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Agenda

Welcome Remarks

Consul-General Yoichi Mikami

Consulate-General of Japan in Denver

Keynote Remarks

Brigadier General David R. Stilwell (USAF)

Assistant Secretary of State, East Asian and Pacific Affairs (2019-21)

Keynote Remarks

Major General Hiroyuki Sugai (JASDF)

Defense, Air, and Space Attaché

Embassy of Japan in Washington, DC

Keynote Remarks

Dr. Satohiro Akimoto

Chairman and President

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Lunch Reception follows remarks until 14:00 in Arnold Ballroom





Consul-General Yoichi Mikami has served at the Consulate-General of Japan in Denver since November 2021. He joined the Foreign Service in 1985 and has served in various roles in the United States and the Middle East. His office leads efforts throughout the four-state region of New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado and provides vital services to the local Japanese population. They also provide meaningful support to several community, governmental, educational, business, and cultural initiatives. Mr. Mikami and his team are constantly striving to create, build, sustain, and strengthen the bonds between the U.S. and Japan.



Brigadier General David R. Stilwell is the Fox Fellow for the Future Pacing Threat at the Air Force Academy's Institute for Future Warfare. He most recently served as the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2019-2021. Prior to that he served in the Air Force for 35 years, beginning as an enlisted Korean linguist in 1980, and retiring in 2015 in the rank of Brigadier General as the Asia advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. He served multiple tours of duty in Japan and Korea as a linguist, a fighter pilot, and a commander. He also served as the Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, People's Republic of China, 2011-2013. After retiring, Mr. Stilwell was the Director of the China Strategic Focus Group at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii 2017-2019 and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the East West Center in Honolulu from 2016-2019. He earned a B.S. in History from the U.S. Air Force Academy (1987), a Master's Degree in Asian Studies and Chinese language from the University of Hawaii at Manoa (1988) and is a 2009 graduate of the Executive Leadership program at the Darden School, University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.



Major General Hiroyuki Sugai serves as the Defense, Air, Space Attaché at the Embassy of Japan in the United States, simultaneously accredited to Canada. He has made his career as a maintenance officer in the Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) with over 25 years of service, especially in the field of maintenance, acquisition, and research and development. Recently, he served as the Deputy Director at the Defense Policies and Program Division, the Air Staff Office, the Japan Ministry of Defense, in Tokyo, where he led programs to develop JASDF space operation capabilities.

Born in Awaji Island, Hyogo, in 1973, Sugai graduated from the National Defense Academy in 1996. Upon graduation from the JASDF Officer Candidate School, Nara Air Force Base, Nara, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. His initial assignment was with 3rd Air Wing, Misawa Air Force Base, Aomori, where he served as a Maintenance Flight Commander. He was then assigned to logistics planning sections of the Air Material Command Headquarters and the Air Staff Office in Tokyo.



In 2009, Sugai served as a staff officer at the Defense Policies and Program Division, the Air Staff Office, where he organized changes to the JASDF structure. He then served as a Maintenance Squadron Commander, 8th Air Wing, Tsuiki Air Force Base, Fukuoka, from 2012 to 2013, where he oversaw maintenance of F-15 and F-2 fighter jets.

Upon completion of his command, Sugai was assigned again to the Defense Policies and Program Division, the Air Staff Office, from 2013 to 2015, where he played a key role in designing and launching the new Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency (ATLA). He then served as a JASDF Liaison Officer to the Headquarters, the United States Air Force at the Pentagon as well as a fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. from 2015 to 2017. Sugai has a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the National Defense Academy.



Dr. Satohiro Akimoto is Chairman of the Board and President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. He joined the organization in January 2019. He brings to Sasakawa USA extensive experience in the areas of business, research, intellectual dialogue, and student exchanges between Japan and the United States.

Dr. Akimoto's career has included roles at Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsubishi International Corporation, Hughes Electronics, DirecTV Japan, Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Tele-communications, Japan Society, Keidanren USA, and Mt. Fuji Dialogue. Dr. Akimoto is a contributing writer for the Japan Times, associate fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in the UK, a contributing commentator for the Okazaki Institute in Japan, and a Japan Advisory Committee member of the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria.

