



Book Launch for Japan's Energy Conundrum

A Discussion of Japan's Energy Circumstances and U.S.-Japan Energy Relations

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Moderator:

Dr. Kent Calder, Director of Asia Programs and Director of Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Speakers:

Admiral Dennis Blair, Chairman and Distinguished Senior Fellow, Sasakawa USA

Tom Cutler, Energy Consultant specializing in Asian energy security and trade

Jane Nakano, Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Dr. Michael Smitka, Professor of Economics, Washington and Lee University

Nobuo Tanaka, Chairman, Sasakawa Peace Foundation and former Executive Director, International Energy Agency

Dr. Phyllis Genther Yoshida, Senior Fellow for Energy and Technology, Sasakawa USA



Speaker Biographies

Admiral Dennis BLAIR is Chairman of the Board and Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident) of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. He joined the foundation in 2014 and, as Chief Executive Officer from then until February 2017, led the team through a refocusing of its mission and a greatly expanded staff. Blair has long experience in Japan and Asia issues and also serves as a member of the Energy Security Leadership Council, and is on the boards of Freedom House, the National Bureau of Asian Research, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and the Atlantic Council. As Director of National Intelligence, from January 2009 to May 2010, Blair led sixteen national intelligence agencies, managed a budget of \$50 billion and provided integrated intelligence support to the President, Congress, and operations in the field. Blair was president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), a federally funded research and development center that supports the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Intelligence Community, from 2003 to 2006. During his 34-year Navy career, Blair served on guided missile destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and commanded the Kitty Hawk Battle Group. Ashore, he served as Director of the Joint Staff and held budget and policy positions on the National Security Council and several major Navy staffs. Prior to retiring from the Navy in 2002, Blair served as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, the largest of the combatant commands. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Dr. Kent CALDER is the Director of Asia Programs and Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins SAIS in Washington, DC. Before arriving at Johns Hopkins SAIS in 2003, Dr. Calder taught for twenty years at Princeton University and four years at Harvard University. He also held visiting positions at Seoul National University, Yangon University, and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang University as the Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies. Dr. Calder has served as Special Advisor to the US Ambassador to Japan (1997-2001), Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (1989-1993 and 1996), and as the first Executive Director of Harvard University's Program on US-Japan Relations from 1979-1980. A specialist in East Asian political economy, Dr. Calder has spent eleven years living and researching in Japan and four years elsewhere in East Asia. Dr. Calder received his PhD from Harvard University in 1979, where he worked under the direction of Edwin O. Reischauer. He was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon in the fall of 2014.

Tom CUTLER is an energy consultant specializing in Asian energy security and trade. He has nearly 40 years' experience in international energy affairs, including serving as Director for European and Asia Pacific Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy until July 2013. He is currently President of Cutler International LLC. Cutler has numerous publications to his credit, including U.S.-Japan energy security, trade and investment, and strategic cooperation, and Asian energy security. He graduated from Lawrence University in Wisconsin and obtained his M.A. at The George Washington University.

Jane NAKANO is Senior Fellow in the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), which is a bipartisan think-tank based in Washington, D.C. Her areas of expertise include U.S. energy policy, global market and policy developments concerning natural gas, nuclear energy and coal, and energy security issues in the Asia Pacific region. She frequently writes and speaks on these issues at domestic and international conferences and to the media from around the world. She has also testified before Congress on U.S. liquefied natural gas exports. Prior to joining CSIS in 2010, Nakano



worked in the Office of Policy and International Affairs in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), where she covered a host of energy, economic, and political issues in Asia. From 2001 to 2002, she served at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo as special assistant to the energy attaché. Nakano graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and holds a master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

Dr. Michael SMITKA is a Professor of Economics at Washington and Lee University where he has taught since 1986. He is a highly regarded scholar and frequent contributor of articles on the Japanese economy, the U.S. and Japanese automotive industry and the Chinese economy. He is a past president of the Virginia Association of Asian Studies, and served as treasurer of the Washington and Southeast Japan Seminar. He has served as a judge of the Automotive News PACE Supplier of the Year Innovation Award since 1994. He was a Fulbright Researcher at Chiba University in 2006-2007. He graduated with an AB in East Asian Studies from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale.

Nobuo TANAKA is Chairman of The Sasakawa Peace Foundation. He was Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) from 2007 to August 2011. He began his career in 1973 in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and has served in a number of high-ranking positions, including Director-General of the Multilateral Trade System Department. He was Minister for Industry, Trade and Energy at the Embassy of Japan, Washington DC. He has also served twice as Director for Science, Technology and Industry (DSTI) of the Paris-based international organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Dr. Phyllis Genther YOSHIDA is the Senior Fellow for Energy and Technology at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. She also is President of Pimmit Run Consulting LLC, a private consultancy on international energy and technology issues. Prior to joining Sasakawa, she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, Europe, and the Americas at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), coordinating bilateral relationships and serving as the Lead Shepherd of APEC's Energy Working Group. She was the team leader of the International Energy Agency's 2016 in-depth review of the energy policies of Japan, and negotiated the establishment of the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC). She also served as DOE's Director of the FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership, a government-industry cooperative research partnership. Dr. Yoshida has written extensively on Japanese and international science, technology, and energy issues. She also has held policy and research positions over her career at the U.S. House of Representatives, the Japan Economic Institute, George Mason University and the U.S. Department of Commerce. As Director of the Department of Commerce's Asia-Pacific Technology Program, she received the Commerce Department's Gold Medal for expanding U.S. access to foreign science and technology, and Silver Medal for work creating the International Intelligent Manufacturing Systems Partnership. She received her B.A. from Carleton College, and M.A. and Ph.D. from The George Washington University. She was the first recipient of Japan's GARIOA/Fulbright Fellowship, under which she studied in 1983-1984 at the University of Tokyo, Japan.