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The Japan Institute of International Affairs is awarded “2020 Think Tank of the Year-Top Think Tank in the World”

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA) is awarded “2020 Think Tank of the Year-Top Think Tank in the World” in the 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania.

JIJA is also ranked at the 8th position in the 2020 Top Think Tanks Worldwide (US and Non-US), its highest ranking ever (it was ranked at 13th in 2019).

【Comment from Motoyuki Oka, Chairman of the JIJA】

We are very honored that the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA) is awarded “2020 Think Tank of the Year-Top Think Tank in the World”. We believe that this award reflects appreciation of our persistent endeavors of research projects and dissemination of information worldwide, to promote stability, growth and development into the future for both Japan and the world. Going forward, JIJA will further enhance its activities in the areas of disseminating information worldwide through networks with research institutions and experts overseas, and cultivating greater interest in foreign policy and security issues within Japan.

【Comment from Kenichiro Sasae, President of the JIJA】

I am very glad that the Japan Institute of International Affairs is awarded “2020 Think Tank of the Year-Top Think Tank in the World”, understanding this recognition to be the testimony of high level of international appreciation of our activities. Since taking office, I have pursued several new initiatives, including our expanded public outreach effort to the global audience and stakeholders, while keeping in mind the questions “what role should think tanks play in Japan?” and “what are think tanks capable of?” Prompted by this award, we will further strengthen these endeavors.

Brief Overview of *Global Go To Think Tank Index Reports*

"Global Go To Think Tank Index Reports" has been annually produced by the Think Tanks and Civil Society Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania since 2006. The rankings are released in every January, evaluating the world's leading think tanks by category based on a survey of approximately 7500 think tanks and media, private sector, and policymakers around the world, and are reviewed and determined by the TTCSP Expert Panel. Key evaluation criteria includes social impact, quality of management leadership, quality of research outcomes and experts, dissemination of useful information, and networking with policymaking community.

“Think Tank of the Year – Top Think Tank in the Year” was awarded to the following institutes over the past 3 years.

[2019] Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
[2018, 2017] Brookings Institution

Following are the rankings of the JIJA in the Top Think Worldwide (US and non-US) category over the past 3 years (always ranked No.1 in Asia).

[2019] 13th, [2018] 14th, [2017] 11th

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