This special briefing will discuss the main factors that affect maritime security in the Asia-Pacific, the security of sea lines of communications, the South China Sea dispute, China’s strategic rise as a maritime power, and the prospects of conflict in the region.

These views will be presented by one of Japan’s leading maritime security experts and strategists.

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