Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Jr. Joins Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
Advisory Committee on Projects

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Jr. has joined the Sasakawa USA Advisory Committee on Projects.

Dr. Nye is a University Distinguished Service Professor, Emeritus, and former Dean of the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University. He has been voted by international relations scholars as one of the most influential scholars on American foreign policy and listed among the 100 leading global thinkers by Foreign Policy. From 1977-79, he was Deputy Undersecretary of State and chaired the National Security Council Group on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In 1993-94, he served as Chair of the National Intelligence Council which prepares intelligence estimates for the president, and in 1994-95 as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. He won Distinguished Service medals from all three agencies. In 2014, Emperor Akihito awarded Dr. Nye with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star in recognition of his contribution to the development of studies on Japan-U.S. security and the promotion of the mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.

The Sasakawa USA Advisory Committee on Projects consists of four distinguished leaders in global affairs: Ambassador Melanne Verveer, Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, and the first Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues; Secretary Randall Schriver, Chairman of the Project 2049 Institute, and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs; Ambassador Kurt Tong, Partner at The Asia Group, former Consul General of the U.S. to Hong Kong and Macau, and former U.S. Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC); and Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Jr. Through the experience and expertise of this committee, Sasakawa USA will continue to play a critical role strengthening the U.S.-Japan relationship by enriching policy discussions, research, publications, and networks.

For more information, please email Associate Communications Manager, Ms. Izumi Swarts, at iswarts@spfusa.org.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
Sasakawa USA is a non-partisan 503 (c)(3) organization dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the United States and Japan for the benefit of a free and open international community. Its activities primarily focus on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, publications, and networking.

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**Ambassador Melanne Verveer** was nominated by President Obama in 2009 to be the first U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues. In that capacity, she worked with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to coordinate foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic, and social advancement of women. Traveling to nearly sixty countries, she led efforts to integrate women’s rights and participation into U.S. foreign policy. President Obama also appointed Ambassador Verveer to serve as U.S. Representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Today she is the Director of Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security. The Institute seeks to enhance national and global security by documenting the crucial role women play in peace-building and security through research and scholarship and by engaging global leaders from government, civil society and the private sector in conversations on the urgent issues of our time. She also serves as Special Representative on Gender Equality for the OSCE Chairmanship.

Ambassador Verveer is the founding partner of Seneca Point Global (SPG), a global women's strategy firm. SPG partners with leading companies and institutions to design, implement, and measure integrated strategies that focus on women and girls and drive sustainable results – whether social, economic, or both. She is the co-author of the book, “FAST FORWARD: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose.”

Prior to her role at the State Department, Ambassador Verveer was Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international NGO she co-founded to invest in emerging women leaders. Before Vital Voices, she served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady in the Clinton Administration. She also led the effort to establish the President’s Interagency Council on Women and was instrumental in the adoption of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. She has a BS and MS from Georgetown University and holds several honorary degrees.

**Secretary Randall G. Schriver** is the Chairman of the Board of the Project 2049 Institute and a strategic advisor to Pacific Solutions LLC. He is also a lecturer for Stanford University’s “Stanford-in-Washington” program, is on the Board of Advisors to the Sasakawa USA, and Board of Directors of the US-Taiwan Business Council.

Just prior, he served for two years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs where he led a team of nearly one hundred professionals and was the principle advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters related to the Indo-Pacific region.

Prior to his Senate confirmation, Secretary Schriver was one of five founding partners of Armitage International LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in international business development and strategies. He also served as CEO and President of the Project 2049 Institute, a non-profit research organization dedicated to the study of security trend lines in Asia. He was also an adjunct lecturer for Stanford University’s “Stanford-in-Washington” program where he taught a quarter-long course on U.S. foreign policy every fall and spring for fourteen years.

Previously, Secretary Schriver served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. He was responsible for China, Taiwan, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of State. From
1994 to 1998, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, including as the senior official responsible for U.S. bilateral relations with the People’s Liberation Army and the bilateral security and military relationships with Taiwan.

**Ambassador Kurt Tong** is a Partner at The Asia Group, where he leads the firm’s work in Japan and the broader East Asia region. A leading expert on diplomacy and economic affairs in East Asia, Ambassador Tong brings thirty years of experience in the Department of State as a career Foreign Service Officer and member of the Senior Foreign Service.

Prior to joining The Asia Group, Ambassador Tong served as Consul General in Hong Kong and Macau, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs at the State Department, Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, U.S. Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and Director for Asian Affairs at the White House National Security Council. He served abroad as a U.S. diplomat in Manila, Tokyo (twice), Beijing, Seoul, and Hong Kong.

Before entering the Foreign Service in 1990, Ambassador Tong was an Associate with the Boston Consulting Group in Tokyo. He holds a B.A. from Princeton University, and speaks and reads Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.

**Dr. Joseph S. Nye, Jr.** is a University Distinguished Service Professor and former Dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Princeton University, studied at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship, and earned a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard where he joined the faculty in 1964. In 2008, a poll of 2700 international relations scholars listed him as the most influential scholar on American foreign policy, and in 2011 Foreign Policy listed him among the 100 leading global thinkers.

From 1977-79, Dr. Nye was Deputy Undersecretary of State and chaired the National Security Council Group on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In 1993-94 he chaired the National Intelligence Council which prepares intelligence estimates for the president, and in 1994-95 served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. He won Distinguished Service medals from all three agencies.

Dr. Nye has published fourteen academic books, a novel, and more than 200 articles in professional and policy journals. Recent books include *Soft Power, The Powers to Lead, The Future of Power, Is the American Century Over?, and Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump.*

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Academy, the American Academy of Diplomacy, and an honorary fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. He is the recipient of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson Award, the Charles Merriam Award from the American Political Science Association, France’s Palmes Academiques, Japan’s Order of the Rising Sun, and various honorary degrees.