



THE MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION

## Crafting a Contemporary U.S.-Japan Vision

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

Presentation and Public Seminar in Sendai – Simultaneous Interpretation Provided

Co-organized by: *Tohoku University*

Sponsored by: *The Japan Commerce Association of Washington (JCAW),  
and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York (JCCI)*

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:** Friday, November 30, 2012 2:00-4:00 P.M.

**Location:** Tohoku University, Katahira Campus, 1F Lecture Hall, Graduate School of Life Sciences (Seats 100) <http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/english/profile/about/10/about1002/>

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

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### Program

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| 2:00-2:05 | Welcome— <b>Toshiya Ueki</b><br>Executive Vice President for General Affairs, I.R. and Academic Affairs, Tohoku University   |
| 2:05-2:15 | Project Overview— <b>L. Gordon Flake</b><br>The 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"><li>• <b>David Boling</b> The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation<br/><i>Japan: Three Thoughts</i></li><li>• <b>Robert Pekkanen</b> University of Washington<br/><i>Human Exchange and the U.S.-Japan Relationship</i></li><li>• <b>Mireya Solis</b> Brookings Institution<br/><i>A Changing Japan Opens Opportunities for U.S.-Japan Collaboration</i></li></ul> |
| 3:00-3:10 | Commentary — <b>Toshiya Ueki</b>   |
| 3:10-3:25 | Commentary & Reflections— <b>The Honorable Tom Schieffer</b><br>Mansfield Foundation Board Member; U.S.-Japan Task Force Senior Adviser  |
| 3:25-3:55 | Public Question and Answer   |
| 3:55-4:00 | Closing remarks — <b>L. Gordon Flake</b>   |

For those interested in attending:

please register with the International Exchange Division, Tohoku University at [kokusai-r@bureau.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:kokusai-r@bureau.tohoku.ac.jp) with the following by Thursday, November 22: (1) Name, (2) Affiliation and (3) Contact information

### Task Force Members

**David Boling**  
**Deputy Executive Director**  
**The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation**

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.

**Robert Pekkanen**  
**Associate Professor**  
**University of Washington**

Robert Pekkanen is chair of the Japan Studies Program and associate professor at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. Dr. Pekkanen recently returned to UW from leave as an associate professor at the University of Tsukuba. His current areas of research and teaching interest are civil society, Japanese neighborhood associations, Japanese party politics and legislative organizations and comparative party and legislative organization. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University

**Mireya Solís**  
**Philip Knight Chair in Japan Studies and Senior Fellow, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution, Associate Professor, American University**

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

**Toshiya Ueki**  
**Executive Vice President for General Affairs, International Relations and Academic Affairs, Tohoku University**  
**Professor, Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University**

Toshiya Ueki is a Professor at the Graduate School of Law and the Executive Vice President for General Affairs, International Relations and Academic Affairs at Tohoku University. His research covers transnational law and the theory of international law related to international organizations. He has also served as a Visiting Fellow, at the Research Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge and a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University. He was awarded the 27<sup>th</sup> Adachi Mineichiro Memorial Award in 1994.

### 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**

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.