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North Korea, Cybersecurity, Senkaku Islands, Trump's Asia Policy at Forefront of Sasakawa USA's Security Forum

Leading national security and defense experts discuss critical issues including the North Korean threat, Trump and Abe Administration policies, cybersecurity, defense capabilities and more

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As military and diplomatic activity on the Korean Peninsula continues to grow, Sasakawa USA is pleased to bring together leading experts on Asia for its Fourth Annual Security Forum. This high-level discussion will feature such speakers as Dennis Blair, Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae, Matt Pottinger, Hideshi Tokuchi, Itsunori Onodera, Mike Green, William Saito, James Zumwalt, and many others.

The U.S.-Japan alliance serves as the foundation for Asian Security—the theme of this year's Security Forum. Topics covered will include: U.S.-Japan-ROK cooperation in addressing the North Korean threat; U.S.-Japan defense capabilities and cooperation; Congressional and Diet views of trade and economic matters, U.S.-Japan cybersecurity cooperation; and Asia policy under the Trump and Abe administrations.

A special panel will also discuss the results of a major Sasakawa USA tabletop exercise recently held at the Lockheed-Martin Center for Innovation ("The Lighthouse") on possible conflict over the Senkaku Islands involving the U.S., Japan, and China. Participants included former high-level officials from the United States and Japan, as well as leading security analysts on China. A panel of four expert participants will explain the unclassified exercise and its key findings during the Security Forum.

Event information:

Fourth Annual Security Forum:

The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Foundation of Asian Security

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Willard InterContinental Hotel Ballroom, Washington, D.C.

Speakers:

- **Dennis Blair**, Chairman and CEO, Sasakawa USA
- **Daniel Bob**, Senior Fellow and Director of Programs, Sasakawa USA
- **Yukihisa Fujita**, House of Councillors
- **Yoichi Funabashi**, Co-Founder and Chairman, the Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation
- **Mike Green**, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, CSIS
- **Melissa Hathaway**, Senior Advisor, Cybersecurity Project, Belfer Center
- **Chris Johnstone**, Office of Secretary of Defense
- **James Kendall**, Fellow for Common Challenges, Sasakawa USA
- **Rick Larsen**, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Christopher Nelson (moderator)**, Fellow for U.S.-Asia Relations, Sasakawa USA
- **Masanori Nishi**, former Vice Minister of Defense, Japan
- **Itsunori Onodera**, former Minister of Defense, Japan
- **Matt Pottinger**, Senior Director for Asian Affairs, NSC
- **Evans Revere**, Senior Fellow at Center for East Asian Policy Studies, Brookings Institution
- **William 'Bud' Roth**, Fellow for Cybersecurity, Sasakawa USA

- **Daniel Russel**, Diplomat in Residence and Senior Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute
- **William Saito**, Special Advisor, Cabinet Office of Japan
- **Kenichiro Sasae**, Ambassador of Japan to the United States
- **Randy Schriver**, President, Project 2049
- **Sheila Smith**, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Keizo Takemi**, House of Councillors
- **Hideshi Tokuchi**, Distinguished Fellow, Sasakawa USA
- **Dennis Wilder**, Professor, Asia Program; Senior Fellow, U.S.-China Dialogue, Georgetown University
- **James Zumwalt**, CEO, Sasakawa USA

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