Conference / Workshop Overview

This will be the inaugural NEXT Alliance Conference (NAC), one of two offsite “retreats” convened each year by Sasakawa USA focused on a priority issue area for the NEXT Alliance Initiative. The Fall 2022 NAC (to be held in Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD) will explore US-Japan economic security policy coordination, and we will organize a separate conference on alliance security cooperation in Japan for early spring 2023. The 2022 plan is outlined below:

Economic security has become a top concern for policy makers in both countries, as national vulnerabilities to unbalanced supply chains, energy market disruption, cyber security threats, and intense technology competition are pushing governments to adopt countermeasures in pursuit of stability and long-term economic and military competitiveness. However, these countermeasures—be they new export controls, investment restrictions, data governance rules, reshoring subsidies, or innovation initiatives—will be less effective if poorly coordinated among allies. In the worst case, they could work at cross purposes and undermine alliance strength.

The objective of this retreat and conference is to foster substantive bilateral expert dialogue on complex issues surrounding economic security policy coordination within the alliance, and to support greater mutual understanding and broader public awareness of these issues. Specifically, we focus on: 1) data and cyber security; 2) export controls, and 3) innovation. We aim to produce practical policy recommendations from this dialogue (and via commissioned papers for the NAC), and we will disseminate the results widely (in both English and Japanese). The NAC will also feature multiple professional networking opportunities.

Planned Itinerary Outline: November 3 thru November 7, 2022

- Thur Nov 3 – Japan delegation arrives in Washington (hotel check-in; reception w/ US group)
- Fri, Nov 4 – Morning USG briefings (incl lunch); bus to Annapolis; local tour; dinner/speaker
- Sat, Nov 5 – Morning/afternoon workshop sessions; dinner/speaker
- Sun, Nov 6 – Morning workshop sessions; drafting recommendations; bus to DC
- Mon, Nov 7 – Afternoon public event at Brookings Institution (optional)
- Tues, Nov 8 – Most of the Japan delegation returns home

A session-by-session outline follows, along with information about expected participants. Questions and comments can be directed to Jim Schoff, Sr. Director at Sasakawa USA and leader of the US-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative. jschoff@spfusa.org
**November 3 (Thursday): Japan delegation arrival**

6:30pm-8:00pm  Welcome reception in early evening w/ US delegation and guests (Park Hyatt Hotel, Green Park Room), *business casual attire*

Japan Guests’ Hotel: Park Hyatt Hotel (1201 24th St., NW, Washington, DC 20037)

**November 4 (Friday): USG Briefings and Bus to Annapolis**

All morning/lunch briefings to be held at Park Hyatt Hotel (Green Park Room)

*Business attire for briefings*

9:30am-10:30am EDT  USG briefing on Science & Innovation strategies

   Jason Donavan, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Cooperation (STC), Department of State

10:45am-11:45am EDT  USG briefing update on Economic 2+2 (EPCC)

   Pamela Phan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, Global Markets, Department of Commerce; Kemy Monahan, Director for East Asia, National Security Council; Joel Ehrendreich, Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, Department of State

Noon-1:15pm EDT  USG lunch briefing on Semiconductor issues/Export Controls

   Tarun Chhabra, Senior Director for Technology and National Security, National Security Council

2:00pm – 3:30pm EDT  Bus to Annapolis; Bus leaves from Park Hyatt Hotel (Nakamura International Limousine, POC: Jun Nakamura), hotel check-in (Annapolis Waterfront Hotel)

   80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

   Tel. 888-773-0786

4:00pm – 5:15pm EDT  Local history/State Capitol walking tour arranged (*gather at Waterfront Hotel Lobby at 3:50pm*)

6:30pm – 9:15pm EDT  Drinks/Dinner, Waterfront Hotel Harbor View Room w/ speaker (“Reflections on Econ Security and Next Steps,” Mr. HIROSE Naoshi, Special Adviser to the Minister at METI)

   *Business casual attire for dinner*

**November 5 (Saturday): Workshop Sessions (1-3) (Spa Creek Room)**

*Casual or business casual attire is fine for workshop days*

8:00am-9:00am EDT  Buffet breakfast available in hotel’s Spa Creek Meeting Room

9:00am-9:15am EDT  Welcome and Opening Remarks

   Satohiro Akimoto, President, and Jim Schoff, Sr. Director, Sasakawa USA
9:15am-10:45am EDT  Workshop Session 1: Alliance Perceptions on Econ Security
Japan: IGATA Akira, Univ. of Tokyo
US: Mireya Solis, Brookings Institution

11:00am-12:30pm EDT  Workshop Session 2: Data and Cyber Security Issues
Japan: MATSUBARA Mihoko, NTT
US: Barbara Grewe, MITRE

12:30pm: Group Photo

12:35pm-1:35pm EDT  Workshop lunch w/ guest speaker (“What’s Shaping the Digital Transformation?”) Michael Nelson, Sr. Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) in Harborview Room

2:00pm – 3:30pm EDT  Workshop Session 3: Coordination on Export Controls
Japan: SUZUKI Kazuto, Univ. of Tokyo
US: Kevin Wolf, Aikin Gump

4:00pm – 6:00pm EDT  Free Time

6:00pm – 9:00pm EDT  Offsite dinner at Blackwall Hitch Restaurant w/ guest speaker (“Strategic Science & Technology Cooperation with Allies”) Patricia Falcone, Deputy Director for Science and Technology at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (meet in hotel lobby at 6pm to walk over to restaurant)

**November 6* (Sunday): Workshop Sessions (4-5)**

8:00am-9:00am EDT  Buffet breakfast available in hotel’s Spa Creek Meeting Room

9:00am-10:30am EST  Workshop Session 4: Pursuing a Technology Alliance
Japan: KAZEKI Jun, GRIPS
US: Martijn Rasser, CNAS

Break/Hotel check-out

11:00am-12:00pm EST  Workshop Session 5: Review/recommendation session

12:00pm-1:00pm EST  Workshop Room/Group Lunch (no speaker)

2:00pm – 3:30pm EST  Bus return to DC; hotel check-in for Japan side

*NB: US Daylight Savings time ends Sunday morning at 2am (clocks turn back 1 hour)

**November 7 (Monday): Public Event in DC**

Workshop Participants

Japan Delegation
1. Brent Bombach, Head of Govt Relations and Public Policy, NEC (confirmed)
2. IGATA Akira, Project Lecturer at the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo (confirmed)
3. KAZEKI Jun, National Graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies (confirmed)
4. MATSUBARA Mihoko, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation (confirmed)
5. SUZUKI Kazuto, Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo (confirmed)
6. TAMAI Katsuya, Professor, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo (confirmed)
7. HIROSE Naoshi, Special Adviser to the Minister at METI (confirmed)

Japanese Government (participating in Annapolis offsite workshop)
8. KAWANO Takumi, Counselor, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan (confirmed)
9. SUGIE Kazuhiro, Counselor, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan (confirmed)
10. TSUDA, Yuko, Dep. Dir., Japan Science & Technology Agency, DC (confirmed)

U.S. Delegation
1. Satohiro Akimoto, Chairman and President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
2. Jim Schoff, Sr. Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Patricia Falcone, Deputy Director for Science and Technology at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (confirmed)
4. Jimmy Goodrich, Vice President Global Policy, Semiconductor Industry Association (confirmed)
5. Barbara Grewe, Director for International Strategy and Policy, MITRE (confirmed)
7. Martijn Rasser, Senior Fellow and Director, Technology and National Security Program, CNAS (confirmed)
8. Eric Sayers, Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies (confirmed)
9. Mireya Solis, Sr. Fellow, Brookings Institution (confirmed)
10. Kevin Wolf, Partner, Aikin Gump (Non-resident Sr. Fellow, Center for Security & Emerging Technology) (confirmed) (prepared materials only, unable to attend)

US Government (participating in Annapolis offsite workshop)
11. Neil Helbraun, Economic Unit Chief, Office of Japanese Affairs, Department of State (confirmed)