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The East-West Center in Washington invites you to an Asia Pacific Security Seminar:

China and Russia in Northeast Asia: Changing Strategies

Featuring:

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and

Mr. Shinji Hyodo

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Since the end of the Cold War, the influence of China and Russia in Asia has shifted, with China's star rising and Russia's falling. Both countries, however, remain active players in important regional issues from natural resource exploitation to curbing North Korea's nuclear ambitions. Dr. Yoshifumi Nakai of Gakushuin University in Tokyo and Mr. Shinji Hyodo of the National Institute for Defense Studies in Tokyo will explore the changing roles of China and Russia in Northeast Asia from a Japanese perspective, describing the diplomatic and security activities of the two countries and their influence on the region.

Thursday, May 7

12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M.

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