international political economy, Japanese diplomacy, foreign policy, and international affairs.

"In recent years, Japan has been playing a more active role in international relations, strengthening its ties with countries around the world, offering them economic opportunity, assisting in capacity building and fostering greater peace and security," said Sasakawa USA CEO and Chairman Admiral Dennis Blair. "As both a longtime advisor to Prime Minister Abe and a well-respected journalist, Tomohiko Taniguchi has a unique insight into these and other current-day issues that impact the U.S.-Japan relationship. His expertise will be greatly valued."

Hiroko Maeda , an expert on diplomacy in modern China and security studies, joins Sasakawa USA as a Visiting Fellow and will focus on China's impact on the U.S.-Japan relationship. Her four-month fellowship brings her to Washington, D.C. from the PHP Institute's Center for International and Strategic Studies in Tokyo. Her areas of expertise include diplomacy in modern China, international relations in East Asia and security studies.

"In the U.S., China has been in the news in recent months over tensions in the South China Sea. But in Japan, similar news is a constant," Blair said. "Understanding Japan's evolving relationship with China, and how that relationship affects diplomatic and defensive efforts from the United States, is key to building relations within East Asia. We are looking forward to adding Maeda-san's expertise in these areas."

Taniguchi and Maeda, as well as Sasakawa USA's other fellows, are available for comment on news, current events and other issues related to their areas of expertise. For more information on Sasakawa USA staff, contact Jessica Santana by replying to this email or calling (202) 296-6694 x 109.

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