

Japan-U.S. Aerospace Cooperation Seminar 2022 (Jan. 27, 2022 @11 a.m.)

-Speaker Biographies-

Remarks:

Mr. ISHII Yasuo, Vice President, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



As of April 1, 2020, Mr. ISHII Yasuo was appointed as JAXA Vice President responsible for strategic planning and management, public affairs, international relations and research, security and information systems, business development and industrial relations, and space education. Prior to this Mr. Ishii was Director of Strategic Planning and Management Department of JAXA. Mr. Ishii has held a number of senior management positions at JAXA, including Director of Research Strategy Department, Director of Management and Integration Department at the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS), and Director of Bonn Office in Germany. Mr. Ishii joined JAXA (formerly the National Space Development Agency of Japan) in 1986 and started his career as an engineering researcher in thermal and structural engineering for space systems. He then worked as a project engineer for the development of the Manipulator Flight Demonstration on the Space Shuttle (STS-85) and the Japanese Experiment Module, KIBO. He worked as a sub-project manager of earth observation satellites, as well. Mr. Ishii received his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Tokyo in 1984 and 1986, respectively.

Ms. Karen Feldstein, Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)



As the Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations, Karen Feldstein is responsible for executive leadership and direction for all of NASA's international and interagency activities and partnerships. Prior to her current role, Ms. Feldstein served as the deputy associate administrator for the Office of International and Interagency Relations. Throughout her NASA career, Ms. Feldstein has led the development of robust external relationships with domestic and international partners and stakeholders to further NASA's strategic objectives, including implementation of some of the agency's most significant cooperative

activities. Ms. Feldstein earned her master's in international Relations from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University and completed her undergraduate studies at Tufts University. She has received numerous NASA awards, including the 2019 Presidential Rank of Meritorious Senior Executive.

JAXA Presentation & Q&A:

Mr. SHOJI Yoshikazu, Director, International Relations and Research Department, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



As of September 2018, Mr. Shoji was appointed as Director of International Relations and Research Department. He has joined JAXA (formerly the National Space Development Agency of Japan) in 1985 and since then successfully held several management positions including Deputy Director of JAXA Paris Office, Manager of General Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, Director of Evaluation and Audit Department and Director of Public Affairs Department. Mr. Shoji was born in Chiba, Japan, and graduated from Faculty of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University in 1985.

Mr. UMEDA Kota, Deputy Director, Washington D.C. Office, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



Mr. Umeda currently serves as Deputy Director of JAXA Washington D.C. Office. He joined JAXA in 2015 as a policy researcher at the International Relations and Research Department, where he conducted a number of research projects on space policy issues. Prior to JAXA, Mr. Umeda worked for the Japan Ministry of Defense for five years. He earned a master's degree in Political Science from Kyoto University and BA in Policy Studies from Kwansei Gakuin University.

A Fireside Chat with Prof. Scott Pace:

Dr. Scott N. Pace, Professor of the Practice of International Affairs and Director, Space Policy Institute, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University



Dr. Pace rejoined the faculty of the Elliott School of International Affairs in 2021 after serving as Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary of the National Space Council from 2017-2020. He previously served as the Associate Administrator for Program Analysis and Evaluation at NASA from 2005-2008 and Deputy Chief of Staff for the NASA Administrator from 2002-2003. Prior to NASA, he was the Assistant Director for Space and Aeronautics in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. From 1993-2000, he worked for the RAND Corporation's Science and Technology Policy Institute, and from 1990-1993, he served as the Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Office of Space Commerce, in

the Office of the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Harvey Mudd College in 1980; Master's degrees in Aeronautics & Astronautics and Technology & Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982; and a Doctorate in Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School in 1989.

Dr. ONODA Masami, Director, Washington D.C. Office, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



ONODA Masami is currently Director of JAXA Washington D.C. Office, representing the Japanese space agency in the Americas. Dr. Onoda has extensive experience in international affairs, satellite applications and industry relations. She has held several international positions, including at the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, and at the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs in Vienna, Austria. She has also worked with SMEs on small satellite technology transfer while operating the JAXA office in Osaka, Japan. Dr. Onoda holds a Ph.D. in Global Environmental Studies (2009) and master's degree in environmental management (2005), both from Kyoto University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, and BA in international relations from the University of Tokyo.

Special Message from JAXA Astronaut:

Mr. KANAI Norishige, Astronaut, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



KANAI Norishige was born in Tokyo in 1976, and stayed in space for 168 days between December 2017 and June 2018 as a Flight Engineer of Expeditions 54 and 55. In addition to various experimental activities under the mission theme “Discovering clues about health longevity in space”, he also performed an extravehicular activity and captured the SpX-14 Dragon spacecraft using the Space Station Remote Manipulator System (SSRMS), Canadian Arm2.