



Record of Outcomes

US-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON)

The US-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) convened for CULCON XXIII in Tokyo on June 12-13, 2008. CULCON XXIII was co-chaired by Mr. Minoru Makihara and Mr. Thierry Porté.

The CULCON panel members agreed on the following outcomes:

1. CULCON approved and issued a report entitled, “Re-defining the Japan-US Relationship.” The Panels presented the report to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Education. The Panels agreed to disseminate the Report as widely as possible in both countries. *A copy of the report is attached.*
2. CULCON approved a document “General Policy Recommendations.” *A copy of the document is attached.*
3. CULCON agreed on an Action Program for the next two years. As part of the Action Program, the Panels agreed to form a Working Group to carry out a high-level symposium in 2009. *A copy of the Action Program is attached.*
4. A series of Findings was prepared by Japan Center for International Exchange, Japan Foundation and Japan-US Friendship Commission. The material was used as a reference for the documents mentioned above and for CULCON discussions at the plenary session. This document will be known as “The Findings.”
5. CULCON agreed that it will hold its next plenary session in 2010 in the United States.

A list of panel members and participants is attached.