

The 6th Tokyo Global Dialogue

Speakers (as of Jan 24, 2025)

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January 29 (Wed), 2025

◆ Opening Remarks

Kenichiro Sasae President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) / Former Ambassador of Japan to the U.S.

Kenichiro Sasae joined the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs after graduating from The University of Tokyo in 1974. His distinguished and illustrious diplomatic career includes prestigious assignments as Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, Director-General of the Asian & Oceania Affairs Bureau, and Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs. During his period of service in Tokyo, he represented the Japanese Government in the Six-Party Talks on North Korean issues. He also worked as Political Director for the G-8 Summit. From 2012-2018, he was Ambassador of Japan to the United States. Subsequently, in June 2018, Ambassador Sasae was appointed President of The Japan Institute of International Affairs to head Japan's premier foreign affairs think tank.

◆ “The New US Administration and International Order”

★ **Takako Hikotani** Professor, Gakushuin University International Centre

Takako Hikotani is a Professor at Gakushuin University International Centre and a Senior Fellow with the Asia Society Policy Institute in Tokyo. From 2016 to 2021, she was the Gerald L. Curtis Associate Professor of Modern Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy at Columbia University. She previously taught at the National Defense Academy of Japan as Associate Professor. Her research focuses on civil-military relations, Japanese domestic politics, and Japanese foreign policy. Her publications in English include “How the Ukraine War is Changing Japan,” *Foreign Affairs*, April 28, 2022; “The Japanese Diet and Defense Policy-making,” *International Affairs*, 94:1, July 2018; and “Trump's Gift to Japan: Time for Tokyo to Invest in the Liberal Order,” *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2017. Professor Hikotani received her BA from Keio University, MAs from Keio University and Stanford University, and PhD in Political Science from Columbia University, where she was a President's Fellow.

© **Patrick M. Cronin** Asia-Pacific Security Chair, The Hudson Institute / Scholar in Residence, Carnegie Mellon University

Dr. Patrick M. Cronin is Asia-Pacific Security Chair at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., and a Scholar in Residence at Carnegie Mellon University, where he lectures on Asian strategies. He has served in leading analytical and executive positions at leading think tanks, including as Director of Studies at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Senior Vice President and Director of Studies at the Center for International and Security Studies (CSIS), and Director of Research and Studies at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), and he directed the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) at the National Defense University. He served as the third-ranking official at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in the George W. Bush administration.

© **Long Ke** Senior Fellow, The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research

KE Long is a Senior Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research (TKFD), specializing in China's financial systems and macroeconomic policy. He also serves as a Project Professor at the University of Shizuoka and a Visiting Professor at Tama University. Born in Nanjing, China, Mr. Ke came to Japan in 1988 and earned his MA in Economics from Nagoya University in 1994. He has held key roles at the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Research Institute and Fujitsu Research Institute, where he was Chief Researcher. His latest publication, "China's Real Estate Bubble" (2024), examines the challenges in China's real estate sector.

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© **Randall Schriver** Chairman of the Board, The Project 2049 Institute / Partner, Pacific Solution

Randall Schriver is a partner at Pacific Solution and concurrently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Project 2049 Institute, a non-profit research organization dedicated to the study of security trend lines in Asia. Randy most recently served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs from January 2018-December 2019. In that role, for nearly two years he was the senior most official at the Department of Defense responsible for managing Asia policy and the broader Indo-Pacific. Prior to his role as ASD, Randy was one of five founding partners of Armitage International LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in international business development and strategies. Randy was also CEO and President of the Project 2049 Institute.

Previous government experience include Randy's service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs (2003-05), Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of State (2001-03), and Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (1994-98). Prior to his civilian service, he served as an active duty Navy Intelligence Officer from 1989 to 1991, including a deployment in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. After active duty, he served in the Navy Reserves for nine years, including as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an attaché at U.S. Embassy Beijing and U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar. Randy serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Taiwan Business Council, the Board of Advisors of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and teaches U.S. Foreign Policy at Stanford University's "Stanford-in-Washington" program.

Randy hails from Oregon, holds a bachelor degree from Williams College and a Master Degree from Harvard University.

◆ **"Lessons from the History of the Twentieth Century: The Era of the Two World Wars and the Cold War"**

★ **Yuichi Hosoya** Professor, Keio University

Yuichi Hosoya, Ph.D., is professor of international politics at Keio University, Tokyo, and Director, Keio Center for Strategy. He studied international politics at Rikkyo (BA), Birmingham (MIS), and Keio (Ph.D.). He has served as a visiting fellow at Princeton (Fulbright Fellow), a visiting professor at Sciences-Po in Paris (Japan Chair) and a visiting fellow at Downing College, the University of Cambridge. He is also Senior Adjunct Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs. He has also been appointed as a member of the Advisory Board at Japan's National Security Council (NSC) (2014-2016), Prime Minister's Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security (2013-14) and Prime Minister's Advisory Panel on National Security and Defense Capabilities (2013).

© **Barak Kushner** Professor of East Asian History, University of Cambridge

Barak Kushner is Professor of East Asian History at the University of Cambridge. He has edited and written eight books, and the most recent monograph is *The Geography of Injustice: East Asia's Battle between Memory and History*. Prior works include *Men to Devils, Devils to Men: Japanese War Crimes and Chinese Justice* (Winner of the American Historical Association John K. Fairbank Prize), and *Slurp! A culinary and social history of ramen - Japan's favorite noodle soup*. In 2020, he hosted and narrated three episodes of a Chinese television documentary series on war crimes trials. From 2013 to 2019 he managed a €1.5 million European Research Council project, "The Dissolution of the Japanese Empire and the Struggle for Legitimacy in Postwar East Asia, 1945–1965." He is currently on sabbatical while a Japan Foundation Fellow at Waseda University. His new project concerns how Japan's demobilization shaped the militarization of postwar East Asia.

© **Hiroshi Nakanishi** Professor, Kyoto University

Hiroshi Nakanishi is Professor of International Politics at the School of Government of Kyoto University. Born in 1962, he earned M.A. in Political Science at Kyoto University and learned in the doctoral courses at Kyoto University and History Department of the University of Chicago. He specializes in international history of the twentieth century, international relations methodology, and Japanese foreign and security policy. He published widely on the international affairs, including *Kokusaiseiji toha Nanika, (What is International Politics?)* (Chuokoronshinsha, 2003) which earned the fourth Yomiuri-Yoshino Sakuzo prize. His English publication includes chapters for Makoto Iokibe ed., *The Diplomatic History of Postwar Japan* (Routledge, 2011) and Masayuki Yamauchi & Yuichi Hosoya eds., *From Meiji to Reiwa Modern Japan's Place*, (Springer 2023). He served as President of the Japan Association of International Relations (2014-16) and in 2022 he served for two governmental commissions, as member of the Advisory Panel to Comprehensively Discuss Defense Capabilities as National Strength of the Cabinet Office and as chairperson of the Advisory Panel on the revision of Development Cooperation Charter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

© **Naoko Shimazu** Professor, The University of Tokyo

Since August 2023, she is professor at Tokyo College, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Tokyo. She is a global historian, with expertise in the cultural approach to global diplomacy, and practices interdisciplinary research widely. Previously, she was at Yale-NUS College and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Her notable publications are *Cold War Asia: A Visual History of Global Diplomacy* (co-editor, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming), *Japanese Society at War: Death, Memory and*

the Russo-Japanese War (Cambridge University Press), Japan, Race and Equality: The Racial Equality Proposal of 1919 (Routledge).

◆ "Europe's Security and Its implications to the Indo-Pacific"

★ **Noah Sneider** East Asia Bureau Chief, The Economist

Noah Sneider is *The Economist's* East Asia Bureau Chief. He primarily covers Japan, North Korea and South Korea. He also contributes to coverage of China, Taiwan, the Pacific and the Philippines and to broader thematic coverage of Asia. Prior to this he led the paper's coverage of Japan as Tokyo Bureau Chief. He also covered Russia and Ukraine as Moscow Correspondent. Before joining *The Economist*, he reported for a range of publications, including The New York Times, Harper's, and The Atlantic, among others. His work has been anthologized in the *Best American Travel Writing* series. He is the recipient of a MacDowell Fellowship. He is a member of the third generation in his family to live and work in Japan and Korea.

© **Marie-Doha Besancenot** Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

Marie-Doha Besancenot became NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy in September 2023. The Public Diplomacy Division (PDD) works to raise the Alliance's profile with audiences world-wide and to build support for Alliance operations and policies. Ms. Besancenot is a graduate of France's École Normale Supérieure, and has an advanced qualifications in English and a master's degree in German Studies. She began her career in 2005 as a specialist in American studies at Université Paris Ouest Nanterre, then in 2009 joined the office of the Prime Minister as adviser responsible for speeches and communications. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2012 as cultural attaché at the Embassy of France in the United Kingdom.

In 2014, she joined Allianz France as Head of the CEO's office, before becoming Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility in 2016. Since 2020, she headed the Communications, Brand and Corporate Social Responsibility where she developed the brand awareness and the brand value. In 2021-2022, she audited classes alongside the 29th year group of the French War College. In 2021, she was selected as one of the Institute Aspen France's Young Leaders.

© **Bill Emmott** Chairman, The Institute for International Strategic Studies (IISS)

Bill Emmott is a writer and consultant best known for his 13 years as editor in chief of *The Economist* in 1993-2006. He is now chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies; chairman of the International Trade Institute; Senior Advisor, Geopolitics, for

Montrose Associates, a strategic intelligence consultancy; a trustee of the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin; and an Ushioda Fellow of Tokyo College at the University of Tokyo. In 2016 the Japanese government awarded him the “Order of the Rising Sun: Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon” for services to UK-Japan relations. He is the author of 15 books variously on Japan, Asia, the 20th century and Italy, the most of which was “Deterrence, Diplomacy and the Risk of Conflict over Taiwan”, an IISS Adelphi Book also published in Japanese translation by Fusosha under the title “How To Stop World War Three”.

© **Federica Mogherini** Rector, The College of Europe / Former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Federica Mogherini is the Rector of the College of Europe (since September 2020) and Director of the European Union Diplomatic Academy, implemented by the College of Europe (since August 2022).

Previously, she has served as the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (2014-19).

Prior to joining the EU, she was Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014), and a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies (2008-14). In her parliamentary capacity, she was Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of its Political Committee (2013-14); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-13); Secretary of the Defense Committee (2008-13); and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She also coordinated the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Development Cooperation.

She has co-chaired the United Nations High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement from January 2020 to September 2021.

Federica Mogherini is a member of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ADB), of the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group and of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Fellow of the German Marshall Fund, member of the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and of the Italian Institute for Foreign Affairs (IAI) and member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. She was a member of the High Level Reflection Group of the Council of Europe. She has a degree in Political Science from the University of Rome “La Sapienza”.

She was born in Rome in 1973, lives in Belgium and has two daughters.

© **H.E. Mr. Hanno Pevkur** Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia (TBD)

Hanno Pevkur assumed office as the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia on 18 July 2022. Prior to that, he was a member of the 13th and 14th Riigikogu from 2016 to 2022 and has held several ministerial positions: Minister of the Interior (2014-2016), Minister of Justice (2012-2014), and Minister of Social Affairs (responsible for the fields of work, health, and social protection). He became a member of the Estonian Reform Party in 2000 and is currently also a Member of the Board of the Estonian Reform Party. In

2017–2018, he was the Chairman of Reform Party. Pevkur has held several distinguished posts in Estonian governments, the Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu) and also in local governments.

◆ **Remarks (TBD)**

◎ **H.E. Mr. ISHIBA Shigeru, Prime Minister of Japan (TBD)**

ISHIBA Shigeru is the Prime Minister of Japan and the President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He is a member of the House of Representatives (elected 13 times). He served as Minister of State for Regional Revitalization and for the National Strategic Special Zones from 2014 to 2016 after serving as Minister of Defense and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. He assumed office in November 2024.

January 30 (Thu), 2025

◆ "Artificial Intelligence and International Peace and Security"

★ **Nobumasa Akiyama** Director, Center for Disarmament, Science and Technology, JIIA

Dr. Nobumasa AKIYAMA is Director of the Center for Disarmament, Science and Technology at Japan Institute of International Affairs. He is also Professor of the School of International and Public Policy (IPP), Graduate School of Law at Hitotsubashi University. He was the dean of IPP from 2022 to 2024. Before appointed to the current position, he served as Minister-Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna and Special Advisor to Ambassador on Nuclear Security from April 2016 to March 2018 when he was on loan to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. His other professional appointments included a member of the Public Security Examination Commission of the Ministry of Justice, the International Group of Eminent Persons for a World without Nuclear Weapons, launched by Prime Minister Fumio KISHIDA, and Advisor to the Japanese delegation to the NPT Review Conferences since 2000. Recent publication includes: "No first use' in the context of the U.S.-Japan Alliance," Asian Security, (2021), "AI Nuclear Winter or AI That Saves Humanity? AI and Nuclear Deterrence," Joachim von Braun, Margaret S. Archer, Gregory M. Reichberg, Marcelo Sanchez-Sorondo, eds, Robotics, AI, and Humanity (Springer, 2021), "Atoms for Alliance Challenges: Japan in the liberal international nuclear order," Yoichi Funabashi and G. John Ikenberry, eds., The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order, (Washington, DC, Brookings Institution Press, 2020), and "Japan's Nuclear Disarmament Dilemma," Gorge P. Schultz and James Goodby, eds., The War That Must Never Be Fought (Stanford, the Hoover Institution, 2015)

© **Ren Ito** The Co-Founder and COO, Sakana AI

Ren Ito is the Co-Founder and COO of Sakana AI, a Tokyo-based R&D company on a quest to create a new kind of foundational AI model based on nature-inspired intelligence. Sakana AI has become Japan's fastest unicorn after one year in business, backed by Nvidia and a broad spectrum of Japanese enterprises. Prior to Sakana, Ren took the lead on the global expansion of Mercari, Japan's first unicorn start-up as CEO of Mercari Europe, as well as successfully orchestrated its IPO of \$6bn in 2018. Before tech, Ren spent 15 years as a Japanese diplomat where he worked on the security alliance with the US, negotiated a free trade agreement with the EU, and represented Japan at the World Bank board. Ren is Senior Fellow at NYU Law School. Ren received his LLM (NYU 2004) and LLB (University of Tokyo 2001) and is admitted to practice law in New York. Ren also holds his MA (Stanford University 2005).

© **Izumi Nakamitsu** Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations

Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu assumed her position as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 1 May 2017. Prior to taking on this post, she served as Assistant Administrator of the Crisis Response Unit at the United Nations Development Programme since 2014. She has many years of experience within and outside the UN system, most recently as Special Adviser Ad Interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants between 2016 and 2017. She was previously Director of the Asia and the Middle East Division of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations between 2012 and 2014, and Director of the Department's Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training, from 2008 to 2012.

Born in 1963, Ms. Nakamitsu holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Law degree from Waseda University in Tokyo. She is married and has two daughters.

© **Vipin Narang** Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Vipin Narang is the Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security and Political Science and member of the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From March 2022 through August 2024, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and then Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, a portfolio with oversight over the U.S. Department of Defense's strategic capabilities, including nuclear, space, missile defense, and cyber policy. For his service, he was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

His first book *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era* (Princeton University Press, 2014) on the deterrence strategies of regional nuclear powers won the 2015 ISA International Security Studies Section Best Book Award. His second book *Seeking the Bomb: Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation* was published with Princeton University Press in 2022. His work has appeared in a variety of outlets including *International Security*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*. He was the recipient of the 2020 ISSS Emerging Scholar Award from the International Studies Association awarded to the scholar who "had made the most significant contribution to the field of security studies."

He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Government, Harvard University in 2010. He holds a B.S. and M.S. in chemical engineering with distinction from Stanford University and an M. Phil with Distinction in international relations from Balliol College, Oxford University, where he studied on a Marshall Scholarship. He has been a fellow at Harvard University's Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, a predoctoral fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a Stanton junior faculty fellow at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. His research

interests include nuclear proliferation and strategy, North Korea's nuclear weapons, South Asian security, and general security studies.

◆ "Chokepoints in the Indo-Pacific: the Taiwan Straits, East and South China Seas, and the Korean Peninsula"

★ **Joshua W. Walker** President & CEO, Japan Society

Joshua W. Walker, PhD, became President & CEO of Japan Society in December 2019. He previously worked at Eurasia Group as global head of strategic initiatives and Japan in the Office of the President. Prior, Dr. Walker was also CEO of the USA Pavilion at the 2017 World Expo in Kazakhstan, founding dean of the APCO Institute, and senior VP at APCO Worldwide. His U.S. government experience includes roles at the State and Defense Departments. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and a professor at George Mason University. He was also Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and co-founded the Yale Journal of International Affairs. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, a master's degree from Yale University, and a doctorate from Princeton University. Raised in Japan, he is bicultural and bilingual.

© **Victor Cha** President of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department and Korea Chair, CSIS / Distinguished University Professor, Georgetown University

Victor Cha is president of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department and Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He is also the distinguished university professor and professor of government at Georgetown University. He was appointed in 2021 by the Biden administration to serve on the Defense Policy Board in an advisory role to the secretary of defense. From 2004 to 2007, he served on the National Security Council (NSC) and was responsible for Japan, Korea, Australia/New Zealand, and Pacific Island nations. Dr. Cha was U.S. deputy head of delegation at the Six Party Talks and received two outstanding service commendations during his tenure at the NSC. He is the author of eight books, including the award-winning *Alignment Despite Antagonism: The United States-Korea-Japan Security Triangle* (Stanford, 1999) (winner of the 2000 Ohira Book Prize), *The Impossible State: North Korea, Past and Future* (Ecco, 2012) selected by Foreign Affairs as a "Best Book on the Asia-Pacific for 2012", *Powerplay: Origins of the American Alliance System in Asia* (Princeton, 2018), *Korea: A New History of South and North* (Yale, 2023), and *The Black Box: Methods and Data in the Study of Korean Unification and North Korea* (Columbia University Press, 2024). Dr. Cha is a two-time Fulbright scholar, former Olin fellow at Harvard, and former Hoover, CISAC, and Koret fellow at Stanford. He currently serves on 10 editorial boards of academic journals and is coeditor of the Contemporary Asia book

series at Columbia University Press. He serves on the board of the National Endowment for Democracy and is a senior fellow at the George W. Bush Institute. He is also a foreign affairs contributor for MSNBC and NBC News. Dr. Cha received his PhD, MIA and BA degree from Columbia University and a BA Honors from Oxford University.

© **Justin Hayhurst** Australia's Ambassador to Japan

Mr Hayhurst has been Australia's Ambassador to Japan since January 2023. Prior to this assignment, Mr Hayhurst was Deputy Secretary of the Geostrategic Group in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australia's Senior Quad Official. Previously, Mr Hayhurst was First Assistant Secretary International in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Mr Hayhurst was First Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Policy White Paper Taskforce from 2016 to 2017.

Mr Hayhurst served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy, Beijing, from 2012 to 2016. From 2007 to 2009 he served as Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on North Asia, South Asia, Afghanistan, Iraq and counter-terrorism. Mr Hayhurst worked as a Senior Analyst at the Office of National Assessments from 2004 to 2007. He was also Second Secretary at the Australian Embassy, Manila, from 2001 to 2004.

Mr Hayhurst joined DFAT in 1999.

© **Cheolhee Park** South Korea's Ambassador to Japan

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© **Junhua Wu** Senior Research Counselor, The Japan Research Institute Ltd.

After graduating from Fudan University in China and completing her doctorate at The University of Tokyo, she joined The Japan Research Institute, Ltd., serving as Senior Economist, Chief Representative at the Hong Kong Representative Office, and President and Chairman of The Japan Research Institute (Shanghai) Solution Co., Ltd., among other posts, before assuming her current position. She has also been a visiting scholar at the University of Hong Kong, Harvard University, George Washington University, and Fudan University, a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

She specializes in Chinese politics/economics and US-China relations, and her major publications include *China: Quiet Revolution* (winner of the 25th Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize - Special Prize; Nikkei Publishing Inc.) and *Obama's America* (co-author; Toyo Keizai Inc.)

◆ "Re-constructing Global Architecture"

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© **Bilahari Kausikan** Honorary Fellow, The Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore

Bilahari Kausikan spent his entire career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore (MFA). Over 37 years in MFA, he served in a variety of appointments at home and abroad. These included Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Deputy Secretary for South-east Asia, Second Permanent Secretary, and subsequently Permanent Secretary. Upon retiring in 2013, he was appointed Ambassador-at-Large, a position he held until 2018. Mr Kausikan became Chairman of the Middle East Institute (MEI), an autonomous institute of the National University of Singapore, in 2017, and retired in 2024, but remains associated with the institute as Honorary Fellow.

Mr Kausikan has published three books -- “Dealing with an Ambiguous World” (2016), “Singapore Is Not An Island” (2017) and “Singapore Is Still Not An Island” (2023) -- along with many articles in local and international journals.

© **Hemant Krishan Singh** Director General, The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) / Former Ambassador of India to Japan

Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh is a former career diplomat with extensive experience of geo-strategic and geo-economic issues as well as multilateral institutions which underpin international law. During his diplomatic career (1974-2010), he has served as India’s Ambassador to several countries, including Japan and Indonesia. He has held important assignments dealing with the United States, West Europe and the European Union, the United Nations, and India's neighbours in South and South East Asia. From 2011-2016, Ambassador Singh was US Chair and Professor for Strategic Studies at ICRIER, New Delhi. Since June 2016, Ambassador Singh has been the Director General of the Delhi Policy Group, which is among India’s oldest independent think tanks focused on strategic and international issues of critical national interest. He has been associated with several policy dialogues on Indo-Pacific issues involving think tanks of the US, Japan, Australia and South East Asia. In November 2022, the Government of Japan conferred the “Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun” on Ambassador Singh for his contributions to bilateral relations and promoting friendship between India and Japan.

© **Joshua W. Walker** President & CEO, Japan Society

Joshua W. Walker, PhD, became President & CEO of Japan Society in December 2019. He previously worked at Eurasia Group as global head of strategic initiatives and Japan in the Office of the President. Prior, Dr. Walker was also CEO of the USA Pavilion at the 2017 World Expo in Kazakhstan, founding dean of the APCO Institute, and senior VP at APCO Worldwide. His U.S. government experience includes roles at the State and Defense Departments. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and a professor at George Mason University. He was also Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and co-founded the Yale Journal of International Affairs. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, a master's degree from Yale University, and a doctorate from Princeton University. Raised in Japan, he is bicultural and bilingual.