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## **Jordan-Japan Joint Seminar on Japan's Foreign Policy**

On Tuesday, March 8, the Embassy of Japan in Jordan and Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS) organized a seminar entitled “Democracy Diplomacy in Japan's Foreign Policy and its Implications for Security”.

A Japanese political scientist on Japan's foreign policy, Dr. Maiko Ichihara, Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Law at Hitotsubashi University, joined the seminar online from Japan, giving a keynote speech on the topic. The keynote speech covered key aspects of Japan's foreign policy focusing on democracy, one of the important concepts to understand international politics as well as its background and current situation including security environment in Asia.

H.E. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, stated that the Japan-Jordan relations has been distinguished as strategic partnership, which means that the both countries always work together for the shared vision of peace and stability in the world and free and open international order.

CSS Director Prof. Zaid Eyadat welcomed Dr. Ichihara and the attendees emphasizing the importance of the democracy aspect in understanding Japan's foreign policy and security environment in Asia. He also affirmed that the lecture and the discussion followed greatly contributed to deepening Jordanian scholars and politicians' understanding on Japanese foreign policy and its security.

