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The Changing Balance of Power in the Asia-Pacific and the Trump Administration

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1. Program

**The Japan-U.S.-China Trilateral Dialogue**

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Asia-Pacific Security Environment and the Trump Administration

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**アジア太平洋地域における日米中三国協力の可能性をさぐる**

Prospects for Japan-U.S.-China Trilateral Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific

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SHEN Yamei, Deputy Director, Department for American Studies, CIIS  
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2. Biographies of the Panelists

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Graduated from Princeton University, joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1956. During his service, participated in the secret negotiations leading to the establishment of U.S.-China diplomatic relations, served as Ambassador to Singapore, China, and Indonesia and as Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research. Retired in 2001 with the rank of Career Ambassador, joined Kissinger Associates, Inc., becoming Vice Chairman in 2006, moved to Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to head the newly created Kissinger Institute in 2008. Received Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Public Service in 2001. Concurrently serves as Senior Advisor to Kissinger Associates.

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【Japanese Side】

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President & CEO, JFIR  
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3. Presentation Papers

Session I: Asia-Pacific Security Environment and the Trump Administration

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Priority of the Asia-Pacific Region

- Importance of Asia to U.S. interests
- Trade, key alliances, 70+ year investment, strategic/stabilizing role, generation of relative peace
- Importance of good U.S.-PRC relations
- SLOCs, shipping lanes, freedom of navigation
- Legacy of World War II
  - Nature abhors a vacuum
  - Never again
- Legacy of the Bush years
- Diversions and distraction
  - Middle East/Central Asian distractions
  - War on Terror
- The need to show up
- Lessons learned
  - Asia matters, presence is important, engagement is critical, allies and partners are watching
- The rebalance
  - Diplomatic dimension, trade dimension, security dimension
  - It's about being there
- The irony of the rebalance - a deja vu moment
- Alliances, partners, friends and the framework for peace and stability

The Challenges

- China
  - Strategic rivalry, cooperation, a new Cold War?
    - What does China want?
    - Can U.S. accommodate/accept that?
    - "Values gap"
      - Managing systemic, ideological, political, cultural differences
    - Expanding the zone of cooperation
      - Environment, climate change, peacekeeping, anti-piracy, Iran, North Korea
    - Avoiding conflict
      - SCS, ECS, intimidation of U.S. allies, North Korea
- North Korea
  - New developments
    - Nuclear weapons and missile capabilities; explicit threats
    - Targetting U.S. homeland
      - Inaction not an option
      - Cannot subcontract U.S. security
  - Failure of diplomacy
    - Collapse of 6PT
    - Denuclearization off the table
    - Peace Treaty ploy
    - DPRK goal of permanent nuclear status
  - Limits of PRC cooperation (fear of collapse vs. necessity of pressure
  - Requirement to act in self-defense; redline
1. The result of the U.S Presidential election 2016 threw into relief a sharp division manifest in U.S society and politics. The “America First” principle propounded by President-elect Trump differs from those similar principles in the past in that it has inward-looking dynamism of an unprecedented scale driven by Trump’s predominant personality.

2. Diplomatic course of the U.S under Trump is virtually unpredictable. One possibility is that ad hoc steps will be taken in every diplomatic scene, creating social disharmony back home.

3. Inward-looking “America First” principle would accelerate “regionalization” of the structure of international politics. This indicates increasing roles to be assumed by regional powers such as Russia in Wider Europe and China in East Asia.

4. Good personal chemistry between Trump and Putin suggests mutual non-interference in terms of their diplomatic activities. In other words, Russia’s freedom of action would be expanded.

5. China would surely be the key country in East Asia. The U.S.-China economic relations will be strained for the time being, whereas Trump would not be interested in deterring China. Then, China would ensure freedom of navigation etc. in the South China Sea and seek stable relations with President Duterte of the Philippines who will chair ASEAN next year.

6. Here comes Taiwan as a wild card. Trump made a telephone conversation with President Tsai of Taiwan on Dec. 2 and confirmed firm U.S.-Taiwan ties in terms of economy, politics and security. This would for sure ignite China’s grievance.

7. How Trump administration would deal with the Japan-U.S. alliance would be uncertain and in flux. Here again, the inward-looking “America First” principle is at stake. While the alliances of the US can be regarded, from a certain angle, as one-sided, Trump would not venture to destabilize them if they are recognized as bilateral, yielding profits of different nature for both sides,

8. North-Korea issues would perhaps be dealt with in a somewhat naïve way, in contrast with the “neglect” policy of the Obama administration. Trump’s priority would rather be put on IS in the Middle East.

9. The birth of the Trump administration would possibly open a new horizon of regional cooperation in East Asia, not by its intention but as a result of its diplomacy.

10. A basic policy of seeking co-existence with China in the long run while addressing security concerns could be applicable to every country in East Asia. Japan in particular should note that mere adherence to China-threat theory would only result in disharmony with other East Asian countries.
1. At present, Asia-Pacific is on the whole a stable and peaceful region. Economically, it is a most fast-growing region with a relatively mature and stable framework for regional cooperation. The region, however, faces many destabilizing factors and uncertainties in security field. In addition to the Korean Peninsula nuclear issue, Afghanistan and other traditional hotspot issues, disputes on territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests between regional countries are heating up from time to time. Non-traditional security challenges such as terrorism, natural disasters and transnational crimes have also become more acute, posing a realistic threat to regional security.

2. The complex and diverse nature of security in the region is compounded by growing major powers rivalry as a result of the perceived power transition in the region. Asia-Pacific is now plagued with a security environment called “Asia Dilemma”, i.e., the more integrated and interdependent economically the region becomes, the more insecure and unsafe countries feel. Discussions on a regional security architecture have been vigorous and initiatives on security cooperation mechanisms continue to emerge, a regional security architecture, however, remains elusive.

3. China is an active participant for dialogue to build a regional security architecture. China advocates that economic cooperation and security cooperation are two wheels for regional cooperation, which must be advanced in parallel. The regional security architecture China envisions has following features: led by an Asian security concept (common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security), built on international rules and laws, supported with various partnerships, and aimed for development of the region as a whole. And the future regional security architecture is going to be comprehensive and multi-layered and it would take a long and gradual process.

4. The Incoming Trump administration’s security policy towards Asia-Pacific remains unknown except for being unpredictable, which adds more uncertainties and complications to the regional security environment. One can only hope that the US-led bilateral military alliances, which presumably would continue, would avoid confrontation and strengthen integration with other regional mechanisms to play a constructive role for regional peace and stability.
At first glance, it is easier to think of areas for bilateral cooperation among Japan, the United States, and China in the Asia-Pacific than for trilateral.

This shows a lack of imagination. There are many areas where trilateral cooperation in the Asia-Pacific would be mutually beneficial.

These include: Climate change. As the three largest economies in the world, trilateral cooperation would send a positive signal to other countries/Air pollution/Arctic Ocean/Development assistance. As the traditional heads of the World Bank, Asia Development Bank, and the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank, the United States, Japan, and China should seek strengthened coordination among the banks/Counter-terrorism/Cyber threats/Nuclear power safety/Disaster relief.

These are areas where significant multilateral cooperation is already taking place. The goal would be to strengthen habits of cooperation in these and other areas.

However, we should not neglect non-traditional areas, especially when these are of vital importance to all three countries. Heading off a regional arms race is one such area.

As three major industrial powers who have experienced the negative consequences of wars in the Asia-Pacific region, Japan, the United States, and China have a common interest in preventing a recurrence of such wars.

And yet national rivalries could raise tensions and divert resources to military buildups. China is rapidly modernizing its armed forces. The United States is reluctant to lose the air and naval superiority it has maintained for the last 70 years in the Western Pacific. Japan relies on its US ally as a bulwark against potential threats.

All three countries would benefit from a military balance in the Asia-Pacific sufficient to deter aggressive impulses without being based on superiority by any one country or group of countries. Trilateral cooperation could usefully explore how to achieve this.
1. Regardless of the fact that there exist a variety of disagreements and antagonisms among the three largest economic powers, namely the U.S., China and Japan, they can agree on several important issues such as the stability in the Asia-Pacific region and the continuity in the economic growth in this region.

2. We need to remind of the existence of the three important ties that bind the U.S., China and Japan; first, “U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue” (the U.S.-China relations), second, “mutually beneficial relationships based on common strategic interest” (the Sino-Japanese relations), and third, “the alliance of hope” (the U.S.-Japan relations). Even though there exists no comprehensive framework to cover the three, the combination of the three ties can create stable and predictable trilateral relationships which is vital to the peace and the prosperity in the Asia-Pacific.

3. It is probable that the birth of the Trump administration will increase instability in international politics in the Asia-Pacific. This instability must not result in unexpected war which the three powers become belligerency. To avoid it, the three powers should not undermine vital national interests of the other powers.

4. As the possibility of ratifying the TPP by the new U.S. administration is now diminished, it would be beneficial to have a trilateral summit meeting among the U.S., China and Japan at the occasion of an APEC summit meeting to discuss on the direction of trade liberalization in the Asia-Pacific which should benefit all the three powers. There must be some coordination among distinctive reginal free trade areas such as the TPP, RECP, FTAAP among others.

5. In August 1941, the U.S. and U.K. governments agreed on the Atlantic Charter. The two powers were then the greatest democracies which were responsible to create a new global order. It would be a good time for the three greatest economic powers to agree on some vision on the future regional order, which can be called as “the Pacific Charter”.

HOSOYA Yuichi
Professor, Keio University (Japan)
Shaky grounds of trilateral cooperation in the Asia Pacific. Profound changes are taking place in the three countries’ respective national strengths, their regional strategies and development of each set of bilateral relations. In light of the Trump presidency, imperatives and benefits of closer trilateral relations are increasing, but problems and challenges remain salient. Trilateral cooperation is constrained by a high level of complexity and vulnerability. 1. **Cognitive constraints**: Traditions of geopolitical thinking lie deep in the China-Japan-US relations. Each country is prone to viewing the other from the lens of power politics. Mutual suspicion and distrust are the biggest hurdles in trilateral cooperation. 

2. **Behavioral constraints**: Each employs unique policy instruments to manage strategic interests. Traditional tool kits are subject to readjustments in the process of fathoming each other’s bottom lines in the advent of the Trump administration, and they will find no smooth sailing in the Asia Pacific. 

3. **Institutional constraints**: Two sets of strategic platforms have been networked with the US and China at their core separately and excluding each other. Trilateral cooperation calls for greater institutional integration so as to pursue common interests and purposes.

Shared diplomatic agenda between the three could cover a host of mutual concerns, including: 1. **On global governance**: The three have been imbedded in the open international regimes and thrived in the international order. Cooperation could be explored in fields of counterterrorism, nonproliferation, climate change, cyber security, protection of the ocean environment, sustainable fishery practices, maritime security, human trafficking, and etc. 2. **On geopolitical stability**: Regional trouble spots are likely to intensify in a time of transition and transformation in the balance of power and influence in the Asia Pacific. They need to be defused in a manner that reflects the parameters of an enduring regional order, and that takes into account the legitimate rights and interests of the three countries as immediate players. 3. **On economic and trade arrangements**: Common interests abound along the track of APEC, G20, IMF’s decision to admit RMB to SDRs, China-US BIT negotiations, China-Japan-South Korea dialogue. Further cooperation could be searched with regard to FTAPP, AIIB, B&R Initiatives. 

4. **On regional multilateral mechanisms**: A reasonable construction of China-US relations in the global context is conducive to the stable development of China-Japan relations in the East Asian regional context. It is imperative for China and the US to integrate the multitude of regional mechanisms and incorporate all three countries into a compound development platform.

Projecting the future, three uncertainties must be addressed: 1. The US to clarify its commitment and investment to the Asia Pacific. 2. China to shape a grand strategy in its global outreach. 3. Japan to readjust its mentality and position in the changing regional landscape.
4. Appendix: Introductions to Co-sponsoring Organizations

(1) The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)

The Japan Forum on International Relations, Inc. (JFIR or The Forum) is a private, non-profit, independent, and non-partisan organization dedicated to improved understanding of Japanese foreign policy and international relations. The Forum takes no institutional position on issues of foreign policy, though its members are encouraged not only to analyze but also to propose alternatives on matters of foreign policy. Though the Forum helps its members to formulate policy recommendations on matters of public policy, the views expressed in such recommendations represent in no way those of the Forum as an institution and the responsibility for the contents of the recommendations is that of those members of the Forum who sign them alone.

The Forum was founded on March 12, 1987 in Tokyo on the private initiative of Dr. OKITA Saburo, Mr. HATTORI Ichiro, Prof. ITO Kenichi, and 60 other independent citizens from business, academic, political, and media circles of Japan, recognizing that a policy-oriented research institution in the field of international affairs independent from the government was most urgently needed in Japan. On April 1, 2011, JFIR was reincorporated as a “public interest foundation” with the authorization granted by the Prime Minister in recognition of its achievements.

JFIR is a membership organization with four categories of membership, namely, (1) corporate, (2) associate corporate, (3) individual and (4) associate individual. As for the organizational structure of JFIR, the “Board of Trustees” is the highest decision making body, which is in charge of electing the “Directors” and of supervising overall activities of JFIR, while the “Board of Directors” is an executive body, which is in charge of the management of day-to-day operations of JFIR.

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The Forum’s activities are composed of such pillars as “Policy Recommendations,” “e-Forum” “Research Programs,” “International Dialogues & Exchanges,” “Participation in International Frameworks,” “Diplomatic Roundtable,” “Foreign Policy Luncheon,” and “PR and Enlightenment.” Of these pillars of activities, one important pillar is the “e-Forum: Hyakka-Seiho” which means “Hundred Flowers in Full Bloom” (http://www.jfir.or.jp/cgi/m-bbs/). The “e-Forum,” which started on April 12, 2006, is open to the public, functioning as an interactive forum for discussions on foreign policy and international affairs. All articles posted on the e-Forum are sent through the bimonthly e-mail magazine “Meru-maga Nihon Kokusai Foramu” in Japanese to about 10,000 readers in Japan. Furthermore, articles worth attention for foreigners are translated into English and posted on the English website of JFIR (http://www.jfir.or.jp/e/index.htm) as “JFIR Commentary.” They are also introduced in the e-mail magazine “JFIR E-Letter” in English. “JFIR E-Letter” is delivered bimonthly to about 10,000 readers worldwide.

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MISSION:
The National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) was founded in 1974 by Professor Hans J. Morgenthau and others. It is a nonprofit policy organization dedicated to the resolution of conflicts that threaten U.S. interests. The NCAFP fulfills its mission through hosting public lectures and panels, as well as through the practice of Track I ½ and Track II diplomacy.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:
The NCAFP frequently hosts lecture series and public panel discussions on diverse topics. These events bring together members of the New York business, policy and academic communities to learn more about and discuss critical policy issues. Recent speakers have included H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, the Hon. Dr. Henry Kissinger, and Professor Walter Russell Mead.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:
Forum on Asia-Pacific Security (FAPS)
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