

International Joint Seminar
**Assessing Northeast Asia Nuclear Domino:
North Korean Nuclear Threat and Japanese Responses**
The profiles of speakers

Moderator:

Keiko NAKAMURA

Associate professor, Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA). Previously, she had been with the Peace Depot Inc., where she had served as Secretary-General from 2005 to 2012. Her area of expertise includes nuclear disarmament and the role of civil society in the effort to achieve a world free from nuclear weapons. She has served also as an educator and facilitator in a number of nuclear disarmament education programs for youth, including “Nagasaki Youth Delegation” project, a human resource fostering project sponsored by the PCU Nagasaki Council for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (PCU-NC).

Opening Remarks:

Seigo Hirowatari

Professor emeritus of the sociology of law at the University of Tokyo, President of Pugwash Japan
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Chung-in Moon

Chairman of the Sejong Institute in South Korea and Vice Chair of APLN. He previously served as the Special Advisor to the ROK President for Unification, Foreign and Security Affairs (2017-2021) and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Global Asia, a global issues quarterly journal in English. In the past, Moon has also served as the Executive Director of the Kim Dae-Jung Presidential Library and Museum and as the Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Northeast Asian Cooperative Initiative of the Roh Moo-hyun government, a cabinet-level post. He was also an Ambassador for International Security for the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and attended the first (2000) and second (2007) Korean summits as a special delegate. He has also held positions as the Vice President of International Studies Association of North America (ISA) and the President of Korea Peace Research Association.

Paper Presentations:

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recent research papers; "A Survey of Attitudes toward the Atomic Bombings and Nuclear Issues among Domestic International Students, American University Students, and Japanese University Students" (2019).

Tatsujiro Suzuki

Vice Director, Professor of Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition at Nagasaki University (RECNA), Japan. Before joining RECNA, he was a Vice Chairman of Japan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) of the Cabinet office from January 2010 to March 2014. He is also a Council Member of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (2007-09 and from 2014~), Dr. Suzuki has a PhD in nuclear engineering from Tokyo University (1988).

Takao Takahara

Professor of International Politics and Peace Research at the Faculty of International Studies, Meiji Gakuin University, and currently the Director of International Peace Research Institute Meiji Gakuin University (PRIME). He is Council member for the Peace Studies Association of Japan, and served as Council member of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (2011-13). His recent writings include "Overcoming the Cold War Mindset: A Case for Promoting a Nuclear-Weapons Convention and a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone," Su Hoon Lee, ed., NORTHEAST ASIA'S NUCLEAR CHALLENGES (Seoul : Kyungnam University Press, 2013), pp.201-220.

Panel Discussions:

Wooksik Cheong

Position: director of Peace Network(a non-governmental organization formed in 1999, working for peace and disarmament in Northeast Asia and on the Korean Peninsula) and director of The Hankyoreh Institute of Peace

Academic Degrees: bachelor's degree from Korea University's Politics and master's degree from University of North Korean Studies.

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Peter Hayes

Honorary Professor, Center for International Security Studies, Sydney University, Australia and Director, Nautilus Institute in Berkeley, California.

He works at the nexus of security, environment and energy policy problems. Best known for innovative cooperative engagement strategies in North Korea, he has developed techniques at Nautilus Institute for seeking near-term solutions to global security and sustainability problems and applied them in East Asia, Australia, and South Asia.

Yumi Kanazaki

Director, Hiroshima Peace Media Center, News Division, The Chugoku Shimbun — was born in the city of Noboribetsu, Hokkaido. Ms. Kanazaki graduated from the Hokkaido University School of Law and in 1995 started her career at the Chugoku Shimbun. She has served in her current role since 2020, after working at the Chugoku Shimbun's Iwakuni Bureau, Tokyo Bureau, and the newspaper's Editorial Office, among other roles. Ms. Kanazaki was a co-recipient of the Grand Prize of the 2017 Science Journalist Award for the series "Gray area: Effects of exposure to low-level radiation." She led the reporting team that won the 2020 Japan Newspaper Publisher & Editors Association Award for the series of articles "Striving to fill voids in Hiroshima 75 years after the atomic bombing." In collaboration with Setsuko Thurlow, Ms. Kanazaki co-authored Ms. Thurlow's autobiography *Crawl Towards the Light: Seeking a World Without Nuclear Weapons* (published by Iwanami Shoten).

Akira Kawasaki

Executive Committee member of Peace Boat <[www.peaceboat.org /english](http://www.peaceboat.org/english)>, a Tokyo-based international NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, working for peace, sustainable development and human rights. He serves as an International Steering Group member of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). After graduating with a Bachelor of Law from

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Masakatsu Ota

Senior and Editorial writer at Kyodo News, Visiting Professor of Waseda University and Nagasaki University, and Regular Commentator of Hodo Station of the TV Asahi, one of the most popular news programs in Japan. Ota is the author of nine Japanese books on nuclear and security issues. He recently published *Kaku no Daibunki* (Nuclear Great Divergence). Ota was awarded the Vaughn-Uyeda Prize in 2007 and the Peace Cooperative Journalist Fund Prize in December in 2009 for his investigative reports into U.S.-Japan security issues including the bilateral nuclear secret deal. He received B.A. from Waseda University and Doctorate from National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

Hikomichi Umabayashi

Special Advisor, former President and Founder of Peace Depot Inc., Japan. He is also a Visiting Professor, inaugural Director of Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki University (RECNA) in 2012-2015. He is a Ph.D. holder in the field of Applied Physics from Tokyo University. After resigning from teaching in a university in 1980, he became a free-lance researcher and campaigner for peace, disarmament, and human rights issues. One of his current focuses is to work for establishing a Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone as a means for sustainable regional peace. Since 2019, he leads a project "Citizens' Watch for a Fair Implementation of Korean Peninsula Denuclearization Agreements".

Closing Remarks:

Tomohiro INAGAKI

Chair of Pugwash Japan (2020-), Professor of Information Media Center at Hiroshima University, Japan. Dr. Inagaki received his Ph.D. from Hiroshima University in 1995. He was appointed to Information Processing Center at Hiroshima University as a Research Associate in 1997 and was promoted to his current position in 2015. His research interests range from particle and nuclear physics, cosmology to informatics and information ethics education.