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EVENT: Sasakawa USA’s Fifth Annual Security Forum on May 2
The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Deepening Ties while Confronting New Challenges

Washington, D.C. – As the world prepares for summits involving South Korea, North Korea, and the United States, please join Sasakawa USA for insights and commentary on the role the U.S. will play in these critically important meetings and our engagement within the Asia-Pacific region. Leading policy and military experts will discuss topics ranging from North Korea’s diplomatic shift in 2018; Japan’s increased security role in Asia; the U.S. National Defense Strategy; Japan’s Nuclear Security Policy; Defense Industrial Cooperation; and Cybersecurity. Current and former senior policy, diplomatic, and military officials will participate in the 2018 Annual Security Forum, including:

- Incoming Ambassador of Japan to the U.S. – Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama
- Former Deputy Secretary of Defense – Robert Work
- Former Director of National Intelligence – Dennis Blair
- Chairman of Sasakawa Peace Foundation – Nobuo Tanaka

The event will be live-streamed in English and Japanese, beginning at 9 a.m. Follow @SasakawaUSA for updates throughout the day, using the hashtag #USJapanSecurity.

Members of the media must REGISTER HERE. Limited camera riser space available. Camera crews may set up at 8 a.m. before the Forum begins.

What: Sasakawa USA’s Fifth Annual Security Forum

Where: The Willard InterContinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Agenda for Sasakawa USA’s Fifth Annual Security Forum

Panels
8:30 a.m. | Registration
9:00 a.m. | Key Issues in the Alliance
9:30 a.m. | North Korea: Recent Developments
10:30 a.m. | Break
10:40 a.m. | Trilateral Cooperation in a North Korea Contingency: Results of a TTX
11:40 a.m. | Lunch starts
12:00 p.m. | Japan’s Increasing Regional and Global Security Engagement
1:00 p.m. | Keynote speech by Robert Work, former Deputy Secretary of Defense
1:20 p.m. | Defense Industrial Cooperation
2:00 p.m. | Break
2:10 p.m. | Japan’s Nuclear Security Policy
3:10 p.m. | The United States’ National Defense Strategy and Japan’s Defense Strategy
4:10 p.m. | Break
4:15 p.m. | U.S.-Japan Collaboration Countering the North Korean Cyber Threat
5:15 p.m. | Closing Keynote Speech
5:45 p.m. | Closing Remarks

Speakers and Participants
- Amb. James Zumwalt, CEO, Sasakawa USA
- Amb. Shinsuke Sugiyama, Ambassador of Japan to the United States
- Katrina Manson, U.S. Foreign Policy and Defense Correspondent, Financial Times
- Sue Mi Terry, Senior Fellow, Korea Chair, CSIS
- Wataru Sawamura, Washington D.C. Bureau Chief, Asahi Shimbun
- Amb. David Shear, former ASD for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, DoD
- Adm. Dennis Blair (Ret.), Chairman and Distinguished Senior Fellow, Sasakawa USA
- Gen. In-Bum Chun, ROKA (Ret.)
- Tsuneo Watanabe, Senior Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Tokyo
- Yuki Tatsumi, Director, Japan Program, Stimson Center
- Andrew Oros, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Washington College
- Sheila A. Smith, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
- Adm. Tomohisa Takei, Distinguished International Fellow, Naval War College
- Robert Work, former Deputy Secretary of Defense, DoD
- Richard Edwards, EVP, Lockheed Martin International
- Kongdan Oh, Senior Asia Specialist, Institute for Defense Analyses
- Hideaki Watanabe, former ATLA Commissioner, MOD
- Sayuri Romei, Associate Fellow, Sasakawa USA
- Masakatsu Ota, Senior Feature Writer/Editorial Writer, Kyodo News
- Elaine Bunn, former DASD for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, DoD
- Amb. Kazutoshi Aikawa, DCM, Japanese Embassy to the U.S.
- Michael J. Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, CSIS
- James A. Lewis, Senior Vice President, CSIS
- Jim Mitre, Principal Director, Office of the DASD for Strategy & Force Development, DoD
- Sugio Takahashi, Chief, Policy Simulation Division, NIDS
- Hideshi Tokuchi, Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow, Sasakawa USA
- Bud Roth, Non-Resident Fellow, Sasakawa USA
- Megan Stifel, Cybersecurity Policy Director, Public Knowledge
- Richard Ledgett, former Deputy Director, NSA
- Maj. Michael Klipstein, Research Scientist and Chief of Outreach, Army Cyber Institute
- Nobuo Tanaka, President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Tokyo

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
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