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New Sasakawa USA book analyzes Japan-Russia relationship

Release of publication today coincides with Abe-Putin summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, coinciding with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s planned summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi, Sasakawa USA is pleased to publicly release a new book analyzing the underdeveloped Japan-Russia relationship, the two countries’ dispute over the Northern Territories, and prospects for future bilateral ties.

Copies of *Japan-Russia Relations: Implications for the U.S.-Japan Alliance* will be available today at Sasakawa USA’s Third Annual Security Forum at the Willard InterContinental Hotel ([watch live here](#)), with a formal book discussion event to follow on May 24. A PDF of the volume also can be viewed online [here](#).

“American leaders have a much different view of Russia from that of leaders in Japan,” said Sasakawa USA’s CEO and Chairman Adm. Dennis Blair. “This presents an opportunity for us to identify these differences and help find ways to address them. Regardless of the outcome of Mr. Abe’s summit in Russia today, this publication helps put the Japan-Russia relationship in historical context and explores important prospects for cooperation that will need to be considered as the two countries determine their path forward.”

The volume, edited by Dr. Gilbert Rozman, is based in part on a conference Sasakawa USA convened last year in partnership with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to explore the triangular relationship among the United States, Japan, and Russia. Economic and security experts, along with experienced diplomats from all three countries, discussed key issues and the prospects for progress.

The book, a compilation of research from leading experts, is broken into three sections: Part One explores the framework for Japan-Russia negotiations, including a chapter on Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s approach to Russian President Vladimir Putin; Part Two looks at geostrategic relations and implications for the wider region; and Part Three discusses economic relations, including potential energy cooperation.

Several authors who contributed to the book are available for media requests. For more details, please contact Communications Manager Christa Desrets at cdesrets@spfusa.org or (202) 296-6694 x118.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA is an independent American, non-profit, non-partisan, institution devoted to research, analysis, and better understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Through research and education programs, Sasakawa USA facilitates people-to-people exchange and dialogue between American and Japanese policymakers, influential citizens, and the broader public.