

David L. Osborn to lecture

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David L. Osborn, a retired Foreign Service officer who served for nearly three decades in Asia, will talk on Japan's national security strategy on Tuesday, November 18, in the International Center at the University of California, San Diego.

The talk, sponsored by the Friends of the International Center, will begin at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Osborn, who has titled his talk, "Where Have All the Samurai Gone?" will discuss the diplomatic, political and psychological aspects of Japan's security strategy in addition to the military aspects. He will touch on Japan's contributions to world security, China's bearing on Japan's security in Northeast Asia and Japan's alternatives to what Osborn calls the United States! "nuclear umbrella."

Osborn, who was studying Chinese at Harvard University when the Second World War began, received training in Japanese in the navy. He joined the Foreign Service in 1947 and was sent to Japan on the first of several tours to that country. He eventually spent a total of 11 years in Japan reaching the rank of Minister in 1967.

Osborn has also served in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Burma, Geneva and Washington, D.C.

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