

# A New Dimension of UK-Japan Security Cooperation

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RUSI, 61 Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

0945 Registration and Welcome Coffee

## 1015 Opening Remarks

Chair: **Dr Karin von Hippel**, Director General, RUSI

Speaker: **Hideshi Tokuchi**, Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Defence

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## 1045 Defence and Security Policies in the UK and Japan

*In light of the recent NSS/SDSR in the UK and the continuing development of Japan's security and defence policies, this session will identify the key topics of national debate and choice in the two states. It will then examine the implications of the different national options for UK-Japan cooperation.*

Chair: **Sir David Warren**, Former Ambassador to Japan

Speakers: **Professor Malcolm Chalmers**, Deputy Director, RUSI

**Sugio Takahashi**, Research Fellow, NIDS

**Tom McKane**, Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI

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1200 Morning Break

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## 1220 UK-Japan Cooperation in the Context of their Relationships with the United States

*The United States is the key ally of both Japan and the United Kingdom. Washington has evolving expectations and preferences with regard to Japanese and UK behaviour and deals with each ally largely on a bilateral basis. There may therefore be value in exploring the US-UK and US-Japan 'burden sharing' debates in terms of capability development, equipment cooperation and contributions to operations to see where informal and formal cooperation could be of value.*

Chair: **The Rt Hon the Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom**, Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI

Speakers: **Sir Christopher Meyer**, Former UK Ambassador to the US

**Mitsuko Hayashi**, Director, International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Defense

**Captain (Retd.) Bernard Cole PhD**, Professor Emeritus, U.S. National War College

Discussant: **Vice Admiral (Retd.) Yoji Koda**, Former Commander-in-Chief, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

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1335 Lunch

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1435 **Beyond European Bilateralism in Asia: An Anglo-French Partnership?**

*France is the UK's most important European defence partner but cooperation in areas other than equipment has involved mainly African conflicts. Is there scope for Anglo-French cooperation in East Asia, how would this be viewed by Japan, and how would Anglo-French activity in the defence and security domain fit with attempts to generate a European role in Asia at the EU level?*

Chair: **Dr Jonathan Eyal**, Director, RUSI International

Speakers: **Dr Mathieu Duchâtel**, Deputy Director, Asia Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations

**Vice Admiral (Retd.) Yoji Koda**, Former Commander-in-Chief, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

**Rear Admiral Patrick Chevallereau**, Defence Attaché, Embassy of France

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1550 Afternoon Break

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1610 **Beyond the US-Japan alliance? The Present and Future of the Japan-NATO Security Partnership**

*The anti-piracy mission in the Gulf of Aden has provided Japan and NATO forces an unprecedented opportunity to enhance maritime security working together in a strategically important part of the world. As the mission is heading towards its completion, what does the future of Japan-NATO cooperation in the maritime commons look like? How can the*

*current experience set the foundations for future cooperation? Where and in what ways Japan and NATO can work together to maintain the stability of the international maritime order?*

Chair: **Dr Alessio Patalano**, Senior Lecturer in War Studies, Kings College London

Speakers: **Hideshi Tokuchi**, Former Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Japan Ministry of Defence

**Rear Admiral Giorgio Lazio**, Chief of Staff, NATO Maritime Command (HQ MARCOM)

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1725 **Closing Remarks**

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1740 **Close of Conference**

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1800 Reception