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Dr. Peter S. Watson, Former President and CEO of OPIC Joins Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA as Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is pleased to announce that the Honorable Peter S. Watson has joined our team as a Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident).



Dr. Watson is President and CEO of the Dwight Group, LLC, which assists international transactions. He earlier served as President and CEO of the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), now the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), under President George W. Bush. Prior to his OPIC appointment, he served as Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) under President Bill Clinton. Prior to his five years on the ITC, he served in the George H.W. Bush administration as the Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC), later serving as Senior Advisor to Armitage Associates, LLC. Dr. Watson served on the Board of Directors of the Fluor Corporation, and is Adviser to NuScale Power. For several years he served as Legal Advisor to the Government of Japan in Washington, D.C. He was most recently appointed by the Biden administration as a member of the Palau Economic Advisory Group.

With Dr. Watson's expertise and experience in the U.S.-Japan security alliance, Sasakawa USA will continue to play a critical role in strengthening the alliance within the framework of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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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Dr. Watson's academic service has included appointments as Visiting Professor, St. Peter's College, Oxford University; Distinguished Lecturer, Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business; and as a member of the Board of Visitors, Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management, Claremont Graduate University.

He has been a long-term co-chair of the American Bar Association's Senior International Appointment's Committee. He holds L.L.M. and Doctoral degrees in International Economic Relations from McGill University, and an L.L.B. from Auckland Law School. He also holds an MBA in International Business.

Dr. Watson's public service includes appointments to the U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Ras Al Khaimah Centre for Advanced Materials. He is an awardee of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service from the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Watson has published over 50 articles on international business and trade policy. He is the author of *The Economic Arsenal in the War Against Terror*, and the principal author of *Completing the World Trading System: Proposals for a Millennium Round*.

On January 1, 2002, Dr. Watson was awarded *Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit* (ONZM), by Queen Elizabeth II, and on January 1, 2012, was awarded *Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit* (CNZM).