Matthew P. Goodman will update JASW members and friends on Japan’s role in today’s changing Asian economy. As Japan moves to implement "Abenomics" and joins the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), outsiders are asking whether Japan is really “back” and ready to assume its traditional central role in regional and global affairs. Mr. Goodman will assess Japan’s economic reform efforts and its future position in the region.

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