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Crafting a Contemporary U.S.-Japan Vision

Mansfield Foundation Task Force on U.S.-Japan Shared Progress and Prosperity

Presentation and Public Seminar in Kumamoto – Simultaneous Interpretation Provided

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In spring 2012, Washington D.C. celebrated the hundred year anniversary of the original Japanese gift of cherry trees that now famously decorate the American capital. As the U.S.-Japan relationship marks this ceremonial milestone, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, with support from the Japan Commerce Association of Washington (JCAW) and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York (JCCI), has assembled the *Mansfield Foundation Task Force on Crafting a Contemporary U.S.-Japan Vision for Shared Progress and Prosperity*.

In the fall of 2012, the Mansfield Task Force, comprising nine Americans whose work in the private sector, academia, and government centers on Japan, will publish their vision for the future of the bilateral relationship. A delegation of Task Force members, including former U.S. Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer, will visit six Japanese cities to share their vision during a two-hour public seminar. The group will articulate their call for updating mutual perceptions of Japan and the United States, increasing human-to-human exchange, coordinating on addressing our similar economic challenges, cooperating on promoting trade as an engine for regional growth and stability, and invigorating the bilateral approach to global issues. Following their remarks Task Force members will be pleased to take questions from the audience.

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: 100th Anniversary Memorial Hall, Kumamoto University (200 Seats); 2-39-1 Kurokami, Kumamoto; <http://www.eng.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/english/about/map.html>

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Admission Free; upon reaching capacity, registration will be closed.

Program

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| 2:00-2:05 | Welcome— Isao Taniguchi
President, Kumamoto University |
| 2:05-2:15 | Project Overview— L. Gordon Flake
Executive Director, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation; U.S.-Japan Task Force Chairman |
| 2:15-3:00 | Observations and Conclusions from the Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Boling The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation
<i>Japan: Three Thoughts</i>• Kay Shimizu Columbia University
<i>Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Relationship by Engaging with China</i>• Mireya Solis Brookings Institution; American University
<i>A Changing Japan Opens Opportunities for U.S.-Japan Collaboration</i> |
| 3:00-3:10 | Commentary— Hironori Ito
Professor, Faculty of Law, Kumamoto University |
| 3:10-3:25 | Commentary & Reflections— The Honorable Tom Schieffer
Mansfield Foundation Board Member; U.S.-Japan Task Force Senior Adviser |
| 3:20-3:55 | Public Question and Answer |
| 3:55-4:00 | Closing Remarks — L. Gordon Flake |

For those interested in attending, please register with Kumamoto University at <sangaku-somu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp> or FAX <096-342-3239> with the following:

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Task Force Members

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David Boling serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. In that capacity, he also serves as Director of the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, a congressionally-mandated professional exchange for mid-level U.S. government employees. Mr. Boling was a Mike Mansfield Fellow (1999-2001) during his time as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. At the Foundation, Mr. Boling also manages the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future, a program launched in 2009 to foster a new generation of Japan specialists in the U.S.

Kay Shimizu
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Kay Shimizu is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. Ms. Shimizu's research concerns the political economy of Japan and greater China, with a current focus on central-local fiscal relations and financial politics. In Japan, she has been a research scholar at Gakushuin University and RIETI (Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry). During 2009-2010, she was an advanced research fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs' Program on U.S.-Japan Relations at Harvard University. She earned her BA in Economics and International Relations and Ph.D. in Political Science from Stanford University.

Mireya Solis
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Mireya Solís is the Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution. She is also an associate professor at the School of International Service, American University. Her research interests cover international and comparative political economy, Japanese politics and foreign policy, and regional integration in East Asia and North America. Dr. Solís has authored and published frequently on U.S.-Japan relations and received numerous prizes and academic distinctions, such as the Young Scholar Award from the Association of Japanese Business Studies, and Fulbright and Ford Foundation scholarships for her works. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University.

Commentator

Hironori Ito
Professor
Faculty of Law, Kumamoto University

Hironori Ito was born in 1960. He graduated from Kyushu University School of Law and completed his PhD in the same school. He became the Assistant Professor at Kumamoto University in 1994, and became a Professor at Kumamoto University Faculty of Law in 2001. Dr. Ito's field of expertise ranges from political theory to regional politics, particularly the works of German American political theorist Hannah Arendt. His published works include "Hannah Arendt and the Century of the Nation State" and "'Others" and "Modernity."

Task Force Chairman

L. Gordon Flake
Executive Director
The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

L. Gordon Flake joined the Mansfield Foundation in February 1999. Previous work includes serving as Director for Research and Academic Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America and serving as the Associate Director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at The Atlantic Council of the United States. He is a member of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies and serves on the Board of the United States Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP) as well as on the Board of the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, and the Advisory Council of the Korea Economic Institute of America.

Task Force Senior Advisor

J. Thomas Schieffer
Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan;
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J. Thomas Schieffer served as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 2005-2009. During his tenure in Tokyo, he was involved in negotiating the most far-reaching reorganization of the U.S.-Japan alliance since the 1960 signing of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. In 2009, Ambassador Schieffer received the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Defense Department's highest civilian award, in recognition of his work in strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance. Ambassador Schieffer's diplomatic career began in 2001, when he was appointed U.S. ambassador to Australia. Prior to his diplomatic service, Ambassador Schieffer was an investor in the partnership that bought the Texas Rangers Baseball Club, and he served as team president for eight years. Ambassador Schieffer also has had a long involvement in Texas politics. He was elected to three terms in the Texas House of Representatives and has been active in many political campaigns. Ambassador Schieffer provides a wide range of consulting and management services to individuals, companies and sports leagues with interests in the United States and Asia. He attended the University of Texas, where he earned a BA, an MA, and studied law.