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Current Status and Future Direction of Japan's International Peace Cooperation

Online ZOOM Seminar
Saturday, 28 January 2023
20:00-21:30 (Tokyo); 12:00-13:30 (Geneva); 6:00-7:30 (New York)

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This seminar will review the current status and future direction of Japan's international peace cooperation activities conducted by the Government of Japan with the United Nations and other multilateral organizations and discuss any possibilities for improving any specific activities or changing its direction given the deduced financial resources available for this purpose.

20:00 Introductory explanation

20:05 Opening remarks

AKASHI Yasushi, Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

20:10 Keynote presentation

KANO Takehiro, Director-General of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters
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20:30 Comment by

Ambassador Ahmed ABDED-LATIF, Director-General of Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping Activities, Cairo, Egypt

20:45 Questions and answers

Moderated by the President of GPAJ and Director of KPC and ACUNS Tokyo Japan

21:30 End



Since September 2022, Mr. KANO Takehiro has been serving as the Director General of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan. Following his entry into Japan's foreign service in 1989, Mr. KANO has served in various positions in Japan and abroad. In recent years, he was Director General for Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2022, and Deputy Director General in charge of parliamentary affairs from 2019 to 2021. He served abroad as

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