

Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) Center for Global Outreach (CGO) Inaugural Symposium

"Japan's Role in Navigating Global and Regional Uncertainty"

Monday, November 17, 2025

Venue: The Imperial Hotel, Tokyo



14:00 Opening Remarks

Kenichiro Sasae

President, Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)

14:10-14:30 Keynote Speech



Ren Ito

Co-Founder & COO, Sakana AI

14:30-15:30 Panel 1 Politics and Security

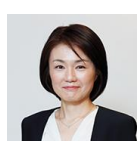


<Moderator>

Takio Yamada
CGO, Executive
Director, JIIA



**Kenneth R.
Weinstein**
Former President /
Japan Chair, Hudson
Institute



Naoko Eto
Senior Fellow,
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Geoconomics /
Professor, Gakushuin
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Happymon Jacob
Director, Council on
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Studies, India



Nguyen Hung Son
President, Diplomatic
Academy of Viet Nam



Tetsuo Kotani
CGO Fellow /
Professor,
Meikai University

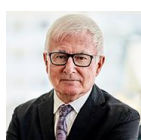
15:30 – 15:45 Break

15:45-16:45 Panel 2 Economy and Trade



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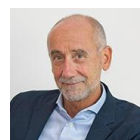
**Kenichiro
Sasae**
President, JIIA



Tim Groser
Former Minister
of Trade, NZ



Jusuf Wanandi
Co-Founder,
CSIS Indonesia



Jean-Eric Paquet
EU Ambassador to
Japan



Naoko Munakata
Professor,
Graduate School
of Public Policy

16:45 – 17:00 Break

17:00-18:00 Panel 3 Regional Cooperation and Global Issues



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Nobumasa Akiyama
CGO Fellow / Director,
Center for Disarmament,
Science and Technology,
JIIA



**Shinichi
Kitaoka**
Former President
& Special Advisor,
JICA



Bilahari Kausikan
Special Envoy,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Singapore



Mie Oba
CGO Fellow
/ Professor,
Kanagawa
University



Sumiko Takeuchi
Director & Chief
Research Fellow,
Institute for Global
Environmental
Strategies



Koji Fusa
President, GVE

18:00 Closing Remarks

Takio Yamada CGO Executive Director, JIIA

**A reception will follow the symposium at "Hikari Room" on the mezzanine floor.
All participants are most welcome to the reception.*

