AGENDA

8:00 Registration and coffee

8:30 Welcome and Introduction

INTRODUCTION: Amb. James Zumwalt (Ret.), CEO, Sasakawa USA
REMARKS: Amb. Shinsuke J. Sugiyama, Ambassador of Japan to the United States
VIDEO REMARKS: Amb. William “Bill” Hagerty IV, Ambassador of the United States to Japan

8:45 Opening Keynote Speech

INTRODUCTION: Adm. Dennis Blair (Ret.), Chairman, Sasakawa USA
SPEAKER: Gen. Ryoichi Oriki (Ret.), Special Advisor, National Security Secretariat

9:30 Indo-Pacific Grand Strategy: Is It More than Countering China?

MODERATOR: Dr. Michael J. Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Director of Asian Studies, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
PANELISTS: Dr. Evan A. Feigenbaum, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Mr. Masanori Nishi, Former Japanese Vice Minister of Defense
Ms. Yuki Tatsumi, Co-Director, East-Asia Program, and Director, Japan Program, Stimson Center

10:45 Break

11:00 Economic Influence and Competition in the Indo-Pacific Region

MODERATOR: Mr. Matthew P. Goodman, Senior Vice President, Senior Adviser for Asian Economics, and Simon Chair in Political Economy, Center for Strategic and International Studies
PANELISTS: Mr. Tobias Harris, Fellow for Economy, Trade, and Business, Sasakawa USA
Amb. David Shear (Ret.), Senior Advisor, McLarty Associates
Dr. Mireya Solís, Director, Center for East Asia Policy Studies; Philip Knight Chair
Mr. Tsuneo Watanabe, Senior Research Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

12:15  Lunch starts (provided)

12:30  Salon-style Conversation with Special Guest

INTERVIEWER:  Adm. Dennis Blair (Ret.), Chairman, Sasakawa USA
GUEST:  Dr. Yoichi Funabashi, Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative

1:15  Break

1:30  Japan’s National Defense Program Guidelines: Pacing the Threat?

MODERATOR:  Dr. Sayuri Romei, Fellow for Security and Foreign Affairs, Sasakawa USA
PANELISTS:  Dr. Eric Heginbotham, Principal Research Scientist, MIT Center for International Studies
Dr. Kathleen Hicks, Senior Vice President, Henry A. Kissinger Chair, and Director of International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Lt. Gen. Koichi Isobe (Ret.), Resident Fellow, Harvard Asia Center
Ms. Nina Wagner, Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities

2:45  Japanese Society and Security: The Role of the SDF

MODERATOR:  Mr. James L. Schoff, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
PANELISTS:  Prof. Takako Hikotani, Gerald L. Curtis Associate Professor of Modern Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy, Columbia University
Prof. Andrew Oros, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Washington College

3:55  Break

4:00  Conversation with United States and Japanese Government Officials

MODERATOR:  Amb. James Zumwalt (Ret.), CEO, Sasakawa USA
PANELISTS:  Mr. David Helvey, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs
Minister Keiichi Ichikawa, Political Minister, Embassy of Japan in the United States

5:00  Concluding Remarks

SPEAKER:  Adm. Dennis Blair (Ret.), Chairman, Sasakawa USA

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