

**Nordic
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Program

NATO's Contribution to Preserving Peace & Stability

EXPO Osaka 2025

Day 1: Thursday 7th August 2025

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome remarks by Hreinn Pálsson, Ambassador-Designate of Iceland to Japan on behalf of the Nordic Pavilion

Welcome remarks by Dr. Ovidiu Alexandru Raetchi, Ambassador of Romania to Japan on behalf of NATO Contact Point Embassies (CPE)

10:10 – 11:30 **Panel 1: Ensuring Peace and Security in today's international system**

Keynote speech 1:

NATO History, Present and Future: Ensuring Peace and Security in an Evolving World

- Nikos Loutas, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, NATO

Keynote speech 2:

NATO and Japan cooperation

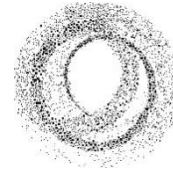
- Seiichiro Taguchi, Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Panel 1:

Moderated by: Akira Igata, Project Lecturer, RCAST, The University of Tokyo

Panelists:

- Seiichiro Taguchi, Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau
- Nikos Loutas, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, NATO
- Aire Kork, First Councillor, Head of Political Section, Press and Information Section, European Union Delegation



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11:30 – 11:50 Coffe Break & Networking

11:50 – 12:50 **Panel 2: Women, Peace and Security (WPS) - Strengthening Peace, Resilience and Security Efforts through Inclusion**

Moderated by: Dr. Pietro De Matteis, Officer for the Indo-Pacific, NATO HQ

Panelists:

- Kristin Iglum, Ambassador of Norway to Japan
- Tomoko Matsuzawa, Director, Office of International Cooperation on WPS, Ministry of Defense, Japan
- Masaaki Nakagawa, Vice-Director General, Chubu Regional Development Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
- Louise Olsson, Research Director, The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway

12:50 – 14:15 BREAK: Networking & Exploring Osaka EXPO
(Viewing of the Ukraine Exposition at the Romanian Pavilion)

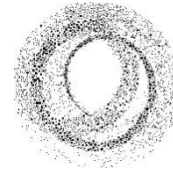
14:15 – 15:15 **Panel 3: NATO's Role in addressing non-traditional threats**

Moderated by: Prof. Michito Tsuruoka, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University

Panelists:

- Katherine Wilde, Minister Councillor, Political, British Embassy Tokyo
- Jonathan Berkshire Miller, the Macdonald Laurier Institute, Canada
- Ken Kitatani, Chief of Executive Board and Committee, International Council on Environmental Economics and Development (Accredited to the UN Environment Programme)

15:15 – 15:25 Break



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15:25 – 16:25 Panel 4: Cyber and Hybrid Threats: Protecting Digital Frontlines

Moderated by: Bernard Siman, Egmont Institute, Belgium

Panelists:

- Nikos Loutas, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, NATO
- Prof. Bernard Siman, Egmont Institute, Belgium
- Ioan Muresan, Director, Policy Policy Division, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation
- Keita Azuma, UN Policy Researcher

16:25 – 16:45 Closing remarks

17:00 – 18:30 Reception

Day 2: Friday 8th August 2025

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome remarks by Kristin Iglum, Ambassdor of Norway to Japan on behalf of NATO Contact Point Embassies (CPE)

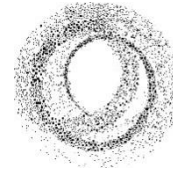
10:10 – 11:00 Panel 5: A Conversation with IP4 Regional Partners: South Korea, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand

Moderated by: Dr. Pietro De Matteis, Officer for the Indo-Pacific, NATO HQ

Panelists:

- Seiichiro Taguchi, Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Helen Stylianou, Deputy Head of Mission, Australia
- Gareth Pidgeon, Deputy Head of Mission, New Zealand
- ROK (tbc)

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break & Networking



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11:20 – 12:10

Panel 6: NATO's and international community support to Ukraine

Moderated by: Jakub Janda, Director, European Values Center for Security Studies

Panelists:

- Oleksandr Semeniuk, Deputy Head of Mission, Ukraine
- Speaker from Ukraine (tbc)
- Ioan Muresan, Director, Policy Policy Division, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Atsuko Higashino, Professor, Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba

12:10 – 12:20

Break

12:20 – 13:10

Panel 7: Youth Panel - Young people's priorities for Peace and Security

Moderated by: Akira Igata, Project Lecturer, RCAST, The University of Tokyo

Panelists:

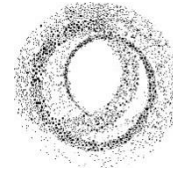
- Yoichiro Kanazawa (The University of Tokyo)
- Hazel Marie Genieser (Harvard University)
- Yunha Miyagi (Meio University/Korea University)
- Rei Koga (King's College London)
- Hina Hayashi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

13:10 – 13:15

Closing remarks

13:15 – 14:10

Break



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14:10 – 20:00 Youth Only Session

14:10 – 15:10 Youth Session 1: Hybrid Threats and How to Counter Them

Lecture by the Hybrid CoE:

- Rauha-Maija Rannikko, Special Advisor, Hybrid Centre of Excellence, Finland

Moderated by: Junjiro Shida, Associate Professor, Meio University

15:10 – 16:00 Youth Session 2: Roundtable discussion with NATO HQ

Keynote speaker:

- Dr. Pietro De Matteis, Officer for the Indo-Pacific, NATO HQ

Moderated by: Akira Igata, Project Lecturer, RCAST, The University of Tokyo

16:00 – 19:00 Youth Session 3: Policy Simulation

19:00 – 20:00 Youth Reception
