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"The Japanese-United States relationship is the most important relationship in the world."

Ambassador
Mike Mansfield

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MICHAEL HAYDEN ARMACOST
A native of Ohio, Dr. Armacost studied at Carleton College and Columbia University, where he earned the Ph.D. degree. During his academic career, he taught political science and East Asian affairs at Johns Hopkins University and the International Christian University in Japan. He joined the Department of State in 1969 and has since served in a variety of posts, including that of Ambassador to the Philippines from 1980-82. In 1984, he was appointed Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, the highest career position in the State Department. His scholarly writings include The Foreign Relations of the United States (1969) and numerous articles.

ROBERT C. CHRISTOPHER
Born in Connecticut, Mr. Christopher graduated in Oriental Studies from Yale University. After serving as a Japanese language officer in the U.S. Army during World War II and an intelligence officer in the Korean War, he embarked on a career in journalism, occupying a number of senior positions at Time, Newsweek and other well-known news magazines. A long-term resident in Japan, Mr. Christopher won the Pulitzer Prize for his 1983 book, The Japanese Mind. At present, he is the Administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes. His most recent work is Second to None: American Companies in Japan.

WILLIAM K. CUMMINGS
Dr. Cummings spent part of his early life in India, and later gained the Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has taught and researched at a number of institutions around the world, including the National Science Foundation and Tsuda College in Japan. Currently, he is a lecturer in international education at the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University. A specialist in Japanese education, his many publications include Education and Equality in Japan (1980) and Education Policies in Crisis (1986). He was one of the principal authors of a recent study of Japanese education undertaken by the U.S. Department of Education.

TOMMY T. B. KOH
Professor Koh is a native of Singapore and currently serves as his country's Ambassador to the United States. A graduate in law at the National University of Singapore, Professor Koh undertook advanced studies at Harvard University and later Cambridge University in England. He taught at the University of Singapore for several years, serving as the Dean of the Faculty of Law during 1971-74. He was later appointed Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, serving in that post until 1984, when he assumed his present position. Among his many awards is the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Yale University.

AKIO MORITA
Mr. Morita, a graduate of Osaka Imperial University in Japan, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the SONY Corporation. A cofounder of the company, he was active in both technical innovation and sales promotion. In particular, he has been responsible for establishing SONY's worldwide marketing network. The recipient of many international awards, including the Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts in Great Britain, Mr. Morita has been described as the "exemplar and leader of Japan's new generation of inventive, competitive executives." His best-selling book, Made in Japan (1986), has recently been published in the United States.

SABURO OKITA
Dr. Okita is the President of International University of Japan. In a lengthy career, he has served in a wide variety of economic posts in the Japanese government, including that of Director-General of the Development Bureau, Japanese Economic Planning Agency. Recognized as one of Japan's leading economists, Okita served as his country's Minister for Foreign Affairs from 1979-80. He has also been actively involved in economic affairs in the United Nations and other international organizations. Among his many publications are Japan's Postwar Economic Policy (1961) and Japan and the World Economy (1975).
Wednesday, May 27
3:00 p.m. LECTURE
His Excellency Tommy T. B. Koh
"A View from the Asian-Pacific Community on the Japanese-American Relationship"

7:30 p.m. LECTURE
Mr. Akio Morita
"Japan and the United States: Rhetoric and Reality in Bilateral Trade"

Thursday, May 28
10:00 a.m. LECTURE
Mr. Robert Christopher
"Cultural Dimensions of the Japanese-American Relationship"

4:00 p.m. LECTURE
Professor William K. Cummings
"Japan and the United States: The Theory and Practice of Education"

Friday, May 29
3:00 p.m. LECTURE
Dr. Michael Armacost
"The United States, Japan and Asian-Pacific Security"

6:30 p.m. LECTURE
Dr. Saburo Okita
"Japan and the United States: Reflections on the Relationship"

All lectures will be presented in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts/Radio Television Center, University of Montana.
The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana is designed to recognize and honor the Mansfields’ four decades of public service. The inspiration for the Center derives from Mike Mansfield’s distinguished career and the two subjects with which he long has been identified: a staunch commitment to high ethical standards in public affairs and insightful contributions to the nation’s Asia policies. The Mansfield Center’s two principal programs, thus, are Ethics and Public Affairs and Modern Asian Affairs.

Mike Mansfield’s outstanding reputation as a public official is based upon his numerous achievements and personal qualities. Both he and his wife, Maureen, whom he credits as being responsible for many of his successes, are graduates of the University of Montana. He served as a faculty member in the Department of History, and then represented Montana for ten years in the House of Representatives, and for twenty-four in the Senate. He served as Senate Majority Leader longer than anyone else in American history. President Jimmy Carter appointed Mike Mansfield U.S. Ambassador to Japan in 1977. He has now served in this ambassadorial position longer than any other individual.

His retirement from the Senate in 1976 was the occasion for one of the greatest outpourings of esteem ever given a departing senator by his colleagues, who commented about his “special expertise in the area of foreign policy,” “grasp of international issues,” “immense knowledge of East Asia,” and, above all, his “character and integrity.” Mike Mansfield served as “the conscience” of the Senate, they said, setting “an inspiring example of the very highest standards of principled public service” and exercising “a moral leadership which reflects the ideals and finest traditions in our country.” As one senator felt compelled to say: “Honor, decency, fairness, tolerance—these have been his hallmarks; and those qualities, much more than our words in praise of him, will remain his most eloquent tributes.”

The University of Montana is a fitting site for the Mansfield Center. As part of a respected public university with abiding ties to the ambassador and his wife, the Mansfield Center is assured the permanence and quality that befits Maureen and Mike Mansfield.

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