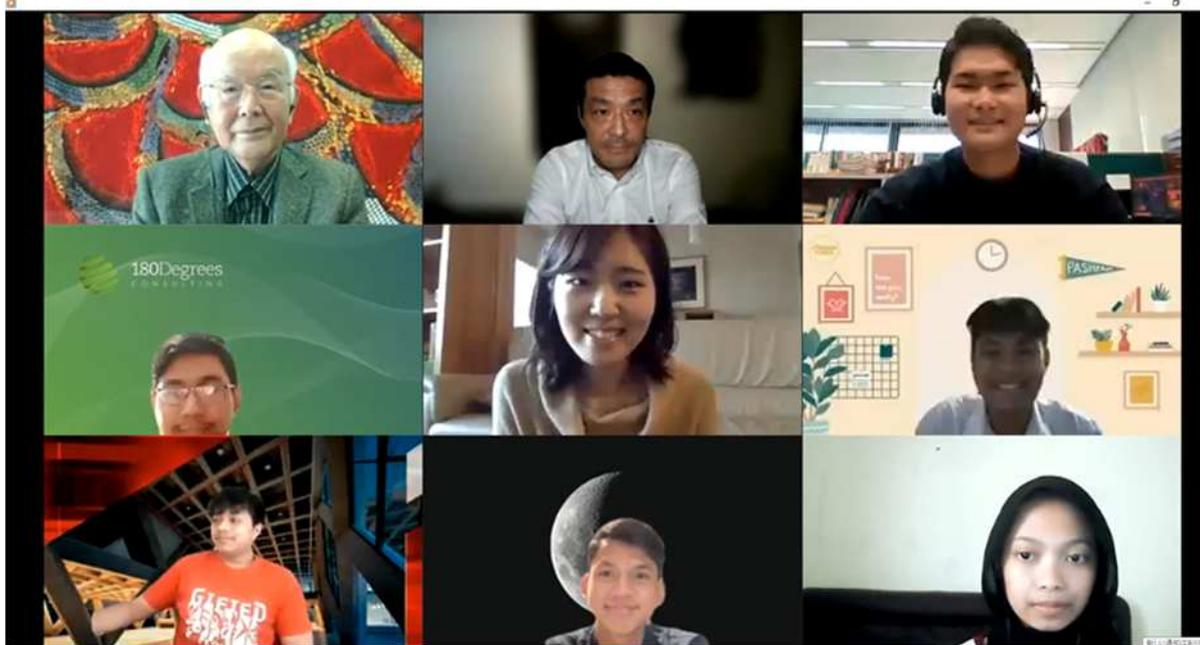


**ABEST21 Global Knowledge Network**  
**-Online Japan Studies Seminar (JSS)-**  
**“Future in Asia and what coexistence in the age of economic, social and cultural globalization should be like”**

**-Session 2-**

The Session 2 of the Online Japan Studies Seminar was held on November 20, 2021 with Professor NAKAYAMA Toshihiro, Faculty of Policy Management, KEIO University as the lecturer.



The theme of the Session 2 was “Japan-US Relations in the Age of Great Power Competition”. The main content addressed in the Session was as follows;

More than one hundred years before Japan met first US. At that time, the Japanese said that the US Devil ship “Black ship” attacked to Japan. However, Since 1945, Japan has been relying on security alliance with the United States to preserve and defend Japan’s national interests. Some people wonder, how is it that

Japan could be so comfortable relying on the US, despite the ups and downs in American global commitments. Even during the Trump presidency, Japan seemed to embrace it without any hesitation, despite the fact that other countries seemingly had difficulties in doing so. Japan’s choice seemed like an exception among the western democracies. Why is it so? Are the Japanese people totally comfortable relying on US security commitments for Japan’s national survival? What are the rationales behind Japan’s choice? Is it still effective in the era of great power competition that is taking place in the Indo-Pacific region? The session focused on these issues. After his lecture, a student from Indonesia shared his impression on current relationship between US and Japan and Professor Nakayama added his comments on the issues pointed out by the student.



After that, ABEST21 President Dr. ITOH Fumio gave a five-minute lecture on the Chapter Three of "BUSHIDO-The Soul of Japan-." He has given such lectures on each of the Chapters at each Seminar session, aiming to enhance students' understanding of the Spirit of "BUSHIDO." Next session is going to be held on November 24, 2021 at 12:00 – 13:00 in Tokyo time. For further details, please visit to ABEST21 website: [www.abest21.org](http://www.abest21.org)



*Inazo Nitobe, "BUSHIDO-The Soul of Japan,"  
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