

Navigating Uncharted Waters: Japan and a New Era in the Arctic

Date and Time	March 13th, 2026 10:00am-5:50pm (Japan Standard Time) (Doors Open: 9:30am)
Format	Onsite and Online (Zoom)
Capacity	100 (Onsite) <small>*Due to the limited number of seats available at the venue, we may ask you to join online even if you wish to attend onsite.</small>
Venue	Mita Kaigisho (2-1-8 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

**Fees Free
Registration required**



Program	Language: Japanese and English (simultaneous interpretation available) <small>*Please note that the program and speakers are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.</small>
10:00-10:10	Opening Session
10:10-10:30	Speech
10:30-10:45	Keynote Speech: SUNAMI Atsushi, President, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation
10:45-11:00	Speech by Expert: ENOMOTO Hiroyuki, Vice Director-General, National Institute of Polar Research / Senior Fellow, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation
11:15-12:45 Panel 1	Theme 1: "Geopolitics, Security, Governance: The Great Game in the New Era Arctic?" Facilitator: TANAKA Takayuki Speakers: Kristin IGLUM, KOIZUMI Yu, ISHIHARA Takahiro, KIMURA Hajime
13:55-14:05	Presentation on "Mirai II": KIKUCHI Takashi, Director of Institute of Arctic Climate and Environment research, Research Institute for Global Change, JAMSTEC
14:10-15:40 Panel 2	Theme 2: "New Arctic Geo-Economics and Japan" Facilitator: DEI Ryota Speakers: KOHDA Satoru, HARADA Daisuke, ARIMURA Ryosuke, et al.
15:55-16:05	Presentation on the research outcomes in Greenland: OGAWA Monica, Project Assistant Professor, Arctic Environment Research Center, National Institute of Polar Research
16:10-17:40 Panel 3	Theme 3: "Japan and a Frontier Economy in the Arctic" Facilitator: OTSUKA Natsuhiko Speakers: Mads Qvist Frederiksen, ISHII Yurika, TONAMI Aki, et al.
17:40-17:50	Closing Session: FUNAMOTO Hiroshi, Director-General, National Ocean Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office

Registration

Please register via the QR code on the right or the website below.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

https://www8.cao.go.jp/ocean/english/arctic/symposium2026_e.html



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Speakers

Keynote Speech



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Speech by Expert



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Theme 1: “Geopolitics, Security, Governance: The Great Game in the New Era Arctic?”

Facilitator



TANAKA Takayuki
Editorial Writer & Senior
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Speakers



Kristin IGLUM
Ambassador of Norway
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Associate Professor of the
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ISHIHARA Takahiro
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KIMURA Hajime
Researcher, Institute of Arctic
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Theme 2: “New Arctic Geo-Economics and Japan”

Facilitator



DEI Ryota
Senior Staff Writer,
Jiji Press

Speakers *Additional speaker will be announced.



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Senior Fellow,
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Theme 3: “Japan and a Frontier Economy in the Arctic”

Facilitator



OTSUKA Natsuhiko
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Peace Foundation / Director,
The Okhotsk Sea Ice
Museum of Hokkaido

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Mads Qvist Frederiksen
Executive Director of
Arctic Economic Council



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Presentation on “Mirai II”



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Presentation on the research outcomes in Greenland



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