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SPECIAL KEYNOTE:

- ❖ TOKURA Shunichi, Commissioner, Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan
- ❖ MATSUOKA Hiroyasu, President & CEO, TOHO CO., LTD.

INFORMATION SHARING AND ACCESS PANELISTS:

- ❖ Aiko Doden, Distinguished Senior Fellow, The Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS
- ❖ Emily Singley, Vice President, North American Library Relations, Elsevier

SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY PANELISTS:

- ❖ Dr. Sheila A. Smith, Former Chair, U.S. CULCON; John E. Merow Senior Fellow for Asia-Pacific Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations
- ❖ Dr. Mary Alice Haddad, CULCON Subnational Diplomacy U.S. WG member; Professor of Government, Wesleyan University
- ❖ Jessyca Livingston, CULCON Subnational Diplomacy U.S. WG member; Executive Director, U.S. JET Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA)
- ❖ KOYAMADA Shin, CULCON Subnational Diplomacy Japan WG member; Founder and Chair of the Japan United States Sister City Association (JUSSCA)
- ❖ Ms. Lori Duggan Gold, Deputy Director for Operations and External Affairs, National Museum of Asian Art

LUCHTIME PROGRAMMING PANELISTS:

- ❖ Dr. Chase Robinson, Director, National Museum of Asian Art
- ❖ Dr. Frank Feltens, Curator of Japanese Art, National Museum of Asian Art
- ❖ Mr. Tom Vick, Curator of Film, National Museum of Asian Art

U.S. CULCON PANELISTS:

Chair:

- ❖ Mr. Charles Lake II, U.S. CULCON Chair; Chairman and Representative Director, Aflac Life Insurance Japan; President, Aflac International

Vice Chair:

- ❖ Dr. William Tsutsui, U.S. Vice Chair; Chancellor and Professor of History, Ottawa University

Panelists:

- ❖ Mr. Trevor A. Dawes, U.S. CULCON Panelist and Information Access and Sharing U.S. WG Chair; Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums and May Morris University Librarian, University of Delaware
- ❖ Dr. Samuel Morse, Howard and Martha Mitchell Professor of the History of Art and Asian Languages and Civilizations, Amherst College
- ❖ Ms. M. Diana Helweg Newton, Director of the Tower Scholars Program and Senior Fellow, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University (SMU)
- ❖ Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President, San Jose State University
- ❖ Mr. Kenneth A. Siegel, Managing Partner, Morrison & Foerster Tokyo (Not in Attendance)
- ❖ Dr. Jolyon Thomas, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

U.S. GOVERNMENT:

- ❖ Ms. Cheryl Gibbs, Senior Director, International and Foreign Language Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- ❖ Mr. Tim Marshall, Senior Program Officer, East Asia & Pacific Programs Branch, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- ❖ Mr. Tyler Partridge, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer, Office of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

JAPAN CULCON PANELISTS:

Chair:

- ❖ Mr. SASAE Kenichiro, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)

Vice Chair:

- ❖ Dr. KUBO Fumiaki, President, National Defense Academy of Japan

Panelists:

- ❖ Mr. AKITA Hiroyuki, Commentator, Nikkei Inc.
- ❖ Ms. KOBAYASHI Izumi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mizuho Financial Group Inc.; Member of the Board of Director, ANA Holdings, Inc. and OMRON Corporation (Not in Attendance)
- ❖ Dr. SATO Yuri, Executive Vice President, The Japan Foundation (JF) (Not in Attendance)
- ❖ Mr. SHIMATANI Hiroyuki, President, National Institutes for Cultural Heritage; Executive Director, Museum of the Imperial Collections, Sannomaru Shozokan
- ❖ Mr. SUGIURA Yasuyuki, Managing Director, Toyo Bunko (The Oriental Library)
- ❖ Dr. TAKAHASHI Yuko, Japan CULCON Panelist and Information Access and Sharing Japan WG Chair; President, Tsuda University
- ❖ Dr. TSUCHIYA Motohiro, Vice-President for Global Engagement and Information Technology, Keio University; Professor in Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University (Not in Attendance)

Ex officio:

- ❖ Mr. ARIMA Yutaka Assistant Minister, Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA (Not in Attendance) (Represented by Mr. MIYAKE Fumito, Minister of Public Affairs, The Embassy of Japan in the United States of America)
- ❖ Ms. OKANO Yukiko, Assistant Minister, Director-General for Cultural Affairs, MOFA
- ❖ Ms. WATANABE Sonoko, Assistant Minister, Director-General for International Affairs, MEXT

Japanese GOVERNMENT:

- ❖ Mr. ANDO Hiroshi, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America
- ❖ Ms. MIYATAKE Miho, Assistant Director, Cultural Affairs and Overseas Public Relations Division, Minister's Secretariat, MOFA

OBSERVERS:

- ❖ KOJIMA, Hiroyuki, Director General, The Japan Foundation, New York

U.S. CULCON SECRETARIAT:

- ❖ Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater, Secretary-General, U.S. CULCON Panel; Executive Director, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
- ❖ Ms. Caitlin Adkins, Assistant Secretary-General, U.S. CULCON Panel
- ❖ Ms. Niharika Joe, Deputy Executive Director, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

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- ❖ Ms. SUGITA Akiko, Secretary-General, Japan CULCON Panel
- ❖ Ms. MUNAKATA Nanako, Assistant to Secretary-General, Japan CULCON Panel
- ❖ Ms. KANEKO Chihiro, Assistant, Japan CULCON Panel