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The Honorable Yuriko Koike

Minister of Defense

Thursday, August 9, 2007

14:00-14:45

**CSIS B1 Conference Center
(CSIS Building, 1800 K Street)**

Yuriko Koike was appointed Minister of Defense on July 4, 2007. Prior to her appointment, she served as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs from September 2006. She was Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs from 2004 to 2006, and also served as Minister for Environment from 2003 to 2006.

Minister Koike was born on July 15, 1952. After graduating from Cairo University in Egypt (Sociology), she worked as an anchor for Nippon TV and TV Tokyo, both of which are major Japanese media companies. Her areas of responsibility included financial and business issues, and issues concerning the Arab region. In 1990, she was awarded the Society of Japanese Women in Radio and Television Prize as the first anchorwoman on programs specializing in business affairs, and was awarded the All Japan TV Producers Association Prize for her reports on the Gulf War. In 1992, she started her political career after being elected to the House of Councilors from the Japan New Party. In the following year, she was elected to the House of Representatives, and served as the vice-minister for the Management and Coordination Agency. She joined the Liberal Democratic Party in 2002.