



## News Release

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### **Event: Student leaders, experts collaborate on future of US-Japan-Korea relations**

*Symposium brings together trilateral group that will offer recommendations for future administrations*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — How could President-elect Donald Trump and other future leaders in Japan and South Korea improve future cooperation between their nations? On January 5, top college students from all three countries will come together with current-day experts to collaborate on issues with a multi-generational perspective.

You are invited to join International Student Conferences, Sasakawa USA and Korea Foundation for the Fourth Annual U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Symposium at the National Press Club. The event will include discussions on challenging issues including security and human rights in North Korea, women in leadership, and the overall future direction of trilateral cooperation.

In many ways, 2017 ushers in a new era for U.S.-Japan-Korea relations. The whirlwind election of 2016 for the United States and the recent impeachment of South Korean President Park Geun-hye put all three countries in a position where cooperation has rarely been more important. For this new paradigm, new ideas are needed from new places.

Far from being inexperienced, today's young generation is perhaps better prepared than any to carry the torch of U.S.-Asia relations and policy. Thanks to cultural and academic exchange programs, the Internet, and immigration trends, young leaders of today are more knowledgeable about world affairs than ever — and that especially holds true for the students participating in this symposium, who represent universities from Tokyo to Seoul to New York.

Joining these college leaders will be influential, current-day experts who can supplement their views with those of the next generation. How can these two groups forge new ideas in dealing with some of the largest issues of their time, and what wisdom can be offered to future leaders of these countries? Please join us for what is sure to be an enlightening discussion that bridges the gap between generations.

#### **Event Details:**

#### **Fourth Annual U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Symposium**

Thursday, January 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

National Press Club, MWL Conference Room

529 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest – 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20045

Breakfast and lunch provided

Note: This event is private with limited registration, but media who would like to attend should contact either Christa Desrets or Linda Butcher (information listed at top).



### **Panel Topics:**

- 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction
- 9:20 a.m. | North Korea Security / Human Rights
- 10:40 a.m. | Women and Leadership
- 12:45 p.m. | Recommendations for Future Administrations

### **Speakers:**

- **Admiral Dennis Blair**, Chairman of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
- **Linda Butcher**, Executive Director of International Student Conferences
- **Ambassador Young-jin Choi**, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States
- **Alexander Evans**, Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, 2011 Japan-America Student Conference
- **Jon Foissotte**, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Japan-America Student Conference US Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Avelino Fujimoto**, Gunma University, Japan-America Student Conference Japan Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Minji Huh**, Ewha Womens University, Korea-America Student Conference Korea Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Danny Jeon**, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2016 Japan-America Student Conference US Chair
- **Alex Kim**, American University, Korea-America Student Conference US Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Bruce Klingner**, Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation
- **Erin Norris**, Northeastern University, Japan-America Student Conference US Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Sophie Osborn**, UC San Diego, Korea-America Student Conference KASC US Chair (Student Panelist)
- **Eileen Pennington**, Associate Director, Women's Empowerment Program at the Asian Foundation
- **Greg Scarlatou**, Executive Director of The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK)
- **Randy Schriver**, Partner at Armitage International and CEO and President of Project 2049 Institute
- **Troy Stangarone**, ISC National Advisory Committee, Senior Director at Korea Economic Institute of America
- **Kumi Yoshikawa**, Keio University, Japan-America Student Conference Japan Chair (Student Panelist)

### **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.

### **About International Student Conferences**

[International Student Conferences \(ISC\)](#) is a non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, DC. It facilitates two academic and cultural exchange programs organized by university students in the U.S., Japan, and Korea: the [Korea-America Student Conference \(KASC\)](#) and the [Japan-America Student Conference \(JASC\)](#). Beginning in 1934, JASC is the first and oldest exchange between the two countries that is conceived and carried out by university students. Patterned after the JASC model of a student-run Conference, the first KASC launched in 2008.

### **About the Korea Foundation**

[The Korea Foundation \(KF\)](#) was established in 1991 to promote awareness and understanding of Korea and to enhance goodwill and friendship among the international community through its cultural, academic, and intellectual exchange activities and programs. As a leading organization of Korea's international exchange and public diplomacy initiative, some of its major works include: providing support for Korean studies overseas, organizing and supporting international forum, assisting research institutions and think tanks around the world in their research, conferences and publications, promoting exchanges of performing arts and exhibition, and establishing Korean galleries in museums abroad. Currently, the Korea Foundation has 7 overseas branches in major cities including Washington D.C.