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ANNOUNCING THE SECOND COHORT OF NETWORK FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, after a successful inaugural program, are pleased to announce the selection of a new group of participants for the “U.S.-Japan Network for the Future” program.

The purpose of the “U.S.-Japan Network for the Future” program is to identify American professionals who demonstrate an interest in and potential for becoming Japan specialists and policy intellectuals and to support them in this effort. Cohort II includes Japan specialists from all regions of the United States with diverse expertise and perspectives and the ability to participate constructively in the bilateral policymaking process and to contribute to U.S.-Japan understanding.

Commenting on the program, Mr. Kazuaki Kubo, Director of the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and David Boling, Deputy Executive Director of the Mansfield Foundation stated: “The inaugural phase of the ‘U.S.-Japan Network for the Future’ program was a great success and we look forward to working with this new cohort to further strengthen U.S.-Japan relations and deepen ties between Japan specialists throughout the United States.”

Network participants will participate in: a two-day workshop in Washington, D.C. (January 2012); a week-long meeting in Washington, D.C. (June 2012); a two-day retreat in Montana (autumn 2012); a week-long Japan study trip (June 2013); and a January 2014 public symposium and current issues panel discussions.

A list of Cohort II participants follows:

Celeste Arrington

Assistant Professor
George Washington University

Emma Chanlett-Avery

Specialist, Asian Affairs
Congressional Research Service

Erin Chung

Assistant Professor
Johns Hopkins University

Annika A. Culver

Assistant Professor
University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Dyron Dabney

Assistant Professor
Albion College

Linda Hasunuma

Assistant Professor
Franklin and Marshall College

Jeffrey Hornung

Associate Professor
Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

David Jänes

Director of Foundation Grants and Assistant
to the President
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Weston Konishi

Associate Director of Asia-Pacific Studies
Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis

Kenji Kushida

Research Associate in Japanese Studies
Stanford University

Mary McCarthy

Assistant Professor
Drake University

Kenneth McElwain

Assistant Professor
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Andrew Oros

Associate Professor
Washington College

Gene Park

Assistant Professor
Loyola Marymount University

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The Center for Global Partnership (CGP) is a part of the Japan Foundation which is a Japanese Independent Administrative Institution (Dokuritsu Gyosei Hojin). To enhance dialogue and interchange between Japanese and U.S. citizens on a wide range of issues, CGP operates grant programs as well as self-initiated projects and fellowships. CGP has offices in Tokyo, Japan and New York, New York. Please visit the website at <http://www.cgp.org>.

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