SMITH REMEMBERS FUKUSHIMA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 10, 2012
GRAHAM AUDITORIUM
HILLYER HALL
Japan Faces the Future: Overcoming the Devastation of 3/11
Friday, March 9
4:00 p.m.

Lecture
The Honorable Takeshi Hikihara, Consul General of Japan in Boston

Consul General Hikihara will discuss the current situation in Japan after the Great East Japan Earthquake along the northeastern coast. He will provide details on the ongoing recovery process, discuss the current realities in the aftermath of the earthquake, and explain future prospects for the rebuilding of Japan.

Background
Consul General Hikihara arrived in Boston in January of 2011. He served as Secretary-General for the 2010 Japan APEC Meeting in Yokohama, and in that capacity, he was responsible for hosting a year-long series of conferences for heads of state and ministers from the 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation. Consul General Hikihara entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1982 after graduating from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo. In his 29 year-career, he had been assigned to the Prime Minister’s Office and has served in the Embassies of Senegal, South Korea, Russia, and in the Japanese mission at the OECD in France.
Symposium: Smith Remembers Fukushima  
Saturday, March 10  
9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

9:00-9:15 a.m.  Welcome  
Marilyn Schuster, Provost, Smith College  
Greg White, Director, Global Studies Center  
Suzanne Gottschang, Director, East Asian Studies Program  
Opening Remarks  
The Honorable Takeshi Hikihara, Consul General of Japan in Boston

9:15-10:30 a.m.  Panel I: The View from Kyoto  
Roundtable Discussion  
Moderator: Marnie Anderson, Department of History  
Panelists: Hannah Chan ('12)  
Kaitlin Eison-Washington ('12)  
Kristin Peck ('12)  
Hannah Peppin ('12)  
Jamie Hubbard, Department of Religion  
Maki Hubbard, Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures

10:30-10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Panel II: The View from Smith  
Chair: Dennis Yasutomo, Department of Government  
Presenters: Marnie Anderson, Department of History  
Nat Fortune, Department of Physics  
Shizuka Hsieh, Department of Chemistry  
Jack Loveless, Department of Geosciences  
Atsuko Takahashi, Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures  
Dennis Yasutomo, Department of Government

12:00-12:15 p.m.  Closing Remarks  
Rebecca Hovey, Dean for International Study, Global Studies Center  
Marnie Anderson, Department of History  
Dennis Yasutomo, Department of Government
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