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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Janine Bera *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 2/18/2017 Return: 2/25/2017  
 b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan Return city: San Francisco, CA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC); Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Met with Japanese Diet Members and other high ranking officials about regional security, bilateral trade relations, and economic development.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: Ami Bera

DATE: March 7, 2017

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC);  
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA)
2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan
3. Date of Departure: 2/18/2017 Date of Return: 2/25/2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera; Mrs. Janine Bera (spouse)  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$7987.96	\$756	\$720.93	\$453.97 (Interpreters, guides, room, gifts)
Accompanying Relative	\$7987.96	\$756	\$663.21	\$453.97 (Interpreters, guides, room, gifts)

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Managing Director

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):**

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 507-4849

Email Address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Ami Bera

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ami Bera

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 1431 Longworth

Telephone number: (202) 225-5716

Email address of contact person: marguerite.biagi@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)  
Travel email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov)

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress;  
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Travel destination(s): Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan
4. a. Date of departure February 18, 2017 Date of return: February 25, 2017  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Janine Bera  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

As a Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Asia Pacific subcommittee, Japan is a critical global partner. This study tour will provide the opportunity to meet with Japanese Diet Members and other high ranking officials about regional security, bilateral trade relations, and economic development.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

**ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  *or*
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  *or*.
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached page as well as the attached invitee list.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: February 18, 2017 Date of return: February 25, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan  
c. City of return: Washington, DC, except for Rep./Mrs. Bera (San Francisco)
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  *or*
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  *or*
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  *or*
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:   
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  **or**

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Please see attached page.

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13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

N/A

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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  **or**

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$150

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please see attached page.

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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: The Imperial Hotel Tokyo City: Tokyo Cost per night: \$220/single \$248/double

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites (i.e. Ministry buildings), access to public transit, and comfort of accomodation

Hotel name: Nagoya Marriot Associa Hotel City: Nagoya Cost per night: \$180/single \$260/double

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites, access to airport and station, and comfort of accomodation

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	See attached page	See attached page	\$900
For each accompanying relative	See attached page	See attached page	\$900

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$650	Interpreters, guide, insurance, room fee
For each accompanying relative	\$650	Interpreters, guide, insurance, room fee

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Managing Director

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202)222-0972

Email address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
- a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
- b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan on (date) February 18-25, 2017 that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
- a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
- b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Daniel Bob

Title: Director of Programs and Senior Fellow

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Address: 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: (202)296-4176

Email: dbob@spfusa.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)



# U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

February 3, 2017

The Honorable Ami Bera  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Japan, scheduled for February 18 to 25, 2017, sponsored by U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, with financial support from Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

SWB/TED:smm

Total Lodging Expenses per Participant:

\$1,230: Rep. Boyle and Rep. Long

\$1,502 (per couple): Rep. Bera/Mrs. Bera, Rep. Bonamici/Mr. Simon, Rep. Brooks/Mr. Brooks, Rep. Bucshon/Mrs. Bucshon, Rep. DeGette/Mr. Lipinsky, Rep. Russell/Mrs. Russell

## Addendum

4. This study tour is intended for current Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives and Senate who have previously expressed interest in Japan and U.S.-Japan relations – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – and serve on committees relevant to the trip's issue areas. Please find enclosed a list of all participants.

12. The Congressional Study Group on Japan – which celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year – is among the largest and most active parliamentary exchange programs between the U.S. Congress and the legislative branch of another country. The Study Group creates constant channels of communication and dialogue between American legislators and their counterparts in the Japanese Diet through regular roundtables in Washington, DC, throughout the year in addition to trips such as the 2017 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan. It offers both Members of Congress and senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to examine issues including the U.S.-Japan security alliance, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and social issues such as women in workforce and demographic change. FMC's Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the seminar program, arranging meetings, and inviting expert speakers to the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants, as well as the budget for the 2017 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan.

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA) awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Japan as a part of their mission of promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan. SPFUSA staff assists FMC in securing meetings in Tokyo and organizing logistics such as ground transportation in Japan.

15. **b. 2) Tokyo** is the financial and political hub of Japan, and the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, journalists and issue experts on issues ranging from security, women's status to energy policies. Additionally, through meetings with students and cultural figures as well as a visit to Meiji Shrine, participants will gain a holistic understanding of Japan's rich history, culture and religion.

**Nagoya**, the provincial capital of Aichi Prefecture, is the third-largest metropolitan area in Japan and serves as a heart of industry. The program in Nagoya includes a plant visit of Toyota Motor and a plant visit of Mitsubishi Regional Jet by Mitsubishi Aircraft, both of which will provide Members of Congress an opportunity to discuss innovation and technology issues and learn about infrastructure and transportation in Japan. Meetings with the Prefectural Governor and a Diet Member will allow the delegation to learn about regional issues and efforts to revitalize the regional economy on the national and prefectural level. Additionally, a visit to Nagoya Castle, one of the largest castles in Japan, will provide a historical background of Nagoya City since Edo Period.

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### Total Transportation Expenses per Participant:

\$7,909.36: Rep. Bonamici and Mr. Michael Simon; Rep. Susan Brooks and Mr. David Brooks; Rep. Billy Long; Rep. Steve Russell and Mrs. Cindy Russell

\$7,975.86: Rep. Larry Bucshon and Mrs. Kathryn Bucshon; Rep. Brendan Boyle

\$7,976.36: Rep. Ami Bera and Mrs. Janine Bera

\$9,278.86: Rep. Diana DeGette and Mr. Lino Lipinsky



# THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUPS

## GERMANY

Charles W. Dent (R-PA)  
Ted Deutch (D-FL)

## JAPAN

Diana DeGette (D-CO)  
Billy Long (R-MO)

## TURKEY

Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA)  
Ed Whitfield (R-KY)

## EUROPE

Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)  
Peter Welch (D-VT)

June 10, 2016

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of Congresswoman Diana DeGette and Congressman Billy Long, the Co-Chairs of The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ), it gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our 4th Annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan. **The 2017 Member Study Tour to Japan is scheduled to take place from February 18-25 in Tokyo and Sapporo.** Although the official congressional calendar will not be out for another few months, we have once again picked the President's Day recess week which has been a recess week for years and, at a minimum, we hope you will be able to pencil it in on your calendar.

2016 has already been a historic year for the U.S.-Japan relationship and highlights include Prime Minister Abe's joint address in front of a joint session of congress and President Obama's visit to Hiroshima. The February 2017 Japan Study Tour will provide a unique opportunity for American lawmakers, Japanese legislators, and other distinguished guests to discuss and reflect on the issues impacting the bilateral relationship in a frank and candid forum. Topics for the 2017 Japan Study Tour will include: international economic and trade policies (TPP, Abenomics); foreign policy and security issues (21st Century U.S.-Japan alliance, maritime issues, cyber security, Korean Peninsula); energy policy (post-Fukushima, renewable energy); and social issues (women in the workforce, foreign workers).

Since our inaugural delegation in 2014, The Congressional Study Group on Japan has taken approximately 20 Members of Congress to Japan. Each group had the pleasure of meeting with both Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy. We will continue our tradition of meeting with Japanese Cabinet Ministers, municipal governors, and leaders from business and academic communities, as well as non-traditional meeting partners such as university students and leading cultural figures. Please find the itinerary of our most recent delegation (February 2016) enclosed for your reference.

We have funding for eight Members and will provide business-class airfare through All Nippon Airways (ANA). Additionally, there is funding for spouse participation on a limited basis. Please note that all participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan delegation. This privately-sponsored travel will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for congressional approval.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Although this is advance notice, we would certainly be pleased to have you indicate your interest and place a block on your calendar so that we can plan for your participation. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Sabine Schleidt, Managing Director, at 202-507-4849 or [SSchleidt@usafmc.org](mailto:SSchleidt@usafmc.org). Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

Hon. Barbara Kennelly (D-CT, 1982-99)  
FMC President

Hon. Cliff Stearns (R-FL, 1989-2013)  
FMC Incoming President

PETER M. WEICHLIN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SABINE SCHLEIDT  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

SHARON WEST WITW  
DOMESTIC PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

ANDREW LOEB SHOENIG  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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### 2017 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, February 18, 2017 to Saturday, February 25, 2017  
Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan

#### In case of an **emergency** while in Japan, please call:

U.S. Embassy – Tokyo: +81-3-3224-5000

*The 2017 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour of The Congressional Study Group on Japan is organized in cooperation with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.*

#### Hotels

##### **Imperial Hotel Tokyo**

1-1-1 Uchisaiwai-cho  
Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo 100-8558  
Tel: +81-3-3504-1111

##### **Nagoya Marriot Associa Hotel**

1-1-4 Meieki,  
Nakamura-ku, Nagoya  
Aichi Prefecture, 450-6002  
Tel. +81-52-584-1111

#### Saturday, February 18, 2017

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8:00 am Departure with a shuttle from the Capitol Hill Club (the parking space across from Capitol South Metro) to Washington Dulles International Airport

11:15 am Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Narita International Airport (NRT)

#### Sunday, February 19, 2017

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3:25 pm (JST) Arrival in Narita

Late afternoon Check-in at a hotel

6:00pm Informal Dinner  
\*\*Upon arrival, vouchers will be provided to be used at participating restaurants at the hotel\*\*

*Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

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- 8:00 – 9:30am      **Japan Overview: Prime Minister Abe’s Agenda for 2017**  
Breakfast discussion with Tokyo-based journalists: **Mr. Hiroyuki Akita**, Senior Staff Writer, Nikkei Shimbun; **Mr. Martin Fackler**, former Tokyo Bureau Chief, New York Times; and **Ms. Anna Fifield**, Tokyo Bureau Chief, Washington Post  
  
*Les Saisons, Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 10:00 – 11:30am      **<In Depth> Regional Security in Northeast Asia**  
Discussion with **Prof. Yoshihide Soeya**, Keio University, **General Koichiro Bansho (ret)**, former Japan Self-Defense Force; and **Dr. Ryosei Kokubun**, President, National Defense Academy  
  
*Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm      **Japan’s Foreign Policy Outlook**  
Lunch discussion with **the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
  
*Iikura Guest House, 1-5-3 Azabudai, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 2:30 – 4:00pm      **US Embassy Country Briefing**  
  
*U.S. Embassy – Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0052*
- 5:00 – 6:45pm      **Sustaining the U.S.-Japan Relationship**  
Networking reception with **Members of the Japanese Diet**  
  
*Conference Room, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Building  
1-15-16 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 7:15 – 9:00pm      **Informal Dinner**  
  
*Ryotei Mampuku, 6-10-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

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- 8:00 – 9:30am      **Future of Transportation and Infrastructure in Japan**  
Breakfast discussion with **Mr. Yoshiyuki Kasai**, Chairman, JR Central  
  
*Les Saisons, Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 10:00 – 11:30am      **<In Depth> Womenomics and Demographic Change**  
Discussion with **Ms. Junko Chano**, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, **Ms. Yukako Uchinaga**, J-Win, **Ms. Aiko Doden**, NHK, and **The Hon. Mieko Nakabayashi**, Waseda University

*Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

12:30 – 2:00pm **Politics, Campaign, and Constituency in Japan**  
Lunch discussion with Members of the Japanese Diet, led by **The Hon. Yoshimasa Hayashi (LDP)** and **The Hon. Akihisa Nagashima (DP)**

*Les Saisons, Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

3:00 – 3:30pm **2020 Tokyo Olympics: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Meeting with **Governor Yuriko Koike**, Governor of Tokyo

*Tokyo Metropolitan Government No. 1 Building  
2-8-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinkuku-ku, Tokyo*

4:00 – 5:00pm *Reserved timeslots for official meetings with one or two of the following:*  
**Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** OR  
**Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hiroshige Seko**

*Kantei, 2-3-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda, Tokyo OR  
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), 1-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

5:30 – 6:45pm **<In Depth> Japan's Energy Policy after 3.11**  
Discussion with **Mr. Nobuo Tanaka**, Chairman, Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Former Executive Director, International Energy Agency, **Mr. Ali Izadi-Najafabadi**, Head of Japan, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and **Mr. Toshiro Okada**, Senior Energy Advisor, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

*Venue TBD*

7:00 – 8:45pm Informal Dinner

*Venue TBD*

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**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

8:00 – 9:30am **Bilateral Trade and Economy**  
Breakfast discussion with the leadership of **CSGJ Business Advisory Council**, and **Keizai Doyukai**

*Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1-1 Uchi-saiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

10:00 – 11:30am **Young Generation's View on Japan, the U.S., and Politics**  
Roundtable discussion with students from **Japan-America Student Conference**

*Conference Room, Sasakawa Peace Foundation Building*



1-15-16 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Noon – 1:30pm

**Foreigners in Japan 101: Expectation and Reality**

Lunch discussion with **Patrick Harlan**, commentator, lecturer at Tokyo Institute of Technology

*Meeting with Mr. Patrick Harlan, native of Colorado who has lived in Japan for more than 20 years as a comedian and now a part-time faculty at Tokyo Institute of Technology, will provide an opportunity for participants to hear how foreigners, commonly called “gaijin (outsider)” in Japan, are positioned in the society and what it would mean in the context of Government’s plan to increase foreign workers and immigrants to combat the population decline in the years ahead.*

Tofuya-Ukai, 4-4-13 Shiba-Koen, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

2:30 – 4:00pm

**Respect toward history and the culture of Japan: The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism**

Visit to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**

*Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism, and participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians, who often pay visit to a variety of Shinto shrines, including controversial ones like Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, which Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited in December 2012.*

1-1 Yoyogikamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

4:30 – 6:30pm

*Reserved timeslots for official meetings with one or two of the following:*

**Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** OR

**Minister of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida**

*Kantei, 2-3-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda, Tokyo OR*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

7:00 – 8:30pm

Informal Dinner

*Mon cher ton ton, Shinjuku Sumitomo Bldg. 52 F 2-6 Nishi Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo*

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

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Starting at 7:00am

Breakfast available at hotel

- 8:30am Departure from hotel for Tokyo Central Station  
*1-9-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 9:10am Departure from Tokyo Station for Nagoya Station by bullet train (Nozomi 19)
- 9:30 – 10:30am **Innovation in High-Speed Trains**  
On-Board Briefings and Cockpit Tour by **Central Japan Railway Company**
- 10:49am Arrival at Nagoya Station (Nozomi 19)
- Noon – 3:30pm **Cutting-Edge Technology: Future of Automobile Industry**  
Lunch discussion with **Toyota executives** and visit to **Toyota Plant**  
*1 Toyota-Cho, Toyota, Aichi*
- 4:30pm Check-in at a hotel
- 6:00 – 8:00pm **Nagoya from an American Perspective**  
Dinner meeting with **Mr. Stephen Kovacsics**, Principal Officer, U.S. Consul General, Nagoya  
*Venue TBD*

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

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- Starting at 6:30am Breakfast available at hotel
- 8:15am Departure from hotel to the next meeting
- 9:00 – 10:30am **Future of the Aerospace Industry in Japan**  
Visit to **Mitsubishi Regional Jet Plant, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries**  
*Nagoya Airfield, Toyoba, Toyoyama, Nishikasugai, Aichi*
- 11:15 – 11:45am **Regional Briefing: Local Politics and Economy**  
Meeting with **The Hon. Hideaki Omura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture**  
*Aichi Prefectural Reception House, 3-2-2 Sannomaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya, Aichi*
- Noon – 1:00pm Informal lunch  
*Venue TBD*
- 1:45 – 3:00pm **Japanese History and Tradition**  
Guided visit to **Nagoya Castle** by an expert at **Nagoya University**

*As one of the largest castles in the country, Nagoya Castle helped the castle town –Nagoya – grow to become now Japan’s fourth largest city. The visit will offer an opportunity to learn about Japan’s Edo Period, and its influence on contemporary politics and culture, as well as ongoing efforts and challenges to reconstruct the palace and support historic sites.*

*1-1 Honmaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya, Aichi*

3:30 – 5:00pm

**Campaign in District**

Discussion with **The Hon. Motohisa Furukawa (DP)** and visit to the Diet district office

*District Office of The Hon. Motohisa Furukawa, Tokiwa Bldg 2F, 3-8-16 Uchiyama, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, Aichi*

6:00 – 8:00pm

**Closing Dinner: Lessons Learned**

Debrief dinner conversation, led by **The Hon. Diana DeGette**, Co-Chair, The Congressional Study Group on Japan

*Venue TBD*

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

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Morning

Check-out at a hotel

5:30am

Departure from hotel to Nagoya Airport

7:45am

Departure from Chubu Centrair International Airport to Narita Airport (ANA Flight 338)

*1-1 Centrair, Tokoname, Aichi*

8:55am

Arrival at Narita Airport

Morning/Afternoon

Departure from Narita International Airport (NRT) to the United States

Morning/Afternoon

Same-day arrival in DC or home districts

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Invitee List

Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA)  
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)  
Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)  
Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN)  
Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)  
Rep. Billy Long (R-MO)  
Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK)