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**Visegrad plus Japan Seminar 2016**

**Security Situation in Europe/Middle East**

**and**

**New Role of Japan in the International Security Cooperation**

co-host: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo in collaboration with other V4 Embassies in Tokyo and Josai University

1. Date and time: 10th February 2016, 10:00-16:00

2. Venue: Josai University Educational Campus, Kioi-cho Campus

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3. Program:

Opening

10:00-10.05 Opening Speech: Dr. Noriko Mizuta,

 Chancellor, Josai University Educational Corporation

10:05-10:15 Keynote Speech: Mr. Yoji Muto

 State Minister for Foreign Affairs

10:15-10:25 Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Tomáš Dub

 Ambassador, Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo (V4 Presidency)

Session 1 Perspective role of Japan in the international security cooperation

Moderator: Mr. Masaki Ikegami

Director, Central and South Eastern Europe Division, MOFA

10:30-10:50 *“*Adoption of new security laws in Japan, further steps expected to be undertaken and their possible implications”

Speaker: Ms. Chikako Kawakatsu- Ueki, Professor of International Relations,

 Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University

10:50-11:10 *“*Will future bring an enhanced role of Japan in the international security cooperation? ”

Speaker: Mr. Ippeita Nishida, Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation

11:10-11:25 Discussion

11:25-11:40 Coffee Break 15 minutes

Session 2 New security and humanitarian paradigm in Europe

 Moderator: Mr. Masaki Ikegami

Director, Central and South Eastern Europe Division, MOFA

11:40-12:00 Migration, Integration, EU: the Hungarian Perspective”

 Speaker: Mr. Márton Schőberl, Director-General, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Hungary)

12:00-12:20 *“*Frozen conflict in Eastern Ukraine and estimates of its development”

Speaker: Mr. Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, Centre for European and North

 Atlantic Affairs (Slovakia)

12:20-12:35 Discussion

12:35-13:35 Lunch break

Session 3 Middle East in Turmoil and Rising Threat of International Terrorism

Moderator: Mr. Masaki Ikegami

Director, Central and South Eastern Europe Division, MOFA

13:35-13:55 “Summer NATO summit in Warsaw (and the role of the V4) and the Czech participation in the struggle against the Islamic State”

Speaker: Mr. Zbynek Pavlačík, President of the Jagello 2000 Association (Czech Republic)

13:55-14:15 “Situation in Syria, estimates of further development and connected risks, future role of Russia, US and EU in the region”

Speaker: Mr. Wojciech Lorenz, Senior Analyst at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (Poland)

14:15-14:30 Discussion

14:30-14:45 Coffee Break 15 minutes

Session 4 Security situation in East Asia

Moderator: Mr. Masaki Ikegami

Director, Central and South Eastern Europe Division, MOFA

14:45-15:05 “Recent developments in East Asia, assertive steps of China in East and South China Sea, their effects on Japan-China relations and regional security situation”

Speaker: Mr. Bonji Ohara, Research Fellow, Tokyo Foundation

15:05-15:25 “Future role of US in East Asia and possible new regional alliances of Japan”

Speaker: Mr. Tetsuo KOTANI, Senior Fellow, Japan Institute of International

 Affairs

15:25-15:40 Discussion

Closing Session

15:40-15:45 Wrap-up by Moderator

15:45-15:50 *Closing remark: TBD by Josai University Educational Corporation*

 Followed by a reception hosted by Josai University Educational Corporation