## <u>Press Releases: United States-Japan</u> <u>Energy Strategic Dialogue on Energy</u> <u>Security and National Energy Policy</u>

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The U.S. Department of State hosted the third U.S.-Japan Energy Strategic Dialogue in Washington, D.C. on March 8, 2018. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Diplomacy Sandra Oudkirk and Deputy Assistant Minister Toshiro Iijima of the Economic Affairs Bureau, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the discussions.

Officials from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense participated in the dialogue along with Japanese delegation members from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Environment, and the Embassy of Japan in Washington DC.

The discussions focused on the energy security dimensions of recent geopolitical developments, energy market trends, and areas of mutual cooperation in multilateral fora devoted to energy. The talks reinforced the role energy cooperation plays in strengthening the U.S.-Japan partnership, as President Trump highlighted in his visit to Japan in November 2017.

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