Workshop on Comprehensive Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

Subject

The purpose of this study group is to exchange opinions regarding future comprehensive security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and to make policy proposals to the concerned countries as an international joint research project of Kajima Institute of International Peace, Kyoto University, King's College London of the UK, Arizona State University of the US, and University of New South Wales of Australia.

Comprehensive security means to maintain the peace and stability of the state by protecting the livelihoods of its people from various threats including energy crises, food shortages, and natural disasters. This concept was proposed by Kyoto University Professor Masataka Kosaka and others in 1980 at a study group established by Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira considering the international situation in the 1970s, which was made chaotic by the Nixon shock and oil shocks. Today, about a half-century later, comprehensive security is becoming more important again as we are confronted with climate change and other international problems that are more complicated than they were at that time. Moreover, the world has been thrown into confusion once again from changes in US policies.

How can Japan cooperate with the US, the UK, Australia, and other nations with which it has shared values toward the stability of the Indo-Pacific region? In particular, how can Japan, the US, the UK, and Australia cooperate on the various issues included in the concept of comprehensive security such as energy, rare minerals, food, and

Subject	cybersecurity? Furthermore, what impact will the second Trump administration have on leadership and burden-sharing toward the stability of the Indo-Pacific region? This study group will conduct joint research on these issues together with the above-mentioned institutions. After the study group is launched in October 2025 and discussions are held online, in-person study group meetings will take place in Tokyo and Kyoto in November 2025. In Tokyo, in addition to a closed session, a public seminar will be held to present the study group's activities to the general public. At the Kyoto study group meeting, various issues related to comprehensive security will be discussed with Kyoto University researchers in wide-ranging fields. More in-depth discussions will be realized through these study group meetings and a report on the results will be prepared, including policy proposals. The University of New South Wales is a renowned Australian University which was ranked 19th in the QS World University Rankings (2025). It has a military academy and is a part of the security and peace studies joint research framework Security & Defence PLuS, together with the UK (King's College London) and the US (Arizona State University), which are AUKUS partners. The joint research this time will be a joint research with these universities participating in Security & Defence PLuS, with the cooperation of the Kajima Institute of International Peace and Kyoto University.

Period	Oct. 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
Date held	Online meetings (1) Oct. 6, 2025 (2) Oct. 14, 2025 (3) Oct. 20, 2025 (4) Oct. 27, 2025 In-person meetings (1) Nov. 14, 2025 (Fri.), Tokyo (at International House of Japan) Roundtable (closed session1&2) Public seminar (2) Nov. 17, 2025 (Mon.), Kyoto (at Kyoto University) Roundtable (closed dialogue) Public seminar

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