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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Japan-Singapore Symposium**  
**“The Future and Prospects of Japan and Singapore Relations”**

Date / Time: 9 : 30-12 : 30, Tue, April 26, 2016  
Venue: Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall, East Wing B1F,  
The International House of Japan (I-House)

**Program**

**09:30-09:40** Welcome Remarks by Co-Chairmen:  
Amb. Yoshiji Nogami, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)  
Amb. Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

**09:40-10:10** Keynote Speeches:  
Mr. Seiji Kihara, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan  
H.E. Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore

«Open Forum» **The Future and Prospects of Japan and Singapore Relations**  
Moderator: Amb. Yoshiji Nogami

**10:15-10:25** Opening Speech  
Mr. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Member of the House of Councillors (10min)

**10:25-11:05** Presenters:  
(1) Prof. Ken Jimbo, Associate Professor, Keio University (10min)  
(2) Ambassador Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Foreign Minister's Special Envoy to the Middle East and Non-Resident Ambassador to Kuwait, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore (10min)  
(3) Mr. Atsushi Nakajima, Chairman, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (10min)  
(4) Dr Lam Peng Er, Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore (10min)

**11:05-11:45** Discussion  
**11:45-12:15** Q&A  
**12:15-12:25** Closing Remarks

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## Panelists



**Vivian BALAKRISHNAN** is Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore. He is also the Minister-in-charge of the Smart Nation initiative. He studied Medicine at the National University of Singapore (NUS) after being awarded the President's Scholarship. After graduation, he specialized in Ophthalmology. He led several clinical research trials to control the progression of myopia in children. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore General Hospital in 2000. Dr Balakrishnan has been a Member of Parliament since 2001. He previously held appointments as the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, Second Minister for Trade and Industry, Minister responsible for Entrepreneurship, Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts and Minister of State for National Development. In Parliament, he has moved several pieces of new legislation. These include the Competition Act, Community Care Endowment Fund Act, Mental Capacity Act, the International Child Abduction Act, the Energy Conservation Act and the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act. He has also moved amendments to the Children Development Co-Savings Act, Children and Young Persons Act, Women's Charter, Charities Act, Hindu Endowments Act, Postal Services Act, Animals and Birds Act, Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Act, Sale of Food Act, the Public Utilities Act, the Sewerage and Drainage Act, the Environmental Public Health Act, and the Radiation Protection Act.



**Yoshimasa HAYASHI** is a member of the House of Councilors. He served as Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Feb.-Oct.2015); Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (2012 - 2014, 2nd Abe Cabinet); Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy (2009); Minister of Defense (2008); Senior Vice Minister of the Cabinet Office (2006 - 2007); and Parliamentary Vice Minister for Finance (1999 - 2000). He was a candidate for the Presidency of the LDP in 2012; Secretary to Yoshiro Hayashi, Member of the House of Representatives (1992-1993); and working for Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (1984-1989). He graduated from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1994 and University of Tokyo in 1984.



**Ken JIMBO** is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University. He is concurrently a Senior Research Fellow at the Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) and the Tokyo Foundation (TKFD). He also serves as a Director, Board of Directors at the Civic Force, a Visiting Fellow at the Genron NPO and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). His main research fields are in International Security, Japan-US Security Relations, Japanese Foreign and Defense Policy, Multilateral Security in Asia-Pacific, and Regionalism in East Asia.



**Tommy KOH** is Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Centre for International Law and Rector of Tembusu College at the National University of Singapore (NUS). He is the Co-Chairman of the China-Singapore Forum, the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue and the Japan-Singapore Symposium. Professor Koh was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) in New York for 13 years and served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. He was President of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea and he chaired the Preparatory Committee for and the Main Committee at the Earth Summit. He also served as Ambassador to the United States of America for six years and was Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the USA-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He chaired two dispute panels for the World Trade Organization and also served as the Dean of the Faculty of Law at NUS. In 1984, Yale University conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Law. He received the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law in 1996 and was made a Champion of the Earth by the UN Environment Programme in 2006. He also received the Great Negotiator Award from Harvard University in 2014.



**Seiji KIHARA** is State Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan from 2015. Mr. Kihara was elected as a member of the House of Representatives in 2005, elected three times as of 2016. After graduating from the University of Tokyo in 1993, he joined the Ministry of Finance. He experienced HM Treasury, U.K, Deputy Director of the Minister's Secretariat (2001-2003), Deputy Director of the International Bureau (2003-2005). He was elected to the House of Representatives for the first time in 2005. He was appointed to Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2013 and Director of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the House of Representatives in 2015. Received BA in Law from the University of Tokyo.



**Atsushi NAKAJIMA** is Chairman of Research Institute of Economy, Trade & Industry (RIETI). Prior to his current position, Mr. Nakajima served as Senior Managing Executive Officer & Chief Economist, Mizuho Research Institute, Ltd. (2004-2011); Executive Officer, Chief Economist & General Manager of Research Division, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. & Executive Officer, Chief Economist of Mizuho Research Institute, Ltd. (2003-2004); Chief Economist of Mizuho Research Institute, Ltd. & Chief Economist & General Manager of Research Division, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (2002-2003); Chief Economist & General Manager, Research Department, Head Office, the Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd.(IBJ); President, Banque IBJ (France) S.A.; Senior Deputy General Manager, Industrial Research Department, Head Office, IBJ; Senior Manager, International Finance Department, Head Office, IBJ. Mr. Nakajima graduated from The University of Tokyo with a B.A. in Faculty of Law.



**Yoshiji NOGAMI** is President of The Japan Institute of International Affairs and Executive Advisor of the Mizuho Corporate Bank, Limited. He is former Japanese Ambassador to the U.K. and a Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. After graduating from the University of Tokyo he entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1966. He was 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. His overseas posts include Economic Counsellor at the embassy in the U.S. and Consul-General in Hong Kong. Mr. Nogami was also Ambassador to the OECD in Paris in 1997-99. He was Senior Visiting Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.