

# Outline of Discussions

## The Japan-U.S. Dialogue

### "The Japan-U.S. Relations in the Era of Smart Power"

The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ), the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the Japan Forum on International relations co-sponsored "the Japan-U.S. Dialogue" in Tokyo on February 13-14. In the "Dialogue," which had 87 participants in total, lively discussion was carried out among experts including five U.S. Panelists. The "Dialogue" started at Welcome Dinner on February 13, hosted by ITO Kenichi, President of GFJ/JFIR. The "Dialogue" consisted of three Sessions all of which were open to public.

#### **Session I : International Politics in Transition and Advent of the Era of "Smart Power"**

In Session I on the theme of "International Politics in Transition and Advent of the Era of 'Smart Power'", KAMIYA Mataka, Professor of National Defense Academy of Japan delivered a keynote report in which he stated that, as the meaning of Japan-U.S. alliance undergoes a change in the era of Smart Power,, security in various aspects should be pursued by using a combination of various types of power including both hard and soft powers.

Following this, Michael GREEN, Senior Advisor/Japan Chair of CSIS, made a keynote report in which he stated that in the military sphere of the Japan-U.S. cooperation, it is expected that the bindings on use of the Self-Defense Forces be loosened to be fully utilized. It is important to overcome the previous conventional mode of thinking and the limits of the current system.

#### **Session II: Changing International Politics and New Phases of the Japan-U.S. Relations**

In the session 2 on the theme of "Changing International Politics and New Phases of the Japan-U.S. Relations," William INBODEN, Assistant Professor of the University of Texas at Austin made a keynote report in which he stated that as various tasks lying ahead of Japan and U.S., powers of the two countries in all aspects should be strengthened and utilized.

Then, YOSHIZAKI Tatsuhiko, Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Sojitz Research Institute delivered a keynote report, in which he stated that Japan seems to have been psychologically influenced by the Lehman Shock and the Democratic Party of Japan have come to argue that as an aging society Japan does not need to pursue any high status in the international community. But this is not a sound way of thought.

After this, WATANABE Tsuneo, Director and Senior Fellow of the Policy Division of the Tokyo Foundation, made a keynote report in which he stated that concerning the political disarray over Japan's policy towards the Japan-U.S. alliance during the Hatoyama administration, the United States seems to have settled in a realistic view that Japan would after all react realistically and therefore unnecessary concern should be avoided.

### **Session III: Visions for the U.S.-Japan Alliance as International Public Goods**

In the session III on the theme of "Visions for the U.S.-Japan Alliance as International Public Goods," James J. Przystup, senior fellow of Institute for National Strategic Studies of the National Defense University delivered a keynote report in which he stated that along with efforts towards APEC, TPP and FTAAP, Japan and the U.S. should also pay attention to devising effective measures to hold China as a responsible stakeholder through cooperation within the frameworks such as ASEAN and EAS.

Following that, MIYAOKA Isao, Associate Professor of Keio University made a keynote report in which he stated that as a part of the U.S. smart power strategy, it should once again devote its efforts to enhance the interest and welfare of the global scale.

Finally, Mr. YANO Takuya, Senior Research Fellow of JFIR, made a keynote report in which he stated that the National Defense Outline Japan had announced last year launches, in addition to the traditional emphasis on national defense, its more positive attitudes toward contribution in both regional and global stages.