

CULCON XXV Joint Plenary Agenda

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

9:00-9:10

Opening Remarks

Chair Minoru Makihara
Chair Thierry Porté

9:10-9:30

Greetings from the two governments

US: Ambassador John. V. Roos (TBD)
Japan: Mr Naoki Murata, Director-General, Public Diplomacy Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBD)

9:30-11:00

Session I : Educational Exchanges:

Moderator: Teiichi Sato/Robert Feldman

- Higher Education and Institutional Exchange
 - ◇ Report on Higher Education Panel Meeting on April 9, 2012
 - ◇ Establish a task force to address the decrease of Japanese students studying in the US and other related issues including Japanese academic calendar reform, reform of Japanese corporations hiring priorities, and fundraising for scholarships to study abroad;
 - ◇ Promote academic exchange and institutional partnerships (eg. TOMODACHI, MEXT “Re-inventing Japan Project”, Atlantis program between US and EU etc.)
- Promote of Exchange of High School Students
- Promote Japan-US educational cooperation to address global challenges (e.g. ESD Teacher Exchange Program and the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment(GLOBE))
- Strengthen English and Japanese language studies
 - ◇ Improve access to Japanese language resources for US students
 - ◇ Sending young English language teachers to the U.S. to learn language teaching skill
 - ◇ Promote development of Japanese education materials with subtitle
- Others

11:00-11:10

Coffee Break

- 11:10-12:10 **Session II : Arts and Culture:**
Moderator: Ann Morse/Masanori Aoyagi
- Report on Arts Dialogue Committee Meeting on March 27, 2012
 - Revitalization of JAWS (Japanese-American Arts Workshop);
 - Promote exchanges of museum staff including curators, restorers and administrators;
 - Cooperation of institutional or regulation issues (eg. Government Indemnity for art works)
 - March 11th and its impact on Arts
 - Others
- 12:10-13:40 Lunch
- 13:40-14:40 **Session III : Intellectual Exchanges:**
Moderator: Fumiaki Kubo/Susan Pharr
- Increase and encourage the public intellectuals of next generation engaged in US-Japan relations, including academics, journalists, business leaders and policy makers
 - Expand the scope for intellectual exchange by geographic region, issues to be addressed or disciplines;
 - Disseminate outcomes of intellectual exchange through public events (eg. Symposium, seminars etc) and/or using more electronic media.
 - Others
- 14:40-14:50 Coffee Break
- 14:50-15:50 **Session IV : Grass Roots Exchange:**
Moderator: Michael Green/Naoki Murata
- Support for JET programme and JETAA activities
 - Support measures to promote youth exchange
 - ◇ Support public-private partnership initiatives including Kizuna Projects and TOMODACHI;
 - Support civil society engagement;
 - ◇ Encourage exchange between civil societies organizations and social entrepreneurs in both countries, especially in the context of rebuilding process after 3.11
 - ◇ Promote NPO programs such as “Teach for America”, as alternative or supplement to school education
 - Others
- 15:50-16:20 Coffee Break (50th Anniversary Video)
- 16:20-17:00 **Approval of Report and General Policy Recommendations** (altogether)
Concluding Comments (Chair Minoru Makihara)
- 17:00-17:05 **Special Comment**
Ambassador Hiroyasu Ando, President, The Japan Foundation
- 17:05-17:15 **Closing Remarks**
Chair Thierry Porte

