USJI Activity Report (March 2009 – March 2010)

USJI Symposiums and Seminars

2009 3/5

Commemorative Symposium
"The Obama Administration and the Future of U.S.-Japan Relations"
Waseda University Ono Auditorium

The Commemorative Symposium was held as a kickoff event before the official establishment of the U.S-Japan Research Institute. Deputy U.S. Ambassador to Japan, James P. Zumwalt delivered the Keynote Speech, and a panel discussion made up of professors of Japan's five major universities took place with Shotaro Yachi (Special Envoy of the Government of Japan, Waseda University Professor) serving as Moderator.


2009 9/22

Inaugural Symposium - "How quickly can we recover from the Global Financial Crisis?"
Hilton Embassy Row (Washington, D.C.)

Held in Washington, D.C. as the first event following the Institute's establishment, the Symposium conducted a panel discussion focusing on the global recession whose underlying causes were of U.S.-origin. The panel not only presented an analysis but also discussed U.S.-Japan and Asian economic trends.


2009 9/23

Round Table Discussion - "Japan's New Government and U.S.-Japan Relations"
Hilton Embassy Row (Washington, D.C.)

Discussions were held on topics related to the post-election impact of the shift of ruling national parties in the Diet from the Liberal Democratic Party to the Democratic Party of Japan on the nation's overall direction, national policy, and on Japan-U.S. relations.


2010 2/1-2

Two-Day Seminar
"How will key policies of the Hatoyama Administration impact U.S.-Japan relations?"
Capital Hilton Hotel (Washington, D.C.)

Seminars focused on the Hatoyama Administration's three key policy issues: energy and the environment, national security, and the East Asian Community. In total, the three seminars attracted over 500 participants. A reception followed which was hosted by Ichiro Fujisaki, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., at the Ambassador's residence.

Starting from June 2009, an Office Manager, appointed from among Member Universities, has been dispatched to the USJI Washington D.C. Office, which officially opened in January 2010, at the International Square located in the middle of Washington D.C. The Office will serve as a base for networking activities for researchers, providing meeting and seminar rooms, as well as office space (desks for 5 researchers).

Research Themes and Research Projects

**Research Themes**

1. Environment and Energy  
2. Security  
3. The East Asian Community / APEC

**Research Projects**

Theme: Impact of Climate Change and Response of Japan and the U.S.  
Project Duration: June 2009 – June 2010  
Representative Researcher: Dr. Masahiko Gemma (Waseda University)

Theme: The Financial Crisis from the Point of Political Economy  
Project Duration: July 2009 – July 2011  
Representative Researcher: Dr. Keiji Nakatsuji (Ritsumeikan University)

Theme: Structural Change and Policy Implications in Contemporary American Society  
Project Duration: April 2010 – March 2013  
Representative Researcher: Dr. Fumiaki Kubo (University of Tokyo)

Joint Collaboration

2010.1.29 Speech by John V. Roos, U.S. Ambassador to Japan  
Organized by the Organization for Japan-U.S. Studies, Waseda University, in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Japan  
Venue: Waseda University International Conference Center

2010.1.29 Public Diplomacy Towards the U.S.  
Organized by the Embassy of Japan in the U.S.  
Participants: Ichiro Fujisaki, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.; Waseda University Vice President Katsuichi Uchida, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary Shinoda, Minister Plenipotentiary Shinoda  
Venue: Embassy of Japan in the U.S.

2010.3.22 Joint Seminar by Georgetown University and Waseda University  
Organized by Georgetown University and the Organization for Japan-U.S. Studies, Waseda University  
Panelists: Michael J. Green, Sheila A. Smith, Takeshi Iida  
Venue: Georgetown University

Participation in Various Symposiums and Seminars

2009.9.1 Johns Hopkins University-SAIS Seminar  
Japan’s Historic General Election: Implications for US-Japan Relations

2009.9.2 AEI Seminar  
Japan’s Election: Democratic Breakthrough?

2009.9.2 CSIS Seminar  
Understanding Japan’s Elections: What the Elections Mean for Asia and the United States

2009.9.11 JASWDC / The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Joint Hosting Seminar  
Political Change Comes to Japan: What Lies Ahead?

2009.11.14 Washington and Southeast Regional Japan Seminar

2009.11.17 JASWDC / The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Joint Hosting Seminar  
A Place Apart: Okinawa and the US-Japan Security Relationship

2009.12.10 Brookings Seminar  
China’s Rising Oil Demand: A Mitigating Role for the U.S.-Japan Alliance

2009.12.15 Brookings Closed Seminar  
Japan’s Changing Political Leadership Under Prime Minister Hatoyama

2009.12.16 KEI / CSIS / Mansfield Foundation / The Atlantic Council Joint Hosting Seminar  
The Role of Northeast Asia in Combating Climate Change

2009.12.17 The Maureen And Mike Mansfield Foundation Lunch Discussion  
APEC: Strengthening Strategic Ties Between the U.S. and the Asia-Pacific

2009.12.18 JASWDC / The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Lunch Reception  
Japan, America and Asia

2010.3.15 JASWDC / The Sasakawa Peace Foundation  
The U.S.-Japan Security Treaty at 50 Still a Grand Bargain?

2010.3.16 Japan International Transportation Institute, USA  
New Developments in the Tourism Industry: Exploring the Potential of the Tourism Business and Collaboration with Transportation