New book explores U.S.-Japan cooperation in democracy promotion

“U.S.-Japan Approaches to Democracy Promotion” features insights from global experts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Cooperation to support democratic development should be an important component of the U.S.-Japan Alliance, but historically the two nations have approached the issue in different ways. Today, Sasakawa USA is proud to publish a new book that recommends practical ways in which the United States and Japan can support democratic development in countries that are emerging from autocratic regimes and those that have achieved a measure of democracy, but are in danger of regressing.

"U.S.-Japan Approaches to Democracy Promotion," a new book edited by Michael R. Auslin of the American Enterprise Institute and Daniel E. Bob of Sasakawa USA, includes analysis on the differing approaches taken by the United States and Japan to promoting democracy around the world, and the potential to leverage the work of both countries through cooperative projects and programs. The book was unveiled today at a launch event in Washington, DC.

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In the book, a global cohort of expert co-authors describe the different approaches to democratic support in the United States and Japan, examine specific case studies in nations including Myanmar and Afghanistan, then identify both proven and potentially effective approaches that are the same or complementary. Print copies of the book are available upon request.

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