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The U.S.-Japan alliance is now recognized as international public goods by other countries such as South Korea, Taiwan, Southeast Asia, and Australia. The objective of the alliance would be to explore and meet the challenges to the global commons in the Asia-Pacific region. Both parties should confirm this common objective.

Also, the U.S.-Japan alliance should do its best to make China understand the alliance as the international public goods and create positive relationship with China. While the alliance should hedge Chinese provocations and military expansionism, it should also try to promote various levels of cooperation with China.

For this purpose, the U.S.-Japan-South Korean security cooperation is essential. Furthermore, Japan should pay more attention and efforts to regional security surrounding Japan.

Tokyo must reconsider its tight defense budget restrictions. In order to become more pro-active on regional security and its own territorial defense, Japan should provide appropriate legal frameworks and promote domestic political stability beyond the coming Upper House election.

In particular, the newly established Kan administration should do its best for moving ahead of the Futenma base transfer issue, and re-establish mutual trust with the Obama administration.

By so doing, we can cooperate each other over the global security issues such as environment, energy, and nuclear disarmament.