

13th Tokyo Dialogue of “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue Geographical Outlook for Central Asia

Program

Date: 15:00-17:00, 14th Mar. 2025
Place: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (North760, International Conference Room)
Host: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Global Forum Japan (GFJ),
The Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)
Language: Japanese, Russian (Simultaneous interpretations)

15:00-15:10	Opening Session
	Master of Ceremony: Ms. Megumi ISHIZUKA Director of Central Asia and Caucasus Division, European Affairs Bureau, MOFA 1. Opening Remarks i) Mr. Hisashi MATSUMOTO Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs ii) Ms. Mayu WATANABE President of the Global Forum of Japan (GFJ)
15:15-16:00	Panel Discussion 1 “Central Asia attracting global attention: Current situation and challenges”
	Moderator: Mr. Tomohiko UYAMA Professor at Hokkaido University / Expert Member of GFJ Panelists: (5 min each) 1. Mr. Akio TAKAHARA (5 min.) Distinguished Visiting Professor of Tokyo Woman’s Christian University 2. Mr. Edil OSMONBETOV (5 min.) Expert of the Center of International Relations Analysis Division, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic 3. Mr. Kenta AOKI (5 min.)

	<p>Executive Research Fellow, Middle East Institute of Japan</p> <p>4. Ms. Natalya LYUTKO (5 min.) Head of Korea & Japan Division, Asia-Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Uzbekistan</p> <p>5. Discussion (25 min.)</p>
16:00-16:10	Coffee Break
16:10-16:55	Panel Discussion 2 “Outlook for cooperation between Central Asia and Japan”
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Tomohiko UYAMA Professor at Hokkaido University / Expert Member of GFJ</p> <p>Panelists: (5 min each)</p> <p>1. Mr. Aidar KURMASHEV (Ph.D.) (5 min.) Head of the Department of Asian Studies at Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>2. Mr. Hiroshi YAMAZOE (5 min.) Head of America, Europe, and Russian Division, Regional Studies Department, National Institute for Defense Studies</p> <p>3. Mr. Parviz SAMI (5 min.) 2nd Secretary, Department of Asia-Pacific Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <p>4. Mr. Tsuyoshi YUASA (5 min.) Professor at Sophia University</p> <p>5. Merdan BAYJANOV (5 min.) Attache of the Representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan in Balkan velayat and the Department of Middle East Countries of the MFA of Turkmenistan</p> <p>6. Discussion (20 min.)</p>
17:00	Closing Ceremony
	<p>Closing Remark: Mr. Masaki ISHIKAWA</p>