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Keio University

## Conferral of Honorary Doctorate on Former United States Deputy Secretary of State

### Richard L. Armitage by Keio University

Keio University will confer upon Mr. Richard L. Armitage a Doctorate Degree Honoris Causa, as an expression of its esteem for his enormous contributions to the stability of international relations, with an emphasis on the relationship between Japan and the United States. These contributions have been achieved in the course of his involvement with a variety of negotiations and activities in countries throughout the world, but above all those of Asia. The legacy being acknowledged by this conferment also includes inestimable contributions to education and research through his engagement in dialogue with, and instruction of, researchers and students. The Conferment Ceremony and a Commemorative Lecture by Mr. Armitage will be held on Friday, June 8.

#### 1. Conferment Ceremony

Date and time: Friday, June 8 10:00-10:40 (Guests are requested to enter the hall by 9:50)  
Venue: Public Speaking Hall (Mita Enzetsu-kan), Mita Campus, Keio University (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo) \* Access to the venue: <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/maps/mita.html>  
Language: English (interpretation not provided)

#### 2. Commemorative Lecture "My Journey in Vietnam, Middle East, and Japan: Message to Future Generations"

Date and time: Friday, June 8 13:00-14:30  
Venue: South Hall, 5F South School Building, Keio University Mita Campus, Keio University  
Language: English (interpretation into Japanese provided)

#### 3. About Richard L. Armitage

Joined the US Navy following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1967 (retired from service in 1973.) Served as Deputy Secretary of State for the administration of George W. Bush, formed in 2001, shaping US security policy, which was rocked by the parallel terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001 (9.11), the War in Afghanistan, and the Iraq War of 2003. After stepping down from the position of Deputy Secretary of State during the first term of the Bush Administration, ran a consulting business in Washington D.C. and provided advice to both the US and Japanese governments, as well as to many researchers, in his capacity as a prominent authority on Japan and on Asian affairs.

Mr. Armitage visits countries in Asia several times a year while also making regular appearances in Japan and has led debates with students from respective universities in Japan in the series of events "Debating the Burning Issues," as hosted by the Nikkei Inc. Also took the stage as part of this debate series at Keio University in 2013 and has made enormous contributions to the globalization of educational and research initiatives at this university as part of the Armitage Program, which was initiated in the 2017 academic year from the platform of the Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI.) This has included holding seminars aimed at graduate students, short-term placements of Keio graduate students in the US, and seminars, including joint seminars with US state and independent research institutes.

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