

Trilateral Dialogue in Northeast Asia

The Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS), the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Korea's Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) jointly staged an international conference entitled the Sixth Trilateral Dialogue in Northeast Asia. The event took place on December 14–15, 2011 and was held at the USIP Conference Hall in Washington, DC.

This meeting marked the sixth meeting of the conference, which has been taking place since 2008 and is staged with the aim of strengthening dialogue between Japan, the USA, and Korea across a wide range of fields, including the international situation, security, and foreign affairs. Approximately 50 people attended the conference—Japanese, US, and South Korean diplomatic and defense officials at the director-general and director levels of the ministries concerned, as well as experts from the three nations, who engaged in serious and lively debate on three topics: measures for deterring provocative actions by North Korea; the best ways for Japan, the USA, and South Korea to cooperate on nuclear safety; and strengthening the alliance network in a budget-constrained environment.

New York Times journalist David Sanger moderated the public symposium held on the afternoon of December 15. The panelists were, from the US, Mr. Stephen Hadley, former National Security Advisor to the President; from Japan, Ambassador Akio Miyajima, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and from Korea, Ambassador Chung Eui-yong, Co-chairman of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties. Almost 70 people attended the symposium, including members of the Japanese, US, and South Korean media, and there were lively and fruitful discussions of the possibilities for cooperation between the three nations.