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SPEAKER & PANELIST'S BIOS

First Panel Discussion:

"Domestic Political, Economic and Social Development: A Look Ahead"

Mr. Tsuyoshi Sunohara

Mr. Tsuyoshi Sunohara is now working as a senior staff writer with the Nikkei Newspaper in Tokyo, covering US foreign policy, the US-Japan relationship, and Japan's security policy in Tokyo.

He also works for the Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER), an affiliated body of Nikkei, as Secretary-General for US-Japan Project (US-Japan Business/Policy Dialogue or **Mt. Fuji Dialogue**), which is a new joint venture between JCER and Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs' think tank, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA).

Mr. Sunohara has also been playing a leading role as Director-General for Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) - Nikkei Virtual Think. He has also been a visiting fellow at CSIS and the Henry L. Stimson Center.

He was assigned to Washington DC as a political correspondent to cover the White House, State Department, and Defense Department from 1991 to 1995, and again in 1999, where he was in Washington, DC during September 11, 2001 incident. He returned to Tokyo to be a chief correspondent to cover Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Ministry of Defense (MOD).

Mr. Sunohara graduated from Sophia University in 1983 and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1987, he was a visiting fellow in the Advanced International Reporting Program (AIRP) of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York.

Ms. Yuki Tatsumi

Ms. Yuki Tatsumi is a Senior Associate of the East Asia Program at the Stimson Center. Her most recent publications include *US-Japan-Australia Security Cooperation: Prospects and Challenges* (Stimson Center 2015), *Japan's Global Diplomacy: Views from the Next Generation* (Stimson Center, 2015), *Japan's Foreign Policy Challenges in East Asia: Views from the Next Generation* (editor, Stimson, 2014), and *Opportunities out of Necessity: The Impact of US Defense Budget Cuts on the US-Japan Alliance* (Stimson, 2013). She is a recipient of the 2009 Yasuhiro Nakasone Incentive Award. Tatsumi holds a B.A. in liberal arts from International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, and an M.A. in international economics and Asian studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Scott Seaman

Dr. Scott Seaman focuses on Japan's economic and trade policies, and foreign relations, with an emphasis on the politics and economic implications of "Abenomics." His sectoral expertise includes energy, insurance, and information technologies.

Prior to joining Eurasia Group, Scott was an assistant vice president at MetLife with responsibilities for government and industry relations in Japan, South Korea, China, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Australia. He has worked at Cerner Corporation as a compliance senior strategic analyst with a focus on health IT in international markets. While an international trade specialist at the US Commerce Department's International Trade Administration, he managed portfolios for health IT, intellectual property rights, and government IT procurement in the context of US-Japan trade negotiations. He also worked in the international division at the Liberal Democratic Party headquarters in Tokyo. Scott has appeared on media outlets including Bloomberg, CNBC, and BNN, and has been quoted in publications such as *The Japan Times*, *Mainichi Shimbun*, *Seoul Economic Daily*, *New York Times*, and *CNN Money*.

Scott holds a PhD and an MA in Political Science from Duke University, and a BA in Government with Honors from the University of Virginia. His academic research focused on public works, protest movements, and policymaking processes in Japan. He was also a visiting researcher at the University of Tokyo and Keio University. Scott speaks Japanese and received language training at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies in Yokohama, Japan.

James L. Schoff

James L. Schoff is a senior associate in the Carnegie Asia Program and Director of Japan Studies. Jim's research focuses on U.S.-Japan relations and regional engagement, Japanese politics and security, and the private sector role in Japanese policymaking. He previously served as senior adviser for East Asia policy at the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense and before that as director of Asia Pacific Studies at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis (IFPA). His publications include *What Myanmar Means for the U.S.-Japan Alliance* (Carnegie, 2014) and *In Times of Crisis: U.S.-Japan Civil-Military Disaster Relief Coordination* (Potomac Books Inc., 2009).

Post-Luncheon Presentation:

The US Government Agenda for 2016

Ambassador Sung Kim

On November 6, 2014 **Ambassador Sung Kim** began his term as Special Representative for North Korea Policy and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Korea and Japan.

From November 3, 2011 until October 2014, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. He was nominated by President Barack Obama on June 27, 2011, and confirmed by the United States Senate on October 13, 2011.

Previously, Ambassador Kim was the Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks with the rank of Ambassador. Before that, he headed the Office of Korean Affairs at the Department of State from August 2006 to July 2008. Ambassador Kim also served in a variety of positions in the East Asia Pacific region including overseas assignments in Seoul, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong. Ambassador Kim's Washington assignments have included stints as a desk officer in the State Department's Office of Chinese Affairs and Staff Assistant in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Kim worked as a public prosecutor in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Ambassador Kim was born in Seoul, Korea, and grew up in Los Angeles. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed a degree in law from Loyola University. He also holds a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics.

Second Panel Discussion:

"Japan, Asia, and the US-Japan Relationship in 2016"

Ms. Wendy Cutler

Ms. Wendy Cutler joined the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) as Vice President and Managing Director of the Washington D.C. Office in November 2015. In these roles, she focuses on building ASPI's presence in Washington—strengthening its outreach as a think/do tank—and on leading initiatives that address challenges related to trade and women's empowerment in Asia. She joins ASPI following an illustrious career of nearly three decades as a diplomat and negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). Most recently she served as Acting Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, working on a range of U.S. trade negotiations and initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region. In that capacity she was responsible for the just-concluded Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement, including the bilateral negotiations with Japan.

Ms. Cutler's other responsibilities with USTR included bilateral trade relations with all TPP countries, U.S.-China trade relations, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, the U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum, and Trade and Investment Framework Agreements with countries ranging from Pakistan to the Philippines. Ms. Cutler held a number of positions at USTR since joining the office in 1988, working on both bilateral and multilateral issues. She was the Chief U.S. Negotiator for the U.S.-Korea (KORUS) Free Trade Agreement and led the U.S. trade and investment agenda in APEC. She also negotiated a wide range of bilateral agreements with Japan on such issues as telecommunications, insurance, and semiconductors. She has extensive multilateral trade experience as the U.S. negotiator for the WTO Financial Services Agreement and several Uruguay Round Agreements.

Ms. Cutler received her master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and her bachelor's degree from the George Washington University. She is married and has one son.

Dr. Jeffrey W. Hornung

Dr. Jeffrey Hornung is the Fellow for the Security and Foreign Affairs Program at Sasakawa USA.

Previously, Hornung worked as an Associate Professor for the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, a Department of Defense executive education facility in Honolulu, Hawaii. In that capacity he led courses, served as a seminar facilitator and briefed DOD and U.S. Pacific Command officials on Japanese security issues.

From 2009-2010, Hornung served as a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Ohio State University's East Asian Studies Center, where he taught courses on Japan and East Asia. Previously, he served as a research assistant at George Washington University on the project, "Memory and Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific." In addition to three years of teaching English in Japan on the JET Program, he also worked for a member of the Japanese Diet during the 2001 House of Councilors election.

Hornung has written about Japanese security and foreign policy issues for numerous outlets including *Asian Security*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *The Diplomat*.

He received his Ph.D. in political science from the George Washington University. He also holds an MA in international relations with a concentration in Japan Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a BA in political science and international affairs from Marquette University, where he graduated magna cum laude. During 2005-2006, Hornung conducted 15 months of doctoral research as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Tokyo, where he was a visiting scholar.

Dr. Narushige Michishita

Dr. Narushige Michishita is a visiting scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center's Asia Program and simultaneously a professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. Previously, he served as senior research fellow at the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Ministry of Defense and assistant counsellor at the Cabinet Secretariat for Security and Crisis Management of the Government of Japan. A specialist in Japanese security and foreign policy as well as security issues on the Korean Peninsula, his works include *North Korea's Military-Diplomatic Campaigns, 1966-2008* (Routledge, 2009). He is fluent in Japanese and Korean.

Ambassador Rust Deming

Ambassador Rust M. Deming is currently an Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Before teaching at SAIS he had a thirty-eight year career at the U.S. Department of State. His last assignment was as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. Mr. Deming continues his affiliation with INSS as an Adjunct Fellow, focusing his research on East Asia, particularly Japan.

Throughout his career, Mr. Deming has received numerous Senior Performance Awards and Superior Honor Awards. Among these, he is a recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, an award from the Japanese government, in recognition of his previous and continued work fostering Japan-U.S. relations and understanding. Mr. Deming served as American Ambassador to Tunisia from 2001-2003. Prior to that, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Ambassador Deming earned his undergraduate degree from Rollins College and received his MA in East Asian Studies from Stanford University. He is also a graduate of the National War College.

Ambassador John Malott

Ambassador John Malott served in the US Foreign Service for over 30 years, including assignments as US Consul in Kobe and Bombay; Economic Officer at the Embassy in Tokyo; Consul General in Osaka, and Ambassador to Malaysia. At the Department in Washington, he was a desk officer for Sri Lanka, India, and China; Deputy Director and later Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs; special assistant and chief of staff to the Under Secretary of State; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of South Asian Affairs. In retirement, he has been the President of the World Affairs Council of Orange County (California) and the Japan-America Society of Washington DC. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and the National War College.

