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Panel 3.3: Discussion Session--Proposal for Asia Pacific Center (APC) in Okinawa

Conflict Prevention Dialogue at Asia-Pacific Center of Okinawa

As an international/intercultural research, education and training center, APC will periodically set up “transcultural mediation sessions” for the prevention of conflict taking place in any part of the Asia-Pacific region. Specifically, leaders and/or sub-leaders of opposing sides to a conflict and all other interested parties, including opposing parties that may be on the verge of critical confrontation, will be invited to the APC to engage in comprehensive and continuous dialogue until their conflict could be resolved or prevented. Intercultural experts in conflict resolution with cultural backgrounds other than those of the concerned parties will serve as facilitators or mediators during the dialogue. If necessary, international relations experts and lawyers will join the dialogue. Professional interpreters will enable all parties to clearly express their opinions in their native language. Research evidence suggests that this approach will bring unique strategic contributions toward the creation of peace among peoples of all cultures.