



Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA Presents:

**Abe, Modi, & Partnership
India's Views of Japan, the United States & the Indo-Pacific Partnership**

----As part of the 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival----

April 4, 2018 | 11:30-2:00pm
Army Navy Club, Main Dining Room | 901 17th St. NW

As we celebrate springtime, cherry blossoms and the U.S.-Japan friendship that they symbolize, Sasakawa USA will host an event to focus on the blossoming of the two allies' relationship with one of their key like-minded democratic partners in Asia: India.

Come discover the importance of the U.S.-Japan-India relationship and India's views of Japan and the United States from a panel of knowledgeable experts. Embracing this year's theme of "Art, Music and Play," the audience will also have an opportunity to explore cultural exchanges and influences between India and Japan.

Sasakawa USA is a U.S. organization dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations through education, programs and research. This event is part of Sasakawa USA's Views of Japan Series, which offers opportunities for the American public to learn more about Japan's relationships with other countries and the country's influence in the rest of the world.

Program Agenda

**Speaker bios below*

- 11:30-11:50 Registration & Lunch
- 11:55-12:00 Welcome Remarks
Ambassador James P. Zumwalt, CEO, Sasakawa USA
- 12:00-12:30 Special Feature: Japan's cultural influences on India
Yoshiaki Koga, Editor and India Project Director, Kodansha
Moderator: Kazuyo Kato, Director, Education & Finance, Sasakawa USA
- 12:30-1:30 Panel Presentations & Discussion
India's views of Japan, the United States and Indo-Pacific Partnership
Dr. Raja Mohan, Director, Carnegie India
Indo-Pacific Partnership from the U.S. industry perspective
Sumona Guha, Senior Director, U.S.-India Business Council
Japan's strategic & business interests in India
Ambassador Akitaka Saiki, Board Member, Mitsubishi Corporation, and former Japanese Ambassador to India
Moderator: Paul Beckett, Washington Bureau Chief, *The Wall Street Journal*
- 1:30-2:00 Audience Q&A

Speaker Bios

In alphabetical order



Paul Beckett is the Washington Bureau Chief of The Wall Street Journal. Before taking the helm of the bureau in 2017, Mr. Beckett was Asia Editor, in charge of the Journal's print and digital editorial operations.

He moved to Hong Kong in 2013 after six years as South Asia Editor, based in New Delhi, where he started WSJ's India Real Time blog and its India news website, india.wsj.com.

In 2008, Mr. Beckett and the bureau won an Overseas Press Club award for their India coverage. In July 2013, he was co-author of the HarperCollins book *Crimes Against Women: Three Tragedies and the Call for Reform in India*, a compilation of WSJ's reporting on women's issues in 2012 and 2013.

Born and bred in Scotland and a graduate of Edinburgh University, Mr. Beckett joined Dow Jones in 1990 at the Newburyport, Mass., *Daily News*, then part of Dow Jones's community newspaper chain. He joined Dow Jones Newswires in 1993 and reported from New York, London, Mexico City and Washington, D.C. He joined The Wall Street Journal in 1998 in New York, where he covered banking. In 2003, he moved to London as bureau chief and European finance and markets editor.



Sumona Guha serves as Senior Director at the US- India Business Council. In this role, she works with companies that do business in India to assist them in identifying market opportunities and navigating regulatory actions that affect their operations. She liaises with Indian and U.S. government authorities to improve economic ties and commercial relations between the United States and India.

Prior to joining USIBC, Guha was a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, responsible for India, South Asia, and Central Asia strategy development. In that role, she advanced efforts to engage India on its role as an emerging global power and regional power in the Indo-Pacific, including through the U.S.-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue and U.S.-India Policy Planning talks. She has previously served as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan and member of the negotiating team for the U.S.-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Agreement. Earlier in her career, Guha served in the Office of the U.S. Vice President as a Special Advisor for National Security Affairs, as a Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Senate, and as an advisor to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

Guha holds an M.A. from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University. She speaks Bengali, Russian and French.



Kazuyo Kato is the Director for Education and Finance at Sasakawa USA. In her current capacity, Kato leads Sasakawa USA's Education Program, which offers opportunities for U.S. policymakers, experts and the broader public to improve their understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship and its important policy issues through frequent public events, delegation trips, people-to-people exchanges/dialogues and fellowships. As Director of Finance, Kato is also responsible for budgeting, financial planning and reporting, grant management, and day-to-day oversight of Sasakawa USA's finance and accounting, human resources, and other administrative operations.

Kato joined Sasakawa USA in June 2014 as Senior Program Officer, after managing the U.S.-Japan Exchange Program at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Tokyo, Japan from 2010 to 2014. From

2007 to 2009, she was an Associate at Armitage International, L.L.C., an international business-consulting firm headed by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard L. Armitage. Prior to that, from 2003 to 2007, she worked on a number of Asia projects as Research Associate in the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She began her professional career in 2001 as an Analyst at Arthur Andersen (later KMPG) in Tokyo.

Kato was born in Australia, and raised in Tokyo, Egypt, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. She graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in international relations and a master's degree in international policy studies. She also has a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University's Continuing Studies Program.



Yoshiaki Koga is India Project Director of the International Business Development department at Kodansha, Ltd., one of the largest Japanese publisher of books and magazines founded in 1909. In his current capacity, Koga is in charge of project development in India. His project on reading and selling picture books for environmental and health education purposes was competitively selected by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as one of its projects in 2016.

Since joining the current department in 2010, Koga planned the remaking of the Japanese baseball anime “Kyojin no Hoshi” into “Suraj – The Rising Star”, cricket animation for the Indian market and first animation jointly produced by India and Japan. Prior to that, in 2005, Koga created and became the first editor-in-chief of “Courrier Japon,” an international News magazine published in partnership with French weekly magazine “Courrier International”.

At Kodansha, Ltd., which he joined in 1989, Koga has covered social issues in Japan and abroad as editor and reporter of “Weekly Gendai” and “Weekly Friday” magazines, and experienced covering Iraq and North Korea. He has published books on the disaster at Volcano Fugen (“*Fugen-OFF LIMITS*”), the AUM Shinrikyo cult (“*Basbo – AUM ga sunda mori*”, “*At AUM – Mukogawa kara mita seka?*”), and the story behind the production of “Suraj – The Rising Star”. Koga was born in Saga prefecture. In 2001-2002, he participated in a study overseas program in France.



C. Raja Mohan is director of Carnegie India. A leading analyst of India's foreign policy, Mohan is also an expert on South Asian security, great-power relations in Asia, and arms control. He is the foreign affairs columnist for the *Indian Express*, and a visiting research professor at the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. He was a member of India's National Security Advisory Board.

From 2009 to 2010, Mohan was the Henry Alfred Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress. Previously, he was a professor of South Asian studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi and the Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. He also served as the diplomatic editor and Washington correspondent of the *Hindu*.

Mohan's most recent books are *Modi's World: Expanding India's Sphere of Influence* (Harper Collins India, 2015) and *India's Naval Strategy and Asian Security* (Routledge, 2016) (co-edited with Anit Mukherjee).



Ambassador Akitaka Saiki is a board member of Mitsubishi Corporation in Tokyo, Japan. From 2011 to 2012, he served as the Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of India, concurrently to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Saiki entered Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1976. In the early years of his extensive diplomatic career, he held directorships in the North America, International Economic Affairs, West Europe, and International Organizations Divisions of MOFA. He was Deputy Director-General at MOFA's Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau from 2002 to 2006, before serving as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in the United States. He returned to the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau as Director-General from 2008 to 2011.

Following his ambassadorship, Saiki held the position of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs. In June 2013, he became Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, a position in which he served until his retirement from MOFA in 2016. He joined Mitsubishi Corporation as a Corporate Adviser in September 2016.



Ambassador James Zumwalt became Chief Executive Officer of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA in February 2017. Ambassador Zumwalt was the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea Bissau from 2015 to January 2017. Previously, he was responsible for policy toward Japan and Korea as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia Affairs. When the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck Japan in 2011, Ambassador Zumwalt was serving as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, where he coordinated the United States' support for the Japanese Government's response to that crisis.

During his 36-year Foreign Service career, Ambassador Zumwalt has served in a variety of assignments with a focus on Asia and international economics in Washington, Tokyo, Beijing, Kinshasa, Dakar, and Bissau. In Washington, D.C., he worked in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Japan, Korea, and Philippines desks and also at the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the United States Trade Representative's Office. He speaks Japanese, French, and some Chinese.

Ambassador Zumwalt received a master's degree in International Security Studies from the National War College in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and also in Japanese Language from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. He is from El Cajon, California and is married to Ann Kambara, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now pursuing a second career in social work.