



Up to now, the international community has been content to insist on the illegality, from the perspective of international law, of aggressive maritime expansion by some nations and maritime development with little consideration for the environment. However, even if we continue to insist on the illegality of such activities, the current situation is that the majority of countries do not listen to us. Under these circumstances, the international community should consider creating an international maritime public opinion in which all countries have no choice but to follow the rules, in other words, there is an incentive to follow the rules, instead of short-circuiting to military and punitive approaches to thinking.

Based on the above awareness of the issues, the Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR) will convene the JFIR Open Symposium "Multifaceted Development of Maritime Order Building in Asia," to the following effect:

Date: Wednesday, 22 March, 2023

Time: 13:00 to 16:15 (Japan Standard Time)

Form of a meeting: Virtual Webinar via Zoom

Language: English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation

Program :

13:00-13:10 Opening

13:10-14 :30 Session1 "Toward the Formation of a Free and Open Maritime Order in Asia"

*Keynote Speaker A (10 min.) YAMADA Yoshihiko, Professor, Tokai University (Japan)*

*Keynote Speaker B (10 min.) JIN Yongming, Professor, Ocean University of China (China)*

*Keynote Speaker C (10 min.) TSURUTA Jun, Associate Professor, Meiji Gakuin University (Japan)*

*Keynote Speaker D (10 min.) Thomas Wilkins, Associate Professor, the University of Sydney /  
Senior Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (Australia)*

*Q&A (40 min.)*

14:30-14:40 Break

14:40-16 :00 Session 2 "Toward the Formation of a Sustainable Maritime Order in Asia"

*Keynote Speaker A (10 min.) WATANABE Atsushi, Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute of  
The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Japan)*

*Keynote Speaker B (10 min.) Michelle PALUMBARIT, Associate Professor, University of the Philippines  
(Philippines)*

*Keynote Speaker C (10 min.) KINOSHITA Takeshi, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo (Japan)*

*Keynote Speaker D (10 min.) EVI Fitriani, Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political  
Sciences, Universitas Indonesia*

*Q&A (40 min.)*

16:00-16:15 Summarization

*ITO Go, Professor, Meiji University / Director and Senior Research Fellow, JFIR*

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