



A Fresh Take on Japan

Asia Pacific Initiative and Tokyo Review Collaborate to Deliver Incisive Analysis of Japanese Politics and Society

January 9, 2019, Tokyo – Asia Pacific Initiative, Japan’s leading independent think tank, and the independent publication *Tokyo Review*, today announced the start of a collaboration to provide lively, thoughtful analysis of Japanese politics, economy, and society in English through *Tokyo Review*’s online platform, www.tokyoreview.net .

The project is the outgrowth of API and *Tokyo Review*’s common goals: investigating Japan’s role and place in the world; elevating the discussion beyond tired clichés and ideological stereotypes; and supporting the work of younger writers and researchers. Building on the model that *Tokyo Review* has followed since its founding in 2017, the new partnership aims to fuse the depth and rigor of academic research with the readability of journalism.

In this new phase of *Tokyo Review*’s development, the site will be offering more—more coverage of more topics, by a growing stable of contributors. It will work as always to deepen the conversation with analytical, fact-driven analysis. In keeping with the commitment of both organizations to supporting new voices in an atmosphere of academic freedom and editorial independence, *Tokyo Review* will feature contributions from young scholars of Japan and young professionals working in fields related to Japan, both Japanese and non-Japanese. Financial and operational support from Asia Pacific Initiative will help the site to expand its reach and build its network of writers.

The site is currently looking for new, paid contributors.

“I’m pleased to be able to support an ambitious young publication that shares our values of independence and global impact,” said Yoichi Funabashi, Chairman of Asia Pacific Initiative.

“This is the ideal partnership that we could have imagined when we founded *Tokyo Review*,” said Paul Nadeau, cofounder and editor. “I’m looking forward to seeing how this collaboration will enable us to deepen the discussion of issues related to Japan and promote the work of our authors.”

This new collaboration will:

- Provide a platform for Japan-focused analysis and insight spanning politics, economics, culture and the arts. *Tokyo Review*’s broad editorial policy highlights original, evidence-based and innovative writing that promotes values of tolerance and understanding.
- Find and develop a network of young scholars, professionals and experts in the Japan field, who can use *Tokyo Review* as a publishing platform and to collaborate with a community of like-minded people with shared goals and interests.
- Develop a broad network of universities, embassies, private sector firms, NGOs, and more in order to expand the network of professionals and interested individuals who are thinking critically about Japan and the insights it can offer.

About Asia Pacific Initiative: Asia Pacific Initiative aims to foster an intellectual community that values independence, liberalism and fact-based critical analysis. Founded by Yoichi Funabashi, a former Asahi Shimbun editor-in-chief, it began life in 2011 as the Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation (RJIF), which conducted a groundbreaking independent investigation of the Fukushima nuclear accident. AP Initiative was created in 2017 to encompass the work of RJIF and explore other issues crucial to Japan’s future, including economics, security and technology.



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About *Tokyo Review*: Founded in 2017, *Tokyo Review* is a non-profit, independent publication about Japanese politics, economy, and society featuring contributions from rising academics, researchers and journalists.



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