

Report of

The Japan-GUAM Dialogue

on

**“Future Prospect of the Japan - GUAM Partnership
for Democracy and Economic Development ”**

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GUAM - Organization for Democracy and Economic Development



ITO Kenichi, President, GFJ, making Opening Remarks



Valeri CHECHELASHVILI, Secretary General of GUAM, expressing his view on the Japan-GUAM Relations

Preface

The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) aims to promote a policy-oriented exchange of views between business, opinion and political leaders of Japan and their counterparts in the rest of the world, and to contribute to the deepening of mutual understanding and the formation of the consensus. For this purpose, GFJ has been actively engaged for the past 31 years in organizing policy-oriented bilateral and/or multilateral “Dialogues” every year between Japan and the international community.

It is for this reason that GFJ held the Japan-GUAM Dialogue, “Future Prospect of the Japan - GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development,” in Tokyo on 16 May 2013. This report intends to summarize the achievements of these discussions between Japanese and GUAM counterparts. Though the printed version of the report will be made available to only a restricted number of people such as members and friends of GFJ and their counterparts from GUAM, the full text of the report will be available at <http://www.gfj.jp/>.

The Japan-GUAM Dialogue “Future Prospect of the Japan - GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development” was co-sponsored by GUAM - Organization for Democracy and Economic Development.

It was attended by 27 participants including 11 panelists such as Mr. Valeri CHECHELASHVILI, Secretary General of GUAM, Mr. Andrei POPOV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova, Prof. MUTSUSHIKA Shigeo, Professor, University of Shizuoka and Prof. WATANABE Hirotaka, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Participants exchanged opinions on matters of significant importance related to the future of Japan-GUAM relations.

July 31, 2013

ITO Kenichi

President

The Global Forum of Japan

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**1 . Programs of
The Japan-GUAM Dialogue**

1. Program

<hr/> <hr/> <p>The Japan-GUAM Dialogue</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>"Future Prospect of the Japan-GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development"</p> <p>From 13:00 to 15:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at Conference Room, The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)</p> <p>Co-Sponsored by The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) and GUAM-Organization for Democracy and Economic Development</p>	
Opening Remarks / Chairperson (5 min.)	ITO Kenichi, President of GFJ / President of JFIR
Keynote Speech A (10 min.)	Valeri CHECHELASHVILI, Secretary General of GUAM
Keynote Speech B (10 min.)	MUTSUSHIKA Shigeo, Professor, University of Shizuoka
Keynote Speech C (10 min.)	David JALAGANIA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia(2013 Chair Country)
Keynote Speech D (10 min.)	HIKIHARA Takeshi, Deputy Director-General, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Lead Discussant A (5 min.)	Gaya MAMMADOV, Head of the Department of International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan
Lead Discussant B (5 min.)	HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi, Vice President of GFJ / Vice President of JFIR
Lead Discussant C (5 min.)	Andrei POPOV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova
Lead Discussant D (5 min.)	ISHIKAWA Kaoru, Opinion Leader Member of GFJ / Director of Research of JFIR
Lead Discussant E (5 min.)	Oleksandr DANYLEIKO, Director General, Directorate-General for Economic Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
Lead Discussant F (5 min.)	WATANABE Hirotaka, Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Free Discussions (45 min.)	All Participants

2. Participants List

[GUAM Panelists]

Valeri CHECHELASHVILI	Secretary General of GUAM
Oleksandr DANYLEIKO	Director General, Directorate-General for Economic Cooperation, MOFA of Ukraine
David JALAGANIA	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (2013 Chair Country)
Gaya MAMMADOV	Head of the Department of International Security, MOFA of Azerbaijan
Andrei POPOV	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova

[Japanese Panelists]

ITO Kenichi	President of GFJ / President of the Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)
ISHIKAWA Kaoru	Opinion Leader Member of GFJ / Director of Research of JFIR
MUTSUSHIKA Shigeo	Professor, University of Shizuoka / President, The Study Group on “Japan-Black Sea Area Relations,” GFJ
HIKIHARA Takeshi	Deputy Director-General, European Affairs Bureau, MOFA
HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi	Vice President of GFJ / Vice President of JFIR
WATANABE Hirotaka	Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

[Participants]

GUAM Side

Gvantsa BARKAIA	Second Secretary, Embassy of Georgia in Japan
Revaz BESHIDZE	Ambassador of Georgia to Japan
Gursel ISMAYILZADA	Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Japan
Rovshan KAZIMOV	First Secretary, Economic & Press Affairs, Embassy of Azerbaijan in Japan
Ihor KHARCHENKO	Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan
Ia LOMIDZE	Deputy Director of European Affairs Department, MOFA of Georgia
Noshrevan LOMTATIDZE	Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Georgia in Japan
Yevhen PLIASKIN	First Secretary, Embassy of Ukraine in Japan

Japan Side

KAWATO Akio	General Manager, Japan and World Trends
HAKAMADA Shigeki	Professor, The University of Niigata Prefecture
HIRAI Yukiko	Official, Central and South Eastern Europe Division, European Affairs Bureau, MOFA
ISHIGAKI Yasuji	Delegate to AALCO/Special Assistant, MOFA
SAKAMOTO Masahiro	Superior Research Fellow of JFIR
TAKAHASHI Kazuo	former Professor, International Christian University
TAKENAKA Shigeo	former Secretary-General, Asian Productivity Organization
WATANABE Mayu	Opinion Leader Governor, GFJ

(In Alphabetical Order)

3. Biographies of the Panelists

【GUAM Panelists】

Valeri CHECHELASHVILI

Secretary General, GUAM

Received Ph.D. in International Economy from Graduate School at the Kiev State University. Served as various positions, including Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia (1998-2000), Secretary General of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (2000-2004), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Russian Federation (2004-2005), Minister of Finance of Georgia (2005), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Swiss confederation, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva (2005) and First Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia (2005).

David JALAGANIA

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Received Ph.D. from Georgian Technical University in 1991. Assistant Professor of Georgian Technical University (1991-1994). Served as various positions, including Deputy Minister, Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations of Georgia (1998-2000), Director of Department of Foreign Aid Coordination (2000-2002), Minister, Georgian Embassy in the Federal Republic of Germany (2004-2006), Director of Department of EU Integration (2006-2008) and Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport of Georgia (2008).

Gaya MAMMADOV

Head of the Department of International Security,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan

Joined the diplomatic service of Azerbaijan in 1998. In his overseas postings, he served as staff officer at the Defence Policy and Planning Division of the NATO International Staff in Brussels, as political officer at the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Berlin, and as deputy chief of mission of the diplomatic mission of Azerbaijan to NATO. From December 2011, he served as Deputy Head of Department for Security Policy, before he was promoted to the position of Head of Department for International Security in January 2013. He holds BA and MA degrees from the Baku State University, is alumnus of the NATO Defence College and received training from the German Diplomatic School in Bonn and Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, MA, USA.

Andrei POPOV

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova

Graduated from Bucharest State University in 1994 and National School of Political and Administrative Studies in 1996. Served in various positions, including First Secretary, United Nations Development Programme (1996-1997), Director, Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to the United States (1997-2001), Executive Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova (2001-2004) and Member of the Parliament of Moldova (2009).

Oleksandr DANYLEIKO *Director General, Directorate-General for Economic Cooperation,*
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Graduated from Kyiv Academy of Foreign Trade and National Academy of Public Administration. Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Served as various positions, including Head of the Division of bilateral relations, Department of economic cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine(1998-1999), Counselor, charge d'affaires a.i., Embassy of Ukraine in Sweden (1999-2004), Deputy Head, Foreign Policy Service, Secretariat of the President of Ukraine (2004-2007) and Consul General of Ukraine in Toronto(2007-2012).

(In order of appearance)

【Japanese Panelists】

ITO Kenichi

President, Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) /

President, The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)

Graduated from Hitotsubashi University and joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1960. Studied at GSAS of Harvard University. Served in Japanese Embassies in Moscow, Manila and Washington and also as Director of First Southeast Asian Division until 1977. Since then he served as Tokyo Representative of CSIS (1980-1987) and professor of international politics at Aoyama Gakuin University (1984-2006). He has been President of Japan Forum on International Relations(JFIR) since it was founded in 1987 and now concurrently serves as President of Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) and Chairman of Council on East Asian Community (CEAC). He is Professor Emeritus and holds Honorary Doctorate in International Relations.

MUTSUSHIKA Shigeo

Professor, University of Shizuoka

/ President, The Study Group on "Japan-Black Sea Area Relations," GFJ

Graduated from Sophia University in 1976. Received M.A. in International Relations from Sophia University in 1978 and Ph.D. in Law from University of Bucharest in 1985. Served as Visiting Fellow at the European Institute of the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Dean of the Faculty of International Relations and a Presidential Aid at University of Shizuoka. Concurrently serves as President of the Study Group on Japan-Black Sea Area Relations of GFJ as well as Director of the Wider Europe Research Center at University of Shizuoka.

HIKIHARA Takeshi

Deputy Director-General, European Affairs Bureau,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Graduated from the University of Tokyo. Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1982. Served as various positions, including Director of Southwest Asia Division, Asian Affairs Bureau (2000), Director of First Western Europe Division, European Affairs Bureau (2002), Counselor, Cabinet Secretariat (2004), Minister, Embassy of Japan in Russia (2006), Ambassador, Director-General of the Secretariat for the Japan APEC Meeting in 2010 and Consul General of Japan in Boston (2010).

HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi

Vice President, GFJ / Vice President, JFIR

Graduated from the University of Tokyo and joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1963. Studied at University of Poitiers and University of Aix-en-Provence, France. Served as DCM in Washington, Director-General of Economic Cooperation Bureau, Chief Cabinet Councilor at Prime Minister's Cabinet, Ambassador to India and then to France. Served as Fellow at Center for International Affairs of Harvard University and received title of Honorary Professor from University of Lyon 2. Also served as Visiting Professor at Waseda University. In addition to serving as Vice President of JFIR, he concurrently serves as Vice President of Global Forum of Japan (GFJ), President of Council on East Asian Community (CEAC), and President of Japan-India Association.

ISHIKAWA Kaoru

Opinion Leader Member, GFJ / Director of Research, JFIR

Graduated from the University of Tokyo and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1972. Studied at l'Ecole Nationale d'Administration in France. Served as Research Associate of International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), London and Minister-Counselor to France, G8 Summit foreign affairs Sous-Sherpa (1999-2001 and 2005-07), Director General of Global Affairs Department (2002-05), Director

General of Economic Affairs Bureau (2005-07), Ambassador to Egypt and then to Canada. Also served as Visiting Professor at Waseda University as well as the University of Tokyo. In addition to serving as Senior Executive Director of JFIR, he concurrently serves as Opinion Leader Member of Global Forum of Japan (GFJ), and Executive Vice-President of Council on East Asian Community (CEAC).

WATANABE Hirotaka

Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Graduated from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, where he majored in French. Received Ph.D. from Keio University and a diploma in advanced studies from the Sorbonne in Paris. Handled public relations and cultural affairs as minister at the Japanese Embassy in Paris from 2008 to 2010. Has taught at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies since 1995.

(In order of appearance)

2 . Outlines of Discussions of The Japan-GUAM Dialogue

Outlines of Discussions

The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) and the GUAM-Organization for Democracy and Economic Development co-sponsored “Future Prospect of the Japan-GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development” in Tokyo on May 16, 2013. In the Dialogue, which had 27 participants in total, lively discussion was held among experts on how to build the Japan-GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development in the future.

1. Opening Remarks

ITO Kenichi, President of GFJ, welcomed all the participants, and then introduced the cooperative relationship between Japan and GUAM, among governments and through private organizations. He remarked “GUAM was founded in 1997 as a regional organization made up of the four countries of Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova with the goal of enhancing democracy and market economy among them. Japan, on the other hand, has been committed to its foreign policy of the “Arc of Freedom and Prosperity” and has supported the democratization and economic development of the GUAM from the very outset. The “GUAM and JAPAN Meeting” has been held since 2007 by Japanese government. On her part, the Global Forum of Japan (GFJ), private, independent, non-profit and non-partisan, is known for her role as an initiator of the policy oriented intellectual dialogue of Japan with the Black Sea Area Nations, which includes the four countries of GUAM. GFJ and the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation have already held “Japan and Black Sea Area Dialogue” for four times since 2005. I hope today’s dialogue would help relevant parties in both Japan and the GUAM countries to deepen the understanding on the constructive roles that both sides can play together.

2. Keynote Speech

In the dialogue, four keynote speakers made presentation. First, Mr. Valeri CHECHELASHVILI, Secretary General of GUAM, gave a speech. He remarked “the reasons why four countries - Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Moldova- all together established GUAM are very simple. We have similar position of every international situation and we are also like minded based on a shared set of foreign policy priorities and so forth. That is why four countries decided to establish an international forum together and reinforce four-lateral cooperation. We also decided to use this forum to strength individual country domestically and internationally. For GUAM, Japan is one of the most important partners. We would like to build a cooperative relation, not only in tourism sector, but also in other various fields such as agriculture, transportation, energy and so forth.”

Subsequently, Prof. MUTSUSHIKA Shigeo, University of Shizuoka, remarked “when recalling that EU, China, and South Korea are paying a lot of attentions to the relations with Russia and are reluctant to strengthen relationships with GUAM, the decision of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to hold a "GUAM+ Japan" meeting back in 2007 should be highly evaluated. If taking into consideration of the strategic importance of GUAM, the financial issues of EU, the Mediterranean centered policy of EU according to "Arab Spring", the shift to Asia-Pacific of U.S. diplomatic policy, and the increasing tension in Asia-Pacific Ocean Area and the problems Putin administration is facing home and abroad, it has become more important than ever for Japan and GUAM to strengthen mutual trust and understanding.

Next, Mr. David JALAGANIA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, remarked “as the chairman of GUAM, Georgia is focusing on facilitation of process of generating, elaborating and evaluating concrete projects of GUAM. We are planning to target on energy, tourism sector, and focus on some projects such as the development of transportation networks. It is indispensable to cooperate with Japan in order to carry out these projects effectively. Communication with non-governmental organization is also important for GUAM locally and internationally. In this regard, there will be a significant importance of meeting with the Global Forum today.”

Lastly, Mr. HIKIHARA Takeshi, Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, remarked “I

was appointed as Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs special representative in GUAM about 6 months ago. Building a cooperative relationship with GUAM is directly linked to Prime Minister Abe's foreign policy. The Abe Administration is pursuing such values, such as freedom and democracy in the birds' eye views, covering the entire world. We share these values with GUAM. I hope we will continue this cooperation to further the relation between Japan and GUAM.

3. Lead Discussant

In discussion session, six discussants made presentation. First, Mr. Gaya MAMMADOV, Head of the Department of International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, discussed "it is very important to strengthen relationship of GUAM and Japan. Azerbaijan, as a new developing country among the GUAM, has its biggest issue of development. I also want to point out an importance of public opinion to increase public awareness to GUAM in Japan. In this regard, tourism is also significance."

Subsequently, Amb. HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi, Vice President of GFJ, Vice President of JFIR, said "geopolitically, GUAM is a very important area, but as far as the geopolitical significance, relation with Russia is also significant for Japan. I would like to ask what kind of relations GUAM is trying to build with Russia in the future."

Next, Mr. Andrei POPOV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova, said "in this globalized world, it is much more efficient to work together cooperatively in promoting common, shared and converged interests. We also understand that this cooperation helps us multiply make more loud and make more listen our voices on international setting. When it comes to relations with Russia, it is not fair to talk about it when Russia is absent. However, I would say that it is also important to seek common interests with Russia and try to realize them."

Next, Amb. ISHIKAWA Kaoru, Opinion Leader Member of GFJ, Director of Research of JFIR, said "for the geopolitical importance of GUAM, I would like to add the proximity with Turkey, a secularist country. I would also say that based on the argument about the pact of Westphalia, the nation state, and globalization, it is important to ask whether the present trial of GUAM is "regional cooperation," or "regional osmosis." For about democracy, I would like to point out that education for the ordinary people is also very important."

Next, Mr. Oleksandr DANYLEIKO, Director General of the Directorate-General for Economic Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, said “promotion of free trade and improvement of investment environment are of great importance with European countries. GUAM is also very interested in having various agreements with Eastern countries, such as Japan. I would like to say that the tourism sector with the cooperation by Japan is, the “promised field to be successful.” I would also like to promote cooperation in the security and energy sector in the future.”

Lastly, Prof. WATANABE Hirotaka, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, said “it has been pointed out in the discussion so far that Japan and GUAM share many common values, especially democratic ideology. However, if focusing on practical aspects, there are Japanese type democracy and European type democracy, with different substances. Which form should GUAM try to promote? It seems that it makes sense from another aspect in terms of the cooperation with Japan in fields such as verification of the Ombudsman system from the democratic management view, corruption prevention, and the judicial system, which are currently carried out among the EU.”

3 . Appendix

1. An Introduction to The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ)

(1) Introduction

【Objectives】 As we embrace the 21st century, international relations are becoming increasingly interdependent, and globalization and regionalism are becoming the big waves. In this global tendency, communicating with the world, especially neighboring countries in the Asia-Pacific region at both governmental and non-governmental levels, is one of the indispensable conditions for Japan to survive. On the basis of such understanding, The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) aims to promote the exchange of views on commonly shared interests and issues in the field ranging from politics and security to the economy, trade, finance, society and culture, and to help business leaders, Diet members and opinion leaders both in Japan and in their counterpart countries to discuss the formulation of new orders in global and regional arenas.

【History】 The 1982 Versailles Summit was widely seen as having exposed rifts within the Western alliance. Accordingly, there were expressed concerns that the summit meetings were becoming more and more stylized rituals and that Western solidarity was at risk. Within this context, it was realized that, to revitalize the summit meetings, there must be free and unfettered exchanges of private-sector views to be transmitted directly to the heads of the participating states. Accordingly, Japanese former Foreign Minister OKITA Saburo, U.S. Trade Representative William BROCK, E.C. Commission Vice President Etienne DAVIGNON, and Canadian Trade Minister Edward LUMLEY, as representatives of the private-sector in their respective countries, took the initiative in founding The Quadrangular Forum in Washington in September 1982. Since then, the end of the Cold War and the altered nature of the economic summits themselves had made it necessary for The Quadrangular Forum to metamorphose into The Global Forum established by the American and Japanese components of The Quadrangular Forum at the World Convention in Washington in October 1991. In line with its objectives as stated above, The Global Forum was intended as a facilitator of global consensus on the many post-Cold War issues facing the international community and reached out to open its discussions not only to participants from the quadrangular countries but also to participants from other parts of the world. Over the years, the gravity of The Global Forum's activities gradually shifted from its American component (housed in The Center for Strategic and International Studies) to its Japanese component (housed in The Japan Forum on International Relations), and, after the American component ceased to be operative, the Board of Trustees of the Japanese component resolved, on February 7, 1996, that it would thereafter act as an independent body for organizing bilateral dialogues with Japan as a hub for all countries in the world, and amended its by-laws accordingly. At the same time, The Global Forum's Japanese component was reorganized into The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) in line with the principle that the organization be self-governing, self-financing, and independent of any other organization.

【Organization】 The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan, and independent membership organization in Japan to engage in and promote international exchanges on policy-oriented matters of bilateral, regional and global implications. While the secretariat is housed in The Japan Forum on International Relations, GFJ itself is independent of any other organizations, including The Japan Forum on International Relations. Originally established as the Japanese component of The Quadrangular Forum at the initiative of HATTORI Ichiro, OKITA Saburo, TAKEYAMA Yasuo, and TOYODA Shoichiro in 1982, GFJ is currently headed by OKAWARA Yoshio as Chairman, ITO Kenichi as President and HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi as Vice President. The membership is composed of 10 Business Leader Members including the two Governors, MOGI Yuzaburo and TOYODA Shoichiro; 19 Diet Members including the three Governors, ASAO Keichiro, KOIKE Yuriko, and TANIGAKI Sadakazu; and 89 Opinion Leader Members including the two Governors, SHIMADA Haruo, and WATANABE Mayu.

【Activities】 Since the start of The Global Forum of Japan (GFJ) in 1982, GFJ has shifted its focus from the exchanges with the Quadrangular countries for the purpose of contributing to the Western Summit, to those with neighboring countries in the Asia-Pacific region including the U.S., China, Korea, ASEAN countries, India, Australia, European countries, and Wider Black Sea area, for the purposes of deepening mutual understanding and contributing to the formation of international order. GFJ has been active in collaboration with international exchange organizations in those countries in organizing policy-oriented intellectual exchanges called "Dialogue." In order to secure a substantial number of Japanese participants in the "Dialogue," GFJ in principle holds these "Dialogues" in Tokyo. A listing of topics of "Dialogues" and its overseas co-sponsors in the last five years is given below.

Year	Month	Topic	Co-sponsor
2013	May	Future Prospect of the Japan-GUAM Partnership for Democracy and Economic Development	GUAM-Organization for Democracy and Economic Development
	February	How to Develop Japan and Black Sea Area Cooperation	Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
	January	Toward a Future-Oriented Japan-China Relationship	School of Environment, Beijing Normal University World Resources Institute College of Public Administration, Zhejiang University
2012	September	Japan-U.S. Alliance at a New Stage: Toward a Provider of International Public Goodss	Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University
	March	The Future of ASEAN Integration and Japan's Role	ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies
	March	The Rise of Emerging Countries and the Future of Global Governance	Fudan University Nanyang Technological University The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
2011	February	The Asia-Pacific Region in Transition and the Japan-U.S.-China Relations	China Association of Asia-Pacific Studies
	October	The Japan-China Relations at Crossroads	China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
	July	The Great East Japan Earthquake and Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, etc
2010	February	The Japan-U.S. Relations in the Era of Smart Power	The Center for Strategic and International Studies (U.S.)
	February	East Asia in Transition and New Perspectives on Regional Cooperation	International Studies Department, Vietnam National University (Vietnam)
	September	East Asian Regional Architectures and Japan-India Relations	The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (India)
2010	May	Promoting Japan-U.S. Cooperation in Non-Traditional Security: the Case of Counter Piracy	National Bureau of Asian Research (U.S.)
	February	Promoting Japan-China Cooperation on Environmental Issues of the 21st Century: In Pursuit of Recycling Society	School of Environment, Beijing Normal University (China)
	January	Prospects of Changing Black Sea Area and Role of Japan	Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation
2009	September	Japan-ASEAN Cooperation amid the Financial and Economic Crisis	ASEAN-ISIS
	June	Prospect of Japan-China Relationship in the Changing World	China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (China)
	April	US-Japan Relations Under the New Obama Administration	National Committee on American Foreign Policy (U.S.)

(2) Membership List of The Global Forum of Japan

As of July 31, 2013

In alphabetical order

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ITO Kenichi, President and CEO, The Japan Forum on International Relations

【Vice President】

HIRABAYASHI Hiroshi, Vice President, The Japan Forum on International Relations

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MORIMURA Takashi, Deputy President, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ

YAGUCHI Toshikazu, President, Biru Daiko Co., Ltd.

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ASAO Keiichiro, Member of the House of Representatives (YP)

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MATSUDA Kouta, M.H.C. (YP)

SEKOU Hironari, M.H.C. (LDP)

【Opinion Leader Members】 (90 Members)

AICHI Kazuo, Chairman, Japan Forum for Strategic Studies

AKASHI Yasushi, Chairman, International House of Japan

AOKI Tamotsu, Contract Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University

AMAKO Satoshi, Professor, Waseda University

ASAKAI Kazuo, former Ambassador to the Myanmar

ASOMURA Kuniaki, Professor, North Asia University

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FUKUSHIMA Teruhiko, Professor, National Defense Academy

GYOHTEN Toyoo, President, Institute for International Monetary Affairs

HABA Kumiko, Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University

HAKAMADA Shigeki, Professor, The University of Niigata Prefecture

HASEGAWA Kazutoshi, former Ambassador to Australia

HASUMI Yu, Professor, Risho University

HATA Kei, Vice Principal, Sakushin Gakuin

HATOYAMA Yukio, former M.H.R. (DPJ)

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HIRONO Ryokichi, Professor Emeritus, Seikei University

HIROSE Yoko, Associate Professor, Keio University

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KAGAWA Toshiyuki, Professor Emeritus, Keio University

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[Note] DPJ: Democratic Party of Japan

LDP: Liberal Democratic Party

YP: Your Party

2. An Introduction to GUAM-Organization for Democracy and Economic Development

Cooperation between Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Moldova started with the GUAM consultative forum, established on October 10, 1997. The GUAM Member States are guided by the principles of respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of the states, inviolability of their internationally recognized borders, and non-interference in their internal affairs as well as other universally recognized principles and norms of the international law. Important principle of GUAM is the decision taking by consensus that makes it possible to take fully into account the interests of every Member State.

The main purposes of GUAM are:

- promoting democratic values, ensuring the rule of law, and respect for human rights;
- ensuring sustainable development;
- strengthening international and regional security and stability;
- deepening European integration for the establishment of common security space, and expansion of cooperation in economic and humanitarian spheres;
- development of social and economic, transport, energy, scientific and technical, and humanitarian potential of the Parties;
- intensification of political interaction and practical cooperation in the field of mutual interest.

GUAM is an Organization based on the developed network of mechanisms and instruments of interaction including GUAM Strategy for Sector Cooperation Development. Working Bodies GUAM are accordingly streamlining their activities with a view of GUAM projects and programs implementation. Country-Coordinators, in close cooperation with Chairmanship are developing activities to translate potential of the Organization into tangible results, ultimately contributing to regional stability, integration and improving of living standards.

Under the current Georgian Chairmanship GUAM is focusing activities on the process of generation, elaboration and implementation of concrete projects and programs of GUAM cooperation. GUAM member states have very close, if not coinciding set of foreign policy priorities and consider GUAM as format, reinforcing position of individual member state in the network of international relations.

Presidency and country-coordinators of the Sectoral Working Groups are facilitating their efforts to develop necessary legal platform, including that one in spheres of free movement of capital, goods, services, and labor. Sector cooperation bodies are invited to initiate practically oriented projects of economic cooperation, including those in the "GUAM+" format, with a broad engagement of business circles and in this light to capitalize on positive GUAM experience.

The main goal of GUAM is to establish space of stability and integration in the Black Sea – Caspian Sea region; space of partnership, based on the European standards, criterias and practice. While implementing this main goal, we are using two main avenues of cooperation: 1) elaboration, signature and implementation of GUAM format multilateral legal instruments, and 2) generation, elaboration and implementation of GUAM projects and programs.

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