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“Security Roundtable for Intellectual Exchanges between Japan and the Gulf Countries” Doha, October 9, 2013

October 9, 2013

10:30-10:45 **Opening session:** Opening remarks by the representatives of the Government of Japan and Brookings Doha Center
Mr. Kenjiro Monji, Ambassador of Japan to Qatar
Mr. Salman Sheikh, Director, Brookings Doha Center

10:45-12:15 **Session 1: Security issues surrounding Gulf countries**

- Security issues in military and geopolitical aspects: current situation in the GCC, the Iranian nuclear issue, lessons and impact of the terrorist attacks in Algeria.
- The Gulf economic and security diversification.
- Political and social reforms: Democratization policy, human resources development, current situation of unemployment in the region.

12:15-12:30 Photo session and coffee break

12:30-14:30 **Session 2: Geopolitical challenges after the “Arab Spring”**

- How have the 2011 uprisings and the ensuing changes of government shifted the balance of power in the region?
- What is the impact of the “Arab Spring” on existing geopolitical challenges?

14:30- 15:30 Lunch

15:30-17:00 **Session 3: Possible cooperation and collaboration between Japan and Gulf countries based on the discussion in session 1 and session 2**

- How could deeper Japan-Gulf ties help strengthen security, prosperity and democratic governance in the region?



- What are the elements of common interests that a strategic partnership can be build on between Japan, the Middle East, and the Gulf countries?

17:00- 17:10 Closing remarks:

*Mr. Hiroshi Oka, Deputy Director General, Middle East and African Bureau,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan*

20:15 Cocktail Reception at the Ambassador's Residence