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Forum on Asia-Pacific Security

The Forum on Asia-Pacific Security (FAPS) is dedicated to building peace and stability in the Asia Pacific, one of the most geopolitically and economically important regions in the world. FAPS runs major Track II dialogues with some of the region's most influential officials and policy experts on key security issues



Track II Dialogue: Candid and Off-the-Record

Track 1 ½ and Track II dialogue is a series of candid, off-the-record exchanges between officials, former officials and policy specialists aimed at resolving problems that states are unwilling or unable to address in official dialogue. Former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry has defined Track II dialogue as a dialogue between non-officials designed to fill the gap in the official dialogue.

Our Focus Areas

- ❖ **U.S.-China Relations:** reducing strategic mistrust between the U.S. and China through our annual Strategic Dialogue.
- ❖ **Cross-Taiwan Strait Relations:** expanding areas of cooperation and minimizing the possibilities for mistrust and potential conflict by regularly bringing in participants from the Mainland, Taiwan and the U.S.
- ❖ **Denuclearizing North Korea:** exploring and building support for a cooperative, multilateral means of ensuring a denuclearized Korean Peninsula.
- ❖ **Sustaining Peace in the Indo-Pacific:** exploring challenges and opportunities for balancing integration, sovereignty, deterrence and cooperation in multilateral and regional formats.
- ❖ **Regional Cooperation:** promoting quadrilateral cooperation among Northeast Asia's major powers--the U.S., China, Japan and South Korea.
- ❖ **Trilateral Northeast Asia Dialogue:** addressing ongoing tensions posed by legacy issues by bringing together American, Japanese and Chinese participants for discussion of key concerns.
- ❖ **The Future of U.S. Alliances:** exploring challenges and opportunities for U.S. alliances in the changing balance of power in East Asia, as well as domestic political pressures in the U.S., South Korea and Japan.

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- ❖ Summaries of our panel discussions and public lectures
- ❖ Edited volumes of papers from our conference participants
- ❖ Selected speeches and presentations from our network of scholars and former officials
- ❖ Academic papers and policy recommendations

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Exchanges

Our work is accomplished through a variety of exchanges, all with the goal of stimulating productive dialogue on security issues in the Asia Pacific. FAPS is unique in regularly assembling influential policy analysts from the major countries in Asia to explore current security issues. Events include:

Annual conferences on each of our focus areas attended by officials, former officials and area experts, including:

- ❖ The Honorable Daniel R. Russel, *Vice President for International Security and Diplomacy, Asia Society Policy Institute*
- ❖ Ambassador Wi Sung-lac, *Visiting Professor, Seoul National University*
- ❖ Professor Jia Qingguo, *Professor and Dean of the School of International Studies, Peking University*

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- ❖ Mr. Chen Yuanfeng, *Vice Minister for the Taiwan Affairs Office of the PRC State Council*
- ❖ Professor Tomohito Shinoda, *Special Advisor to the Defense Minister of Japan*
- ❖ Dr. Chen Tan-Sun, *Chairman of The Prospect Foundation*

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- ❖ The Honorable Winston Lord, *Chairman Emeritus, International Rescue Committee*
- ❖ Mr. Scott Snyder, *Senior Fellow for Korea Studies, Council on Foreign Relations*
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