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EVENT PROFILE

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG), in collaboration with the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), organised the 3rd India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues in Tokyo on May 30, 2017. This closed door Dialogue is conducted under the Chatham House Rule. 34 strategic experts and officials from India and Japan participated in the event. Mr. Toshiro Iijima, Ambassador, Policy Planning and International Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, delivered the keynote address. There was in-depth discussion on the Changing Global Order and Recent Developments Impacting Japan and India; Respective Relations of Japan and India with the US and the evolving US role in Asia; and Maritime Security and India-Japan Defence Cooperation, including Defence Technology and Trade.

PROGRAMME, PARTICIPANTS' LIST AND SPEAKERS' PROFILES



The 3rd Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues

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The 3rd Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue

May 30, 2017 (Tue)

Tokyo, Japan

Program



9:30-10:00	REGISTRATION AND MORNING TEA/COFFEE
10:00-10:10	OPENING REMARKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amb Yoshiji Nogami, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)- Amb Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)
10:10-10:50	KEYNOTE SPEECHES <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amb Toshiro Iijima, Ambassador, Policy Planning and International Security Policy, MOFA- Mr Amit Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo
10:50-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:40	SESSION I : CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IMPACTING JAPAN AND INDIA Moderator: Amb Yoshiji Nogami, President, JIIA <u>Brief Presentations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Noriyuki Shikata, Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA- Prof Seiichiro Takagi, Senior Research Advisor, JIIA- Amb Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General, DPG- Dr Arvind Virmani, Distinguished Fellow, DPG <u>Group Discussion</u>
12:40-13:40	LUNCH
13:50-15:30	SESSION II : RESPECTIVE RELATIONS OF JAPAN AND INDIA WITH THE US, AND THE EVOLVING US ROLE IN ASIA Moderator: Amb Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General, DPG <u>Brief Presentations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brig. (Retd) Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow, DPG- Amb Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow, DPG

	<p>- Amb Shingo Yamagami, Director General (Acting), JIIA</p> <p><u>Group Discussion</u></p>
15:30-15:50	Coffee break
15:50-17:50	<p>SESSION III : MARITIME SECURITY AND INDIA-JAPAN DEFENCE COOPERATION, INCLUDING DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY AND TRADE</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Koichi Ai, Director of Research Coordination, JIIA</p> <p><u>Brief Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Hideshi Tokuchi, Senior Fellow, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) - Mr Osamu Izawa, Director General for International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense - Cmde (Retd) Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow, DPG - Lt. Gen. (Retd) Anil Ahuja, Senior Fellow, DPG <p><u>Group Discussion</u></p>
17:50-18:00	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amb Yoshiji Nogami, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) - Amb Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General, Delhi Policy Group (DPG)
18:30-	<p>DINNER</p> <p><i>Venue: "Hibiki" 2F Akasaka Intercity, 1-11-44, Akasaka, Minato-ku</i></p>

May 31, 2017 (Wed)

14:20 - 14:50 (TBD)	<p>COURTESY VISIT TO H.E. MR. KIYOSHI ODAWARA, PARLIAMENTARY VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS</p> <p><i>Venue: MOFA</i></p>
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The 3rd Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue

May 30, 2017

Tokyo, Japan

Participant List



JAPAN (Alphabetical Order)

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Mr Tsuyoshi Hikita

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Ambassador, Policy Planning and International Security Policy, MOFA

**Keynote Speaker*

Mr Osamu Izawa

Director General for International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense

**participate in Session 3*

Dr Marie Izuyama

Senior Research Fellow, The National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

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President and Director General, JIIA

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Amb Shingo Yamagami

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Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo

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Cmde Lalit Kumar Kapur (Retd.)

Senior Fellow, DPG

Mr Amit Kumar

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo

**Keynote Speaker*

Ambassador Biren Nanda

Senior Fellow, DPG

Mr Naveen Kumar Ramakrishna

Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo

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Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.)

Senior Fellow, DPG

Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh

Director General, DPG

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Distinguished Fellow, DPG

Biographies

Opening Remarks:



Ambassador Yoshiji Nogami

President and Director General, The Japan Institute of International Affairs

Amb. Yoshiji Nogami is President and Director General of the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and Executive Advisor to Mizuho Bank, Limited. From 2004 to 2008, he was Japanese Ambassador to the UK. After graduating from the University of Tokyo in 1966, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he served as Deputy Director-General of the Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau and the Foreign Policy Bureau, Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. His overseas posts include Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in the US, Consul-General in Hong Kong and Ambassador to the OECD in Paris. He was a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.



Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh

Director General, Delhi Policy Group

Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1974-2010 and is a distinguished former career diplomat with extensive experience of geo-strategic and geo-economic issues as well as multilateral institutions, which underpin international law and commerce. He has been India's longest serving Ambassador to Japan (2006-2010), Ambassador to Indonesia and Timor Leste (2003-2006), Ambassador to Colombia, Ecuador and Costa Rica (1999-2002), and India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva (1995-1999). He has held several significant assignments during his career, dealing with the United States, West Europe and the European Union and India's immediate neighbours. Ambassador Singh has contributed to the forging of the India-Japan strategic and global partnership, the intensification of India's relations with Indonesia and ASEAN, the evolution of India's revitalised Look East Policy and the shaping of India's policy towards key neighbours and strategic partners. From 2011-2016, Ambassador Singh was Professor for Strategic Studies at ICRIER, a leading think tank in New Delhi, and has been associated with several public policy initiatives and Track II/Track 1.5 strategic dialogues involving major Think Tanks of India, Japan, Asia and the US. He has written and worked extensively on the ongoing transformation of India's relations with the United States and Japan and their growing convergences in shaping Asia's emerging economic and security architecture. He serves on statutory and advisory corporate boards and has been Senior Advisor at Dua Consulting since 2013. In June 2016, Ambassador Singh assumed responsibilities as Director General, Delhi Policy Group, which is among India's oldest independent think tanks focused on strategic issues of critical national interest.

An alumnus of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, where he studied (1967-72) and later taught (1972-74), Ambassador Singh holds an M.A. degree from the University of Delhi. His varied interests include civilisation and culture, the natural environment and sports.

Keynote speeches:



Amb Toshiro Iijima

Ambassador, Policy Planning and International Security Policy/Deputy Director-General, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Amb Iijima's expertise in international politics and security is supported by his experience including working as Deputy Director-General of Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) (2013-2015), Director of Western Europe Division (2007-2008) and Executive Assistant to the Foreign Minister (1996-98). He also has wide experience in trade and economic affairs, where he served as Director of Economic Policy Division (2011-2013), and Director of International Trade Division (2008-2011). His overseas posts include First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN and international organizations in Geneva (2000-03) and Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan in Berlin (2003-07). He has held his current post since October 2015.



Mr Amit Kumar

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo

Mr. Amit Kumar was born in August 1971. He joined the Ministry of External Affairs in September 1995. He holds a B. Tech. (Mechanical Engineering) degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

Mr. Amit Kumar has served as Third Secretary in the Embassy of India, Beijing; Under Secretary (China) in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi; First Secretary in the Embassy of India, Berlin; First Secretary/Counsellor in the Embassy of India, Ankara; Counsellor and Head of the Economic & Commercial Wing in the Embassy of India, Beijing; Director in the Foreign Secretary's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi; and Counsellor/Minister in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York. He assumed his current charge as Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India, Tokyo in August 2014.

Mr. Amit Kumar is married to Ms. Surabhi A. Kumar and has two children.

Session Speakers and Chairs

Session 1:



Mr Noriyuki Shikata

Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Mr. Noriyuki Shikata is Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. After graduating from Faculty of Law, Kyoto University, he entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1986. He was Director, Personnel Division, Minister's Secretariat (2014-16), Political Minister, Embassy of Japan in the UK (2012-14), Assistant Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs/Director of Global Communications, Prime Minister's Office (2010-12), Director, Economic Treaties Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau (2009-10), Director, Second North America Division (Economic Affairs), North American Affairs Bureau (2007-09), Director, Status of U.S. Forces Agreement Division, North American Affairs Bureau (2004-06) and Assistant Press Secretary/Director, International Press Division (2006-07). He is also Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Law/ Public Policy, Kyoto University from April 2016. He obtained Master in Public Policy from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1989.



Dr Seiichiro Takagi

Senior Research Advisor, The Japan Institute of International Affairs

Dr. Seiichiro Takagi is senior research advisor of the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). He obtained Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University in 1977. Before moving to his current position in April 2011, he was associate professor and professor at Saitama University (1979-97), professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (1997-99), Director of the Second Research Department at The National Institute for Defense Studies (1999-2003), and professor at the School of International Politics, Economics, and Business, The Aoyama Gakuin University (2003-2011). He is a specialist on Chinese foreign relations and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region. He is a member of the Japan Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP), President of Japan Association for International Security Study, a board member of the Kazankai, incorporated foundation devoted to academic and cultural exchange with China and other Asian nations, and a member of governing council of the Research Institute for Peace and Security.



Dr Arvind Virmani

Distinguished Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

Dr. Arvind Virmani is Chairman of the Policy Foundation, President of the non-profit Chintan® (www.Chintanlive.org), is mentor (public policy & economics) to FICCI, Member of RBI Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary policy & of Governing Board of Forum For Strategic Initiatives (FSI) and The Centre for Policy Research (CPR).

He was earlier Executive Director, IMF and Distinguished Senior Fellow, School of Public Policy, GMU. He has been an advisor to the Indian Government at the highest levels for 25 years, including as Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance and Principle Advisor, Planning Commission. During this period, he advised on a host of economic policy reforms, through numerous policy papers/notes, member of numerous committees and as Chair of committees on Public Debt management and Customs duty reform. He has served as Member, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and the Appellate Tribunal for SEBI Act, Chairman, Board of Trustees of SBI Mutual Fund, and Director on the Boards of several financial institutions [LIC, PNB, Allahabad Bank and UTI (Trustee)].

In between, he directed the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) as its Chief Executive. He has published 33 journal articles and 20 book chapters in the areas of Macroeconomics, growth and finance, International trade & Tariffs and International relations. His books include, The Sudoku of India's Growth, From Uni-polar To Tri-polar World: Multi-polar Transition Paradox, Propelling India From Socialist Stagnation To Global Power), Accelerating Growth and Poverty Reduction - A Policy Framework for India's Development.

Session 2:



Brigadier Arun Sahgal

Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

Arun Sahgal a retired Brigadier of the Indian Army is the Executive Director of the Forum for Strategic Initiative, a policy think tank focusing on national security, diplomacy and Track II Dialogues. He was previously the founding Director of the Office of Net Assessment, Indian Integrated Defense Staff (IDS), Head of the Center for Strategic Studies and Simulation, United Services Institute of India, and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. His research comprises scenario planning workshops, geopolitical and strategic assessments related to Asian security, and issues concerning nuclear doctrine and strategic stability in South Asia. His publications include co-authored books and net assessments for the IDS, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), and the Indian National Security Council (NSC), among other clients. He has been a member of the Task Force on Net Assessment and Simulation, under the NSC, and a consultant with DRDO. He recently finished a monograph on Strategic Stability in South Asia for Sandia Laboratories, USA. He conducts simulation and strategic games at IDS, the Ministry of Defense, National Defense College, College of Defense Management, and other international clients. He is member of many Track 1.5 and 2 initiatives.



Ambassador Biren Nanda

Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

Ambassador Biren Nanda served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1978 to 2015 and is a distinguished former career diplomat with extensive experience of working in East Asia.

He has been India's High Commissioner to Australia (2012-2015); Ambassador to Indonesia, Timor Leste and the ASEAN (2008-12); India's Deputy Chief of Mission in Tokyo (2000-2004) and Consul General in Shanghai (1996-2000). Ambassador Nanda has also served in Indian Missions in Beijing, Washington DC and Singapore. He spent a total of ten years in China during his three terms as a diplomat in that country. His entire career as a diplomat was spent in East Asia with the sole exception of his Washington posting.

During 2004-2008 Ambassador Nanda was posted in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi as Joint Secretary (South) and was responsible for India's relations with Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Ambassador Nanda contributed to the strengthening of the strategic partnership between India and Indonesia, the strengthening and diversification of India's relations with Australia and helped reinvent India's Look East Policy and the intensification of India's ties with ASEAN and Pacific countries.

Ambassador Nanda retired from the Indian Foreign Service in January 2015. He has since participated in a number of Track 2 dialogues involving major Think Tanks of Japan, Australia and China.

In July 2016, he joined the Delhi Policy Group as a Senior Fellow. The Delhi Policy Group is amongst India's oldest independent think tanks focussed on strategic issues of critical national interest.

He is currently the co-Chair of the India Indonesia Eminent Person's Group which is to Draw up a Vision Statement 2025 for the Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

An alumnus of the St Stephen's College, New Delhi, (1971-74) Ambassador Nanda holds an MA degree from the Delhi School of Economics (1974-76). His interests include travel, listening to Indian Classical Music and Dreading.



Ambassador Shingo Yamagami

Director General (Acting), The Japan Institute of International Affairs

Amb. Shingo Yamagami is Director General (Acting) of the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). After graduating from University of Tokyo (Faculty of Law), he entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1984. He was Ambassador of Policy Planning and International Security Policy, and Deputy Director-General of Foreign Policy Bureau (2014-2015). He has great expertise in international politics and security from his experience including working as Political Minister at the Embassy in London (2009-12), Director of Second North America Division (2003-04), Consul at the Consulate-General in Hong Kong (1998-2000) and Deputy Director of China and Mongolia Division (1996-98). He also has wide experience in legal and treaty affairs, where he served as Director of Treaties Division (2004-07) and then Deputy Director-General of International Legal Affairs Bureau (2012-14). His engagement with treaty-making includes his years as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission in Geneva (2000-03) as well as his stint as Deputy Director of WTO Office of MOFA (1993-96). In addition to his daily work at the MOFA, he has taught international law and politics at the Graduate school of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo.

Session 3:



Mr Koichi Ai

Director of Research Coordination, The Japan Institute of International Affairs

Koichi Ai joined Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1989 and has been posted to embassies in Washington, D.C., Ottawa and Jakarta. Foreign Ministry positions he has held include: Counsel for Treaties Negotiation; Director, Ocean Affairs; Director, Policy Planning; and Director, International Economy. Before assuming the present position at the JIIA in January 2017, he was the Director of Japan Information Center at the Consulate General of Japan in New York.

Mr. Ai studied law at the University of Tokyo and subsequently received his master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He holds private pilot license and is a scuba diving instructor.



Mr Hideshi Tokuchi

Senior Fellow, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Mr. Hideshi TOKUCHI entered the Defense Agency (the predecessor of the Ministry of Defense) of Japan in 1979 and served as the first Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs from July 2014 until he left the Government in October 2015.

In the Ministry of Defense he also had served as the Director-General of several bureaus including Operations; Personnel and Education; Finance and Equipment; and Defense Policy.

Mr. Tokuchi worked in Washington D.C. as a visiting research fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies of US National Defense University from July 1995 through November 1996. He taught Japan's national security policy as a visiting professor at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) from 2002 to 2015.

He is a Senior Fellow at GRIPS, a Senior Research Advisor at the Institute for International Policy Studies, and a Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow at Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

Mr. Tokuchi was born in 1955. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Tokyo in 1979, and holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (M.A.L

.D.) degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1986.



Mr Osamu Izawa

Director General for International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense

Mr. Izawa took a position of Director General for International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Defense in December 2016 where he oversees bilateral defense engagements with other countries including New Zealand. In the course of his 30-year career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he served in a variety of roles in foreign policy. He was also posted to Embassy in France, Thailand, and most recently in Australia as Minister for Political Affairs.



Commodore Lalit Kapur (Retd)

Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

An alumnus of the Doon School, Dehradun and the National Defence Academy, Cmde Lalit Kapur is a veteran with over 35 years of commissioned service in the Indian Navy. He has served on a wide variety of Western and Russian origin ships, been a member of the Fifth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (during which he pioneered a technique for survey of the Ice Shelf in the vicinity of Dakshin Gangotri); been India Defence Attaché at Muscat 1999-2002 and held a wide variety of seagoing assignments. He has served in the Defence Intelligence Agency as its first Deputy Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Defence Protocol and Foreign Liaison), where he was responsible for overseeing all foreign defence representatives in India, all Indian defence representatives abroad and military intelligence cooperation with friendly foreign countries; the Strategic Forces Command where he was responsible for strategic communications and the sea vector, and at Headquarters Offshore Defence Advisory Group, Mumbai, where he was responsible for all its operations. He has over 12 years of tri-service experience, 8 years of diplomatic experience and has achieved a 'Distinguished' grading in every course he has attended since 1980. The Commodore holds a Bachelors Degree in Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University as well as two Masters Degrees (both with Distinction); one in Defence Studies from MaDras University and the other in Management Studies from Osmania University. He also holds an M Phil degree from Mumbai University. A prolific reader, his interests include International Relations, human resource development and military history. He writes professionally and has numerous published articles to his credit.



Lieutenant General Anil Ahuja (Retd)

Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

Lt Gen Anil Ahuja is an Indian Army veteran with nearly 40 years of experience in uniform. He was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in Jun 1977 and rose to command an operational Division and an operational Corps in Northeast India, along India's Northern borders and also held the appointment of Deputy Chief for Policy Planning and Force Development at the Joint Staff HQ. He also has been the co – chair of the India – US DTTI Inter agency Task force.

Besides his active military service experience, he has also served as a UN Military Observer (Angola) and India's Defence Attaché to Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR (2002- 2005). He has attended professional courses at National Defence College, Army War College and at Netherlands Defence College. He possesses M Phil degrees in Defence and Strategic studies. His areas of particular interests include: Northeast India, issues of Jointmanship and higher defence organization, force development, defence cooperation and defence procurements.

He has been awarded several Distinguished Service medals during his service.

He is married to Mrs Ritu and they have a daughter, who is a banker with a multi national bank.

Other Participants: Japan

Mr Hiroyuki Akita

Commentator, Nikkei Newspaper

As a Commentator of Nikkei Newspaper, he regularly write columns and analysis on international foreign & security affairs. He joined Nikkei 1987 and was a correspondent in Beijing (1994-98) and Washington DC (2002-06). He graduated from Jiyu Gakuen College in 1987 and went on to complete a M.A. in International Relations at Boston University in 1992. He was also an associate at the Program of US-Japan Relations at Harvard University (2006-07). He published two books in Japanese, "Anryu, US-China-Japan Power Game"(2008) and "Ranryu, US-China-Japan Strategic Competition"(2016)

Mr Yasushi Fujii

Deputy Managing Director, Management Planning Office, Kyodo News

Mr. Yasushi Fujii, is Deputy Managing Director at Management Planning Office, Kyodo News, a leading Japanese news agency. From 2014 to 2016, he was Deputy Managing Editor at News Department, in charge of international news and multi-media (digital) news integration. A graduate of Keio University, Faculty of Economy, Mr. Fujii joined Kyodo News in 1983. He has spent most of his career as a correspondent and news editor dealing with international affairs, with focus on East Asia security and multilateralism (international organizations). His past assignments include Tehran Bureau Chief (1992 - 1993), Washington Bureau Correspondent (1995 -19 99), Geneva Bureau Chief (2000 - 2003), and Chief Editor at Foreign News Section (2012 – 1014). Mr. Fujii is married, with one daughter and a grand-daughter. He plays jazz / fusion guitar, and enjoys English karaoke songs.

Ms Naoko Funatsu

Research Fellow, JIIA

Ms. Naoko Funatsu joined the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) serving as a Research Fellow for American politics and foreign relations in November, 2016, after working for a year at the Sasakawa Peace foundation (SPF) in Tokyo where her responsibilities included people-to-people exchange programs for American and Japanese experts and policymakers. Prior to SPF, she worked for two years at the Washington DC office of the East-West Center (EWC), a non-profit research and education organization funded by the US Congress to improve US-Asia relations. In this capacity, she conducted research and analysis of US-Japan relations as well as the center's logistical coordination. She also has extensive professional experiences at the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Tokyo, the Japanese governmental trade and investment promotion agency, before going to the United States to pursue her graduate degree. She obtained Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) from Georgetown University, and BA in Foreign Studies from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

CDR Yukiko Hara

Commander and senior researcher, the JMSDF Command and Staff College

Yukiko Hara is a commander and senior researcher at the JMSDF Command and Staff College in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). She previously served as an air traffic controller at Air Station Atsugi in Kanagawa Prefecture. She has also served as an aide to the Administrative Vice Minister, Ministry of Defense, as a staff member in the Foreign Liaison Section, Maritime Staff Office (Headquarters), and as an intelligence officer in DIH in Tokyo. She has a bachelor of arts degree in science and Technology from Sophia University and a master of arts degree, with security studies, from National Defense Academy.

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Tsuyoshi Hikita currently works at Southwest Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. He joined the Ministry in 2005. Previously he served in such foreign posts as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh etc. He holds a Master of Law and Diplomacy degree from the Fletcher School, Tufts University in US.

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Visiting Professor, Gifu Women's University

Professor Takenori HORIMOTO (Ph.D) International Politics of Asia and South Asian studies.

Former Director General of Research Bureau of National Diet Library, Prof of Shobi Univ and Project Prof of Postgraduate School of Kyoto Univ. Visiting Prof of Open Air Univ and Takushoku Univ. Currently Visiting Prof of Gifu Women's Univ. Authored and Edited 15 books. Introduction to Contemporary Japan-India Relations (Univ of Tokyo Press 2017), India towards The Major Power (Iwanami Syoten 2015), Globalizing India (Iwanami Syoten 2007). Edited are India-Japan Relations in Emerging Asia (Manohar 2013), Deepening Democracy of India (Univ of Tokyo Press 2015), India as Military Major Power (Akishobo 2010). Jointly authored 37 books. Appeared as a commentator on India and South Asia NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) TV program more than 30 times. Chair and member of study committee of Finance Min, Education Min, JIIA, IDE, JICA and etc.

Ms Marie Izuyama

Senior Research Fellow, the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS)

Marie IZUYAMA joined NIDS in 1994. She received her MA from University of Tokyo. Working on foreign and security policy of India, her publications include "India, Japan and Maritime Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific," in Lalima Varma & Takenori Horimoto eds., India-Japan Relations in Emerging Asia (New Delhi, 2013), "Civilian Control and Military Build-up," in Nobuko Nagasaki, Takenori Horimoto and Norio Kondo eds., Contemporary India Vol.3: Deepening Democracy (Tokyo, 2015), (in Japanese), "India's Defense Procurement: From Buying to Making?" NIDS Security Studies, Vol.18, No.2 (February, 2016), (in Japanese).

Vice Admiral (ret) Hideaki Kaneda

Director, The Okazaki Institute / Adjunct Fellow, JIIA

Vice Admiral Hideaki Kaneda, JMSDF (ret.) is a Director for The Okazaki Institute and an Adjunct Fellow of the Japan Institute of International Affairs. He was a Senior Fellow of Asia Center and J. F. Kennedy School of Government of the Harvard and a Guest Professor of Faculty of Policy Management of Keio University. He is a graduate of the National Defense Academy in 1968, the Maritime War College in 1983, and the U.S. Naval War College in 1988. He served in the JMSDF from 1968 to 1999, primarily in Naval Surface Warfare at sea, while in Naval & Joint Plans and Policy Making on shore.

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