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Ms. Mihoko Matsubara Joins Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA as Non-Resident Scholar for the US-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is pleased to announce that Ms. Mihoko Matsubara has joined our team as a non-resident scholar for the US-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative.



Ms. Matsubara is Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation in Tokyo. Prior to joining NTT, Matsubara worked as Vice President and Public Sector Chief Security Officer for Asia-Pacific at Palo Alto Networks. She served on Japanese government's cybersecurity R&D policy committee between 2014 and 2018. Before obtaining her MA at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on Fulbright, she served at the Japanese Ministry of Defense. Ms. Matsubara is also an Adjunct Fellow at the Pacific Forum, Honolulu; Associate Fellow for Cyber at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; and a Cohort 6 member of the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future for the Maureen and Mike Mansfield

Foundation.

She will provide research and analysis on cyber security challenges facing the United States and Japan, as well as alliance policy coordination in both the public and private sectors.

For inquiries, please contact Associate Communications Manager, Ms. Izumi Swarts, at iswarts@spfusa.org.

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Sasakawa USA is a non-partisan 501(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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Ms. Mihoko Matsubara is Chief Cybersecurity Strategist at NTT Corporation in Tokyo, and she is well-recognized globally for her thought leadership on cyber security issues. Prior to joining NTT, she worked as Vice President and Public Sector Chief Security Officer for Asia-Pacific at Palo Alto Networks. She served on Japanese government's cybersecurity R&D policy committee between 2014 and 2018. Before obtaining her MA at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies on Fulbright, she served at the Japanese Ministry of Defense. Ms. Matsubara is also an Adjunct Fellow at the Pacific Forum, Honolulu, Associate Fellow for Cyber at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, and a Cohort 6 member of the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future for the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation.

She wrote a Japanese book in 2019 on cyber security entitled, "Cyber Security: Cybersecurity to Protect the Way of our Digital Life," which won an award from the Okawa Foundation for Information and Telecommunications. She also contributed "Japan's 5G Security Strategy and Competition in Emerging Technologies" to the Strategic Japan project (Competition in New Domains) organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Japan Chair in 2022.