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The Admiral's Guide to Fearless Leadership. With close to a half century leading highly complex, high-stakes organizations and commanding military operations in regions spanning more than half the globe, Ambassador Harry B. Harris Jr. is widely respected for his approach to leadership rooted in the Navy's core values. Drawing from invaluable experience commanding crucial missions in volatile, do-or-die environments, Amb. Harris discusses with audiences what it means to be a fearless leader when your people — and the world — are depending on you to make the right call. He'll share lessons in decision-making, risk-management, and accountability, while providing action steps for leading with purpose and impact.

Geopolitical Outlook: A Deep Dive into Foreign Affairs. As the former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Harry B. Harris Jr. provides expert analysis on hot-button geopolitical issues across the globe and in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing specifically on North Korea, South Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, India, Australia, and the Quad. Having traveled to more than 80 countries as a military leader and a diplomat, Amb. Harris takes audiences inside the room with some of the world's most prominent leaders, providing a compelling breakdown of America's strategic competition with China, U.S. partnerships with Indo-Pacific countries, and evolving global relations, while offering his predictions for how today's issues may reshape geopolitics, business, and the economy in the future.

United Through Diversity. Born in Japan to an enlisted American father and a Japanese mother, Amb. Harry B. Harris' formative years were spent learning about, and embracing the diverse influences in his life. Following his father's retirement from service, his mother, a member of a wealthy Japanese family, left everything she knew behind as the Harrises began life on their Tennessee farm. As a young Amb. Harris sought to understand who he was, his mother taught him about his Japanese roots, including the American Nisei soldiers of World War II fame who join the fight for what was right, unsure of what they would return to after the war.

In this talk, Amb. Harris, the highest-ranking Asian American in the U.S. Navy's history, shares his experiences breaking barriers and provides his unique perspective on diversity, what it means to him, and his beliefs on how it can positively impact an organization. He'll outline the ways in which diversity promotes healthy growth and how the condition of being different is the key to the creation of a unified culture.