

# Press Releases: Acting Assistant Secretary C.S. Eliot Kang Travels to Japan

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Acting Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation C.S. Eliot Kang will attend the biannual Plenary Meeting of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) in Tokyo, Japan June 1-2.

The mission of GICNT is to strengthen global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to nuclear terrorism. All GICNT partner nations have voluntarily committed to implementing the GICNT Statement of Principles, a set of fundamental nuclear security goals encompassing a range of deterrence, prevention, detection, and response objectives. The Plenary Meeting will highlight progress made by GICNT's three Working Groups: Nuclear Forensics, Nuclear Detection, and Response and Mitigation. It will also provide a forum for partner nations to showcase their contributions to GICNT and share recommendations that will inform the direction and activities of the Initiative for 2017-2019. The United States and Russia, as GICNT Co-Chairs, will also welcome GICNT's newest partner nations, Paraguay and Nigeria.

For updates, follow the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN) on Twitter at @StateISN.

For more information about GICNT, please go to [www.GICNT.org](http://www.GICNT.org).

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# Press Releases: Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative Fellows

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The Department of State's Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) develops and cultivates relationships among emerging European and American leaders. YTILI is an investment in the transatlantic partnership to strengthen prosperity and enhanced security on both sides of the Atlantic.

European participants come from all across the continent. In 2017, 116 young entrepreneurs will participate in this two-way exchange led by Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR) and implemented by The German Marshall Fund.

Today, 42 of the European Fellows selected for the program arrive in the United States for a 15-day long Fellowship program in Austin, Boston, Charlotte, Denver, Detroit, Salt Lake City, and Seattle. Their American counterparts will travel to Europe later this year.

The transatlantic community remains the bedrock of American foreign policy. It is the foundation of our shared security, our shared prosperity, and our shared values. A stable and prosperous Europe makes for a safer United States, ensures more opportunities for American business, and honors our historic cultural ties to our European partners. The YTILI program honors our shared legacy by building ties for future cooperation and prosperity.

The United States and Europe represent one of the largest economic relationships in the world. In 2016 transatlantic trade averaged \$3 billion a day. We are committed to building and sustaining strong relationships in Europe with governments, the private sector, and the next generation of leaders and innovators.

For further information, please contact [YTILI@state.gov](mailto:YTILI@state.gov) and visit [www.ytili.state.gov](http://www.ytili.state.gov) for information and biographical data on the Fellows and the cities they will be visiting.

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## **Press Releases: Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Ambassador Tina Kaidanow Travels to Singapore**

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Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Ambassador Tina Kaidanow will travel to Singapore May 31- June 5, 2017.

In Singapore, Ambassador Kaidanow will be the senior State Department representative in the U.S. delegation to the Shangri-La Dialogue, a forum sponsored by the International Institute for Security Studies, for exchanges among defense and security policy professionals from across the Asia-Pacific. She will also meet with senior civilian and military officials from countries across the region to discuss regional security, maritime security, and defense trade issues.

For further information, please contact the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs at [PM-CPA@state.gov](mailto:PM-CPA@state.gov) and follow @StateDeptPM on Twitter

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## **Press Releases: Terrorist Attacks in Baghdad**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

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We condemn in the strongest possible terms the recent barbaric attacks carried out by ISIS terrorists in Baghdad. These brutal attacks, whose victims included innocent children breaking the Ramadan fast and elderly Iraqis collecting their pensions, demonstrate once again the wanton savagery of the enemy we face.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and hope for a speedy recovery of those wounded.

And we underline, as the President said recently, "All people who cherish life must unite in finding, exposing, and removing these killers and extremists."

The United States reaffirms its commitment to support the government and people of Iraq in their struggle against ISIS.

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# Press Releases: Secretary of State Tillerson Travel to Sydney and Wellington

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
May 30, 2017

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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will be in Sydney, Australia, June 5–6, with Secretary of Defense James Mattis to participate in the 2017 Australia-U.S. Ministerial Consultations hosted by Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and Australian Defense Minister Marise Payne.

Secretary Tillerson, Secretary Mattis, and their counterparts will discuss the full range of U.S.-Australian cooperation on bilateral, regional, and global issues. The Secretaries will coordinate our policies and identify ways to further strengthen the alliance and deepen cooperation between our two governments.

The Secretary will then travel to New Zealand to reaffirm our strong ties and discuss coordination on shared strategic interests with Prime Minister English and Foreign Minister Brownlee.

Follow Secretary Tillerson's travel to Australia and New Zealand via @StateDept and @USAsiaPacific on Twitter and go to the Department's Flickr account for the latest trip photos. Keep track of all of the Secretary's travels at <https://www.state.gov/secretary/2017travel/index.htm>.

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