

Study Group on the Future of Japan's Contribution to International Peace Cooperation

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1. Purpose

More than 30 years have passed since the enactment of the Act on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations, Act No. 79 of 1992, hereafter referred to as the "International Peace Cooperation Law". Taking into consideration Japan's accumulated achievements in international peace cooperation during that time, changes in the international situation, including the escalation of regional conflicts, ongoing discussions in global fora on international peace cooperation, and the implementation framework under the current International Peace Cooperation Law, the "Study Group on the Future of Japan's Contribution to International Peace Cooperation"(hereafter referred to as the "Study Group") composed of a broad range of experts from academia and practice will discuss Japan's role in future international peace efforts.

2. Members

- (1) The members of Study Group are listed on the next page.
- (2) The chairperson shall be elected by mutual vote among the members.

3. Management of the Study Group

- (1) The Study Group will be hosted by Mr. MORIKAWA Toru, Director-General of the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office, Japan.
- (2) The meetings of the Study Group are held in private; however, the distributed materials are made publicly available.
- (3) The Study Group convenes three times in total, and an interim summary of the proceedings is disclosed to the public after each session. After the third meeting, a "Final Report of Discussions" will be prepared and made public in accordance with the Chatham House Rule.

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List of members

(Members)

- Mika INOUE, Professor, Faculty of Global Communication, Toyo Gakuen University
- Ai KIHARA-HUNT, Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo
- Koji SAKANE, Professor, International Center, Shimane University, Former Director of the Sudan Office and the Peacebuilding Division, Japan International Cooperation Agency
- Ritsu NACKEN, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Japan, Former Deputy Representative, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Japan
- Ippeita NISHIDA, Senior Research Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Goro MATSUMURA, Former Commandant in Tohoku Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces (International Security Analyst)

(Observers)

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Defense, etc.

(*The listing follows the Japanese alphabetical order.)