

Press Release
Establishment of the JIIA Center for Global Outreach (CGO)
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Kenichiro Sasae, President of The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), is proud to announce the establishment of the **JIIA Center for Global Outreach (CGO)**, a pioneering platform designed to elevate Japan's engagement with the international community through inclusive dialogue, expert collaboration, and proactive policy outreach.

Why CGO, Why Now?

There has never been a greater need for Japan to engage in active global outreach. Major conflicts have erupted across various regions, while the new policy directions of the US administration, the rise of the Global South, and rapid technological innovation are injecting fresh dynamism and challenges into global order. We are in the midst of significant shifts in international and regional landscapes. JIIA recognizes the urgent need for establishing closer collaboration within the global intellectual community by capitalizing on Japan's accumulated experience and soft power, and it is in this context that JIIA has decided to establish the **Center for Global Outreach (CGO)**.

CGO's Mission

CGO will pursue three core objectives:

1. Foster Strategic Dialogue

Bring together policymakers, corporate leaders, scholars, and civil society representatives for candid discussions to advance dialogue and outreach on urgent global challenges, while actively dispatching abroad Japanese experts who possess strong policy recommendation capabilities.

2. Amplify Japan's Thought Leadership

Serve as a conduit for Japan's ideas, research, and strategic recommendations on the global stage, drawing upon partnerships such as the Tokyo Global Dialogue and other international forums.

3. Cultivate Globally-Minded Experts

Launch capacity-building programs—including fellowship initiatives, exchange seminars, and outreach training—to nurture globally-engaged talent equipped to represent Japan internationally.

Project Structure & Leadership

We are pleased to welcome former Ambassador to Vietnam Takio Yamada as the inaugural Executive Director of the CGO. Together with CGO Fellows and other experts appointed from various fields, we will pursue our activities and strengthen our global outreach by working in close partnership with think tanks and relevant institutions around the world.

<CGO Fellows>

Nobumasa Akiyama, Professor, Hitotsubashi University; Director, Center for Disarmament, Science and Technology, JIIA

Mie Oba, Professor, Kanagawa University; Chairperson, Expert Panel for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation

Tetsuo Kotani, Professor, Meikai University; Principal Fellow, JIIA

Initial Roadmap

During its initial stages, CGO will:

- host the Inaugural CGO Symposium on November 17, 2025,
- dispatch Japanese experts —to Southeast Asia, India, the United States, and Europe etc—to engage in global dialogues,
- seek to publish a set of policy recommendations on Japan's major agenda items, such as the future of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) and
- provide support to promising scholars and emerging think tank professionals to amplify the voice of Japan's next generation.

Center for Global Outreach – Japan and the World

Leveraging JIIA's strengths—its intellectual expertise, robust international networks, and close engagement with government—CGO will serve as a vibrant hub for public-private-academic synergy. Through CGO, JIIA aims to enhance Japan's strategic outreach, foster resilience against global risks, and strengthen its contribution to global discourse.

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