

STRENGTHENING SPACE SECURITY THROUGH A TRILATERAL U.S.-EUROPE-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP International Conference | October 30–31, 2013 Tokyo, Japan

Summary Description of Conference Proceedings

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- On 30 October, an unofficial conference was convened that brought together current and former senior government officials as well as experts from academia and nongovernment organizations in the rapidly growing field of space security. These panelists and speakers came principally from the U.S., Europe and Japan (with representation also from Canada).
- The event was hosted by the Office of National Space Policy, Cabinet Office of Japan and was organized by the Prague Security Studies Institute and its affiliate PSSI Washington. It was held in Akihabara, Tokyo
- This conference consisted of four panels and three mini-panels. Presentations covered a broad range of space security-related topics, including the array of manmade threats to space assets and infrastructure (i.e., GPS jamming, signal spoofing, anti-satellite weaponry, etc.), strategies for and challenges to the sustainable use of space (i.e., Space Situational Awareness, Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures, orbital debris, space crisis management, etc.), and the application of new space-based technologies to help enhance terrestrial security, including Maritime Domain Awareness.
- These panel presentations and discussions provided valuable knowledge and expert insights concerning cutting-edge space security issues. Actual as well as hypothetical case studies/scenarios were used to illustrate proper management procedures from the assembled senior space policy practitioners. These lessons were also discussed in the context of new legislative changes that have occurred in Japan over the past four years regarding the dual-use application of Japanese space assets to serve national security purposes.
- Overall, the conference involved significant discussion on how the U.S., Europe and Japan can support one another in advancing mutual space security interests.