India’s Views of Japan and the Indo-Pacific Partnership Lead the Discussion at 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival

Sasakawa USA to sponsor Expert Panel Discussion on the U.S.-Japan-India relationship

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Join Sasakawa USA for a panel discussion on April 4 examining the importance of the U.S.-Japan-India relationship and India’s views of Japan and the United States. The event will also include a short session on Japan’s cultural influences on India, embracing the National Cherry Blossom Festival’s 2018 theme of “Art, Music and Play.”

Journalist Paul Beckett, Washington Bureau Chief for The Wall Street Journal, will moderate the “Abe, Modi, & Partnership: India’s Views of Japan, the United States and the ‘Indo-Pacific’ Partnership” discussion. Beckett will be joined by Raja Mohan, Director of Carnegie India, and Sumona Guha, Senior Director of the U.S.-India Business Council. Mohan is a leading analyst of India’s foreign policy and Guha is a former member of the U.S. Secretary of State’s Policy Planning Staff. A third panelist is TBA.

In recent years, manga and anime have grown in popularity in India. Prior to the panel, Yoshiaki Koga, an editor for Kodansha, one of the world’s leading publishers of manga and children’s books, will discuss cultural interests that are shared by Japan and India.

Sasakawa USA is dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations through education, programs and research. This program is the second in Sasakawa USA’s Views of Japan series, which offers opportunities for the American public to learn more about Japan’s relationships with other countries.

The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served. The event will be held from 11:30am-2:30pm at the Army Navy Club. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, visit spfusa.org/ncbf2018.

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 National Cherry Blossom Festival
The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation’s greatest springtime celebration. The 2018 Festival, March 20–April 15, includes four weeks of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit nationalcherryblossomfestival.org or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information, or check out Facebook (CherryBlossomFestival), Twitter (@CherryBlossFest), and Instagram (@CherryBlossFest).

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