

# Japan Information Access Project

## A Brief Review

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The **Japan Information Access Project (JIAP)** is a membership nonprofit research center studying the US-Northeast Asian technology, security, economic, and public policy relationships. Members are leading American policy officials, analysts, scholars, journalists, and institutions working with the region. JIAP has over 12 years of experience introducing new research, analysis, and information to the Asia policy community in the United States.

JIAP publishes two weekly electronic reports, *The Asia Policy Calendar* and *The Asia Policy Weekly*. They review events, news, opinion, research, data, and resources affecting US policy with Japan and Northeast Asia. In addition, JIAP presents public and private programs, publishes papers and guides to assist researchers, and answers questions from the public on Northeast Asia. JIAP also organizes the *Asia Group*, a private discussion forum for women Asia security professionals.

JIAP has an active research program to assist its members. Topics include, Asian regional security, comparative technological developments, generational change, maritime and energy security, intellectual property, Japanese public opinion, and transnational issues. JIAP has worked with the Japan-US Friendship Commission to disseminate to the Washington policy community the research results of its grantees. JIAP has also worked closely on programs and research with the US Air Force, Commerce Department, US Patent & Trademark Office, US Library of Congress, the Baker Institute, SAIC, and CSIS to integrate Asian science and technological developments with US security and public policies toward the Asia-Pacific region.

Institutional members include: American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ), Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) International Security Program, U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Internal Revenue Service, Congressional Research Service, National War College, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, The Brookings Institution, Hudson Institute, The Japan Society of New York, Kearny Foundation, Japan-US Friendship Commission, Discover the Real West Virginia Foundation, Harvard University Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Columbia University's Center on Japanese Economy & Business, University of California, Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Jamestown Foundation, The Henry L. Stimpson Center, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Shanghai Development Institute, The Oriental Economist, Samuels International, King & Spalding, and Dynamic Strategies Asia.

## **Programs Held 2000-2004**

All programs were accompanied by papers and resource guides.

### **I. Air Force Pentagon Study Group**

1. *Cracks in Japan's Science & Technology Regime* with Dr. Jon Sigurdson, Director, East Asia Science & Technology Programme, The European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics.
2. *Rapid Collection and Evaluation of Asian Internet Information* with T. Mathew Ciolek, head, Internet Publications Bureau, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at ANU in Canberra, Australia.
3. *CyberWar In Asia: The Technology and Politics of Information Warfare* with Dr. Daniel T. Kuehl, National Defense University and Michael Pillsbury, INSS, National Defense University
4. *Perspectives on Northeast Asian Science & Technology: Japan, Taiwan & South Korea* with Phyllis Genter Yoshida, Department of Commerce; Robert Chang, Northwestern University; Edward Murday, Naval Research Laboratory; and Cathleen Smith, US Chamber of Commerce.
5. *Understanding China's Defense Industrial Complex* with Dr. Richard Bitzinger, Atlantic Council; Major Kenneth Allen, USAF, Retired, TASC; Dr. John Paden, George Mason University. *People's Liberation Army After Next (Army War College, 2000)* distributed.
6. *Perspectives on Australia's Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA): Technology and Regional Security* with Thomas-Durell Young, Naval Postgraduate School, Michael Evans, Australian Army's Land Warfare Studies Centre; Andrew Dowse, Australian Royal Air Force.
7. *The Cultural and Political Dimensions of Getting to Yes with China* with Ambassador Richard H. Solomon, USIP; Dr. Robert Sutter, Georgetown University; Dr. Yuling Pan and Dr. Barbara Craig, Georgetown University. Amb. Solomon's book *Chinese Negotiating Behavior* distributed.
8. *Widening The Dialogue with India: Politics, Security, and Science* with Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer (CSIS), Dr. Stephen Cohen (Brookings Institution), and Dr. Mita Desai (National Science Foundation). Amb. Schaffer's report, *Rising India and U.S. Policy Options in Asia* distributed.
9. *Exploring Science & Technology on Taiwan* with Ambassador Harvey Feldman, Dr. James Mulvenon (RAND), Dr. Steven Phillips (Towson University), Dr. Phyllis Genter Yoshida (Energy Dept), MAJ Wesmond Andrews (USAF), Dr. Marshall Lih (NSF), Dr. Robert Lai, Dr. Shouhua Qi (Western Connecticut State U), Dr Joseph Liu (USAF), Mr. W. Johann Schmonsees (State Dept), Ms. Bonnie Coe (Atlantic Council). *Taiwan's Foreign and Defense Policies: Features and Determinants* by Michael Swaine and James C. Mulvenon distributed.
10. *Understanding the Science & Technology, Politics & Culture of South Korea* with Mr. Paul F. Chamberlin (Private Consultant), Dr. Katy Oh (IDA, Brookings), Dr. Junku Yuh (NSF), Dr. Sang-Seon Kim (Embassy of South Korea).

## **II. Friendship Commission Public Policy Programs**

**1. *Creating Competition in Japan's Telecommunications Market*** with Professor Steven K. Vogel, University of California, Berkeley and Jonathan McHale, USTR; Paul Kenefick Cable & Wireless; and Robert Triendl, ATIP. *Pre-event private dinner with policy officials.*

**2. *Japan's June 25 Election: Understanding the Results*** with Ray Christensen, Brigham Young University; Michael Green, Council on Foreign Relations; Yoichi Kato, Asahi Shimbun; Mike Mochizuki, George Washington University. *Pre-event private dinner with policy officials. Transcript available.*

**4. *Energizing Japanese Politics: New Tools For Citizen Participation.*** A discussion of the Post-LDP presidential election (4/23/01), selection of the new prime minister (4/24/01), and how new actors, laws, and factors are affecting Japanese politics with Larry Repeta, Information Clearinghouse Japan, on Freedom of Information; Jean Grier, Commerce Department, on regulatory reform; and Robert Pekkanen, Harvard, on nonprofit law and organization moderated by Edward Lincoln, Brookings Institution with commentator from John Wecker, State Department. *Pre-event private dinner with policy officials. Transcript available.*

**5. *How Politics Undermine Economic Reform In Japan.*** Issues discussed were antitrust laws, trade associations, the distribution system, and domestic politics and the specific case of telecommunications reform with Ulrike Schaede, University of California at San Diego and Mark Tilton, Purdue University.

**6. *Fixing Japan's Economy,*** with Dr. R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman of the Council on Economic Advisers the keynote luncheon speaker. Sumner LaCroix (East-West Center, University of Hawaii), Magnus Blomström (European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics), Anil K. Kashyap (University of Chicago), Hiroshi Ono (European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics), and Jay Tate (University of California, Berkeley). The moderator/commentator was Gillian Tett (*Financial Times*).

**NB:** Although funding for the Friendship Commission programs ended in Spring 2002, they established a general format for JIAP's programs. Scholars are invited to Washington to present their research in both public and private venues to reach the broadest policy community. Depending upon the topic, private briefings for the scholars are arranged on the Hill, with federal agencies, with the press, with special interest groups, and with international organizations. Program formats for these small meetings have varied from an appointment with a White House aide or trade association executive to a congressional staff breakfast or an interview with a journalist.

JIAP generally holds a private dinner for the speakers and senior members of the Washington policy community prior to the public meetings. JIAP also assists the selected scholars write relevant policy briefs and recommendations. This process has included a preliminary trip to Washington to meet with policy officials to better understand their needs and interests.

The scholars work closely with JIAP staff and a professional public affairs consultant to tailor his/her writing to best assist policy development and in drafting a press release. Policy papers are carefully edited and formatted and advice is offered on oral

presentation style and how to field policy questions. JIAP also works with the scholar to prepare a “resource guide” of organizations, governmental offices, publications, and websites that can assist officials and researchers in their own research. A press release and its formal distribution are arranged for the public program and after the presentations key policy officials and journalist are sent the policy papers.

### **III. JIAP Programs**

- 1. *Australia's Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA): Implications for Regional Security*** with Thomas-Durell Young, Naval Postgraduate School, Michael Evans, Australian Army's Land Warfare Studies Centre, in cooperation with Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.
- 2. *Japan's View of CyberWar*** with Mr. Akihiko Nakajima, Director of Command and Communications Defense Operations Bureau, Japan Defense Agency.
- 3. *Washington's Movers & Shakers on Japan: The Morse Target 2001*** with Ronald A. Morse, Professor of International Economics and Business, Reitaku University in Tokyo, Commentator, Chris Nelson, *The Nelson Report*. Distributed *The Morse Target*.
- 4. *Arthritic Japan: The Slow Pace Of Economic Reform***, Book Discussion with the author Edward Lincoln, Brookings, and Commentary by Lael Brainard, Brookings.
- 5. *The First Year of Japan's FOIA: Is It A Real Tool for Political Accountability?*** with Mr. Larry Repeta, Information Clearinghouse Japan & Director, Law Program in Japan, Associate Dean, Temple University Japan.
- 6. *Japan-US Relations: The Next Ten Years*** with Professors Steven Vogel (University of California, Berkeley) & Leonard Schoppa (University of Virginia). *U.S.-Japan Relations In A Changing World*, A new book edited by Steven Vogel was for sale.
- 7. *Steel's Divided Markets: Japan & Europe*** with Professor Mark Tilton (Purdue U).
- 8. *Japan's Intelligence Operatives in War & Peace: The Nakano School from 1938-2001***, with Mr. Steve Mercado (Author: *The Shadow Warriors of Nakano*)
- 9. *What Could Happen When the Japanese Economy Blows Up?*** With Mr. Bert Ely (Private Consultant, Ely & Co.), and Mr. Osamu Takemoto (Bank Of Japan, DC Office)
- 10. *Asian Criminal Networks: North Korea, Japan, and the East Asian Criminal Nexus***, with Mr. David Kaplan (US News & World Report; Co-Author, *Yakuza*).
- 11. *Occupying Iraq: Are There Lessons From the Japanese Experience***, with Maj. Gen. William Nash (Ret., USA); Dr. Ronald Spector (GWU); and Mr. Toshiyuki Yasui (Senior Fellow, JBIC).
- 12. *A Sorry State: Apologies and Japan's Foreign Relations*** with Ms. Jennifer Lind (MIT)
- 13. *Will Japan's Economy Implode?*** with Mr. Donald Westmore, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ)
- 14. *Report From Tokyo: A luncheon discussion with the ACCJ (American Chamber of Commerce in Japan)*** with a Visiting Delegation of ACCJ Board Members
- 15. *Saving the Sun: A Wall Street Gamble to Rescue Japan from Its Trillion-Dollar Meltdown*** with Gillian Tett (*Financial Times*)
- 16. *Are Women Transforming Japanese Politics (Economics)?*** in cooperation with the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University With Dr. Joyce Gelb,

City University of New York, and Dr. Dorothy Robins-Mowry, author, *The Hidden Sun: Women of Modern Japan*

**17. OECD's Economic Survey of Japan 2003**, a Videoconference co-sponsored with the OECD Washington Center with Dr. Randall Jones, OECD, Paris and Dr. Edward Lincoln, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC

**18. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization and China's Anti-terror Strategy** in cooperation with the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University with Dr. PAN Guang, Director of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) Studies Center in Shanghai

**19. East Asian Regional Maritime Security and Cooperation** with Dr. Michael Tsai (TECRO, Editor, Taiwan's Maritime Security) Dr. Bernard Cole (NWC, Author, *Great Wall at Sea: China's Navy Enters the Twenty-first Century*), Ms. Elizabeth Guran (US General Accounting Office), Mr. Paul Giarra (SAIC)

**20. The Disintegration of Japan's Social Contract: Fallout from Economic Restructuring** in cooperation with the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University with Dr. Ulrike Schaede, University of California, San Diego.

**21. Economic Report from Tokyo with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ)**, a luncheon discussion seven members of the ACCJ.

**22. East Asian Economic Regionalism: Why APEC Matters** in cooperation with the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University with Dr. Ed Lincoln, Council on Foreign Relations, author, *East Asian Economic Regionalism* (Brookings, 2004)

**23. Morse Target 2004: Washington's Movers & Shakers on Japan & East Asia** with Dr. Ronald A. Morse, Tokyo Foundation Professor of Japan Studies, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and color commentary by Christopher Nelson (*The Nelson Report*) & Tomohiko Taniguchi, Brookings CNAPS Fellow, Editor-at-Large, *Nikkei Business*

#### **IV. Major Research Projects Completed**

1. Generational Change And The Japan-US Security Relationship
2. Public Opinion in Japan Regarding Nuclear Power
3. Resources on Japanese Politics
- 4 Resources to Study China's Military Industrial Complex
5. Bibliography of the "Armitage Report"
6. Japan, Piracy Policing, and East Asian Maritime Security

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