

The East-West Center in Washington and Hokkaido University's Global Center of Excellence Program in cooperation with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA invite you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar:

Japan's Foreign Policy under the New Administration

Featuring:

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and

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Japan's recent Lower House elections propelled the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) to leadership, ending an almost fifty-year political domination by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). This change may have profound implications for the foreign policies of Japan's allies as Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and the DPJ begin putting their stamp on Japan's most pressing domestic and foreign policies. Professor Akihiro Iwashita and Professor Nobumasa Akiyama will discuss the new administration's take on foreign policy, examining its attitudes toward regional relations with countries such as Russia, China, and the United States, as well as its perceptions of global concerns such as environmental and nuclear issues.

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3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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1819 L Street NW, Washington, D.C., 2nd Floor Conference Room

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