CIGS Glen S. Fukushima Seminar
"The 2018 U.S. Midterm Elections and Japan"

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Venue:　　CIGS Meeting Room
11th Floor, ShinMarunouchi Building, 5-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Speaker:　Glen S. Fukushima (Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress)

Theme:　　"The 2018 U.S. Midterm Elections and Japan"

Moderator:　Jun Kurihara, Research Director, CIGS

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Abstract of the Speech:

The U.S. midterm elections of November 6 are being viewed with great anticipation throughout the world because they will constitute the first "referendum" by the American voters on the first two years of the presidency of Donald J. Trump.

Four results are possible:
(1) both the House and the Senate remain majority Republican,
(2) the House becomes majority Democratic but the Senate remains majority Republican,
(3) the Senate becomes majority Democratic but the House remains majority Republican, and
(4) both the House and the Senate become majority Democratic.

With less than a month to go, it appears that (2) has the highest probability and (3) has the lowest probability.

The results of the elections will have significance for America's domestic and foreign policy for the next two years and for the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Speaker's profile:

Glen S. Fukushima is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, a public policy think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on U.S.-East Asia relations.

Former President, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Former Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Japan and China.

He has extensive experience in government, business, and nonprofit organizations, and will provide his analysis of the election results and their implications for the world, including Japan.