

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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, 135 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: _____ *or* None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 10/27/17 Return: 10/31/17
b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: WDC Destination: Tokyo, Japan Return city: WDC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Japan Center for Int'l Exchange; JCER
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
Met with Prime Minister Abe, Foreign Minister Kono, and Diet Members about regional security and international trade. Represented the United States at Mt. Fuji Dialogue.
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: _____

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: 11/13/17

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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): Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE);
Japan Center for Economic Research
2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo, Japan
3. Date of Departure: 10/27/17 Date of Return: 10/31/17
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Ami Bera
(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	\$10,320.80	\$1,204.25	\$679.80	\$153.49 (transport to & from IAD)
Accompanying Relative				

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: 

Name: James Gannon Title: Executive Director

Organization: Japan Center for International Exchange

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

Address: 135 West 29th Street, Suite 303
New York, NY 10001

Telephone number: 212-679-4130

Email Address: jgannon@jcie.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.*


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

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

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

Signature: _____



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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Japan Center for International Exchange
& Japan Center for Economic Research
3. Travel destination(s): Tokyo, Japan
4. a. Date of departure: October 27, 2017 Date of return: October 31, 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: _____
(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 Vice-Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and member of US-Japan Caucus, Japan is a strong ally in the region. The Mt Fuji Dialogue will provide the opportunity to meet with Japanese Cabinet and Diet Members, and attend high-level meetings regarding regional security and international trade.

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

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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): Japan Center for International Exchange
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: Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER)
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
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: 10/27/2017 Date of return: 10/31/17
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Tokyo, Japan
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) is the primary sponsor of this congressional delegation, organized in cooperation with the Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER), the non-grantmaking sponsor. JCIE promotes US-Japan dialogue in areas of common concern, and this program runs in conjunction with the Mt. Fuji Dialogue. JCER, as a Japanese nonprofit policy institute, hosts the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, which was launched in 2014 as forum to discuss the current state and future of Japan-US relations.

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:

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): ~\$145

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
The Mt. Fuji Dialogue is being held in Tokyo, which offers the best access to leaders from Japanese government and various sectors of society.

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

Hotel name: Prince Park Tower Hotel City: Tokyo Cost per night: \$377.21
Reason(s) for selecting: On-site location for the conference where they are speaking

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
Reason(s) for selecting: _____

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	see attached	see attached
For each accompanying relative			

	<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		
For each accompanying relative		

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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: 
 Name: James Gannon
 Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Japan Center for International Exchange
 Address: 135 W. 29th Street, New York, NY 10001
 Telephone number: (212) 679-4130
 Email address: jgannon@jcie.org

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NON-GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations 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. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. 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. Name of your organization: Japan Center for Economic Research
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Japan Center for International Exchange
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination) Tokyo, Japan
on (date) 10/27/17-10/31/17 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. Yes No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip. Yes No
5. 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.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. 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: Koki Murai Title: Deputy Executive Secretary

Organization: Japan Center for Economic Research

Address: Nikkei Inc. Buidling, 11F 1-3-7 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8066 JAPAN

Telephone number: 81-3-6256-7710

Email Address: murai@jcer.or.jp

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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 proposed trip to Japan, scheduled for October 27 to 31, 2017, sponsored by the Japan Center for International Exchange and the Japan Center for Economic Research.

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

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Attachment: Travel Details for Individual Invitees

1) Rep. Joaquin Castro

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure: San Antonio, TX

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$10,120

Total Lodging: \$1,150

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Congressman Castro has been invited on this congressional delegation because US-Japan cooperation on security, trade, and other shared challenges is crucial for US foreign policy interests, as well as for the Congressman's district. By strengthening ties with his counterparts in Japan, in addition to having discussions with others in the US-Japan policymaking community through the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the Congressman will build connections that aid in securing and affirming the future of the US-Japan alliance.

Congressman Castro was also invited because of his role as co-chair of the US-Japan Caucus.

2) Rep. Brenda Lawrence

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure: Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$10,120

Total Lodging: \$1,150

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Congresswoman Lawrence has been invited on this congressional delegation because US-Japan cooperation on security, trade, and other shared challenges is crucial for US foreign policy interests, as well as for the Congresswoman's district. By strengthening ties with her counterparts in Japan, in addition to having discussions with others in the US-Japan policymaking community through the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the Congresswoman will build connections that aid in securing and affirming the future of the US-Japan alliance.

Congresswoman Lawrence was also invited because of her membership in the US-Japan Caucus.

3) Rep. Raul Ruiz

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$10,120

Total Lodging: \$1,150

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Congressman Ruiz has been invited on this congressional delegation because US-Japan cooperation on security, trade, and other shared challenges is crucial for US foreign policy interests, as well as for the Congressman's district. By strengthening ties with his counterparts in Japan, in addition to having discussions with others in the US-Japan policymaking community through the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the Congressman will build connections that aid in securing and affirming the future of the US-Japan alliance.

4) Rep. Susan Brooks

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$10,120

Total Lodging: \$1,150

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Congresswoman Brooks has been invited on this congressional delegation because US-Japan cooperation on security, trade, and other shared challenges is crucial for US foreign policy interests, as well as for the Congresswoman's district. By strengthening ties with her counterparts in Japan, in addition to having discussions with others in the US-Japan policymaking community through the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the Congresswoman will build connections that aid in securing and affirming the future of the US- Japan alliance.

5) Rep. Ami Bera

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$10,120

Total Lodging: \$1,150

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Congressman Bera has been invited on this congressional delegation because US-Japan cooperation on security, trade, and other shared challenges is crucial for US foreign policy interests, as well as for the Congressman's district. By strengthening ties with his counterparts in Japan, in addition to having discussions with others in the US-Japan policymaking community through the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the Congressman will build connections that aid in securing and affirming the future of the US-Japan alliance. Congressman Bera was also invited because of his membership in the US-Japan Caucus.

6) Mr. Danny Meza

Date of Departure: October 26, 2017

City of Departure Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$3,220

Total Lodging: \$1,500

Total Meal: \$410

Rationale for Inviting:

Mr. Meza was invited on this program because of the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help him advise his boss on US foreign policy issues. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. This Congressional Delegation and the Mt. Fuji Dialogue will aid Mr. Meza in carrying out his work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as trade and security in Asia, and other shared US-Japan challenges. Additionally, Mr. Meza will be accompanying his boss throughout this trip.

7) Ms. Delia Kashat

Date of Departure: October 27, 2017

City of Departure Washington DC

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

City of Return: Washington DC

Total Expenses:

Total Transportation: \$3,220

Total Lodging: \$1,140

Total Meal: \$320

Rationale for Inviting:

Ms. Kashat was invited on this program because of the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help her advise her boss on US foreign policy issues. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. This Congressional Delegation and the Mt. Fuji Dialogue will aid Ms. Kashat in carrying out his work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as trade and security in Asia, and other shared US-Japan challenges. Additionally, Ms. Kashat will be assisting her boss throughout this trip.

2017 US Congressional Delegation to Japan

October 27-31, 2017

Member Schedule

*TBC

Friday, October 27

12:30 Depart Washington DC (Dulles International Airport)

Saturday, October 28

15:25 Arrive at Narita Airport

18:30-20:30 Mt Fuji Conference Dinner with Tokyo Governor & other key leaders
Hon. Yuriko Koike, Governor, Tokyo

Sunday, October 29

8:00-9:30 Breakfast plenary: Speak as panelists for Mt Fuji Dialogue

9:40-12:00 US-Japan Roundtable with Cabinet Ministers & the senior leadership of the Japanese Diet (*US-Japan security relations, North Korea, trade, etc.*)

Sen. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Education

Rep. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice

Rep. Itsunori Onodera, Minister of Defense*

Rep. Seiji Maehara, President, Democratic Party; former Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Rep. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary

Rep. Seiko Noda, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications; Minister in Charge of Women's Empowerment*

Rep. Akira Amari, former Minister of Economic Revitalization

Rep. Koichiro Genba, former Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Rep. Eisuke Mori, former Minister of Justice

Rep. Akihisa Nagashima, former Deputy Minister of Defense

Rep. Gen Nakatani, former Minister of Defense

Rep. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, former Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare

Sen. Keizo Takemi, former Deputy Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare*

Sen. Kiyohiko Toyama

12:00-13:30 High-level lunch roundtable with CEOs and senior policy experts

14:00-16:00 Site visit: Japan's cutting-edge technology

16:00-18:15 Free time/individual meetings

18:30-20:30 Dinner with leading American foreign policy experts on Asia

Monday, October 30

8:00-9:15 Roundtable with up-and-coming Diet members on US-Japan security and trade relations

9:30-10:30 Briefing panel on US-Japan cooperation on North Korea

11:00-12:00 US Embassy briefing on US-Japan relations

12:30-13:30 Senior business leader lunch on bilateral trade and investment

14:00-15:00 Rising China and US-Japan relations – Expert roundtable

17:00-17:30 Meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

18:30-20:30 Dinner hosted by Foreign Minister Taro Kono

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 Depart hotel for airport

11:00 Depart Narita Airport (ANA #2) – arrive at Dulles at 10:40 am same day

Additional Meetings for those Departing on Thursday, October 26th (Danny Meza)

Thursday, October 26

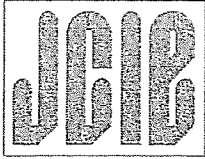
12:30 Depart Washington DC (Dulles International Airport)

Friday, October 27

15:25 Arrive at Narita Airport
16:30-18:00 Travel to the Prince Park Hotel Tokyo
18:00-19:30 Welcome Reception with Prime Minister Abe and the US Ambassador to Japan William Hagerty

Saturday, October 28

8:00-9:30 Breakfast discussion with Japanese policy makers
9:40-9:55 Opening remarks
10:05-11:35 Briefing panel on the Korean Peninsula
11:45-12:45 Luncheon briefing on the Trump Administration
13:00-14:00 Briefing panel on Japan-US-China Relations
14:40-16:10 Briefing panel on TPP 11 and US-Japan FTA
16:20-17:50 Briefing panel on Cyber Security



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September 19, 2017

Honorable Ami Bera
Member
US House of Representatives
1431 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bera,

My colleagues and I would like to invite you to be part of a Congressional delegation traveling to Japan from October 27 (Friday) through October 31 (Tuesday). This will be operated in conjunction with the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, the preeminent policy dialogue convening the top officials, policy experts, and business leaders involved in US-Japan relations, and it comes at a time when the North Korean threat and concerns about the continued US commitment to Asia in light of a rising China make it particularly important for leaders in Japan—our closest Asian ally—to hear from Congressional members like yourself.

The visit program will include high-level meetings with the country's top leadership on national security, trade, and other shared challenges in US-Japan relations, as well as several special events organized around the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, including a roundtable with key Cabinet Members and other senior leaders in the Diet.

As part of this, we would like to ask you to speak during the conference's plenary session on a public panel alongside your other Congressional colleagues in the delegation.

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), a NY-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the primary sponsor of the trip, which will be organized in cooperation with the Japan Center for Economic Research, the Japanese nonprofit policy institute that hosts the Mt. Fuji Dialogue. We will cover all permissible travel, lodging, and meeting expenses during the program.

As background, JCIE has been operating legislative exchanges since 1968. During that time, more than 1,000 American and Japanese political leaders have traveled on our programs to one another's countries for bipartisan, off-the-record dialogues with their counterparts. Now, with all that is happening in the region, this type of dialogue with our close ally is more important than ever.

I am attaching more information and a program agenda. We hope you will consider joining us for this important program.

Sincerely,

James Gannon
Executive Director

2017 US Congressional Delegation to Japan

October 27–31, 2017

Schedule

Friday, October 27

- 7:10 Rep. Joaquin Castro departs San Antonio (UA5612)
12:20 Rep. Ami Bera departs Washington DC (NH1)

Saturday, October 28

- 15:20 Rep. Castro arrives at Narita Airport (UA#32)
15:25 Rep. Bera arrives at Narita Airport (NH#1)
15:50~17:00 Travel to Tokyo
17:15 Check-in to Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Mt Fuji Dialogue Meetings: *Saturday dinner and Sunday morning meetings are held as part of the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, which convenes approximately 180 senior Japanese and Americans leaders and experts. JCER is the main organizer of the Mt Fuji Dialogue.*

18:30–20:30 **Mt Fuji Conference Dinner** [B2 Convention Hall, Prince Hotel]

Keynote: Hon. Yuriko Koike, Governor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Toast: John Hamre, President, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); former US Deputy Secretary of State

This dinner marks the end of Day 1 for the Mt. Fuji Dialogue. (There is a reception beforehand at 5:50~6:30 pm which you are welcome to join, too, if you arrive in time.) Tokyo Governor Koike, who gives the keynote address, has been in the news after founding a political party, the “Party of Hope,” that unsuccessfully opposed Prime Minister Abe in the October 22 elections.

Sunday, October 29

7:55 Arrive for breakfast in Convention Hall (B2 - 2nd basement level)

8:00–9:30 **Breakfast Panel featuring US Congressional Members**

[B2 Convention Hall, Prince Hotel]

Speakers:

Hon. Ami Bera, Member, US House of Representatives

Hon. Joaquin Castro, Member, US House of Representatives

Moderator

Demetri Sevastopulo, Washington Bureau Chief, Financial Times

Introduced by

Tsuyoshi Sunohara, COO, Mt Fuji Dialogue, JCER; Managing Executive Officer, *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (Nikkei)

Cabinet members & Diet members in attendance

Hon. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Member, House of Councillors (Liberal Democratic Party - LDP)

Hon. Itsunori Onodera, Minister of Defense; Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Hon. Akira Amari, Member, House of Representatives; former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (LDP)

Hon. Akihisa Nagashima, Member, House of Representatives; former Deputy Minister of Defense (Party of Hope)

Hon. Gen Nakatani, Member, House of Representatives; former Minister of Defense (LDP)

Hon. Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors (LDP); Chair, LDP Policy Board of the House of Councillors

Hon. Kenji Wakamiya, Member, House of Representatives; former State Minister of Defense (LDP)

This plenary session convenes all of the conference attendees and we appreciate your serving as speakers. A separate memo outlines the speaking arrangements.

9:40–12:30

US-Japan Legislative Roundtable

9:40–11:30

Parliamentary dialogue (US-Japan security, trade, North Korea, China etc.)

11:30–12:30

High-level Lunch Roundtable

Hon. Akira Amari, Member, House of Representatives; Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (Liberal Democratic Party - LDP)

Richard Armitage, former US Deputy Secretary of State

John Hamre, President, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); former US Deputy Secretary of Defense

Hon. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice; Member, House of Representatives (LDP)

Tsuneo Kita, Chairman and Group CEO, Nikkei, Inc.

Yoshihiko Miyauchi, Senior Chairman, Orix

Japan Murren, Chairman & CEO, MGM Resorts International

Hon. Gen Nakatani, Member, House of Representatives; former Minister of Defense (LDP)

Hon. Akihisa Nagashima, Member, House of Representatives; former Deputy Minister of Defense (Party of Hope)

Yoshiji Nogami, President, Japanese Institute of International Affairs; former Japanese Ambassador to the United Kingdom

Joseph S. Nye, Jr., University Distinguished Service Professor, Harvard University

Gary Roughead, former Chief of Naval Operations, US Navy

J. Thomas Schieffer, former US Ambassador to Japan
Hon. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Member, House of Representatives (LDP),
former Minister of Health, Labour, and Welfare
James Steinberg, former US Deputy Secretary of State
Hon. Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors (LDP); Chair,
LDP Policy Board of the House of Councillors

This meeting will convene senior legislators along with policy experts and business leaders for a discussion on key security and economic issues in US-Japan relations. The Japanese group will be chaired by Rep. Akira Amari, one of the most senior legislators in the ruling LDP and Abe's former Economy Minister.

Congressional Delegation Visit Program: *The Mt. Fuji Dialogue closes after Sunday lunch, and the subsequent meetings are organized by JCIE.*

- 13:00–14:30 Travel by minibus to Tsukuba Science City
- 14:30–15:30 **Cyberdyne HAL [Hybrid Assistive Limb]: Site Visit on Japan's Cutting-edge Technology**
Yoshiyuki Sankai, President & CEO, Cyberdyne; Professor, University of Tsukuba
Cyberdyne has pioneered a wearable robotic exoskeleton termed HAL [Hybrid Assistive Limb] which assists human movements. It can be used to help people with nerve or muscle disorders learn to walk again, and it also augments workers physical movements—including those involved in caregiving and heavy manual labor—by allowing them to lift more weight.
- 15:30–17:00 Return by minibus to Tokyo
- 17:00–18:45 Free time
- 18:45 Meet in lobby to depart for dinner
- 19:00–21:00 **Dinner with Senior Diet Members** [Chinese Restaurant Fureika]
Hon. Shintaro Ito, Member, House of Representatives (LDP); former State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Member, House of Representatives (LDP), former Minister of Health, Labour, and Welfare
Hon. Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors (LDP); Chair, LDP Policy Board of the House of Councillors
Three senior Diet members will take part in this informal dinner discussion. Yasuhisa Shiozaki stepped down as Health Minister in August 2017, and is particularly close to Prime Minister Abe, serving as his chief cabinet secretary (analogous to White House Chief of Staff) through his first term, from 2006 to 2007. Keizo Takemi initially was a foreign policy specialist focusing on security issues, but as a

Diet member he has become Japan's most prominent figure in the field of global health. Shintaro Ito represents Miyagi Prefecture, which was heavily damaged in the 2011 tsunami.

Monday, October 30

- 7:45–9:15 **Roundtable with Up-and-Coming Diet Members on US-Japan Security and Trade Relations** [Japanese Restaurant Shibazakura, B1F]
Hon. Kenzo Fujisue, Member, House of Councillors (Independent)
Hon. Yukihisa Fujita, Member, House of Councillors (Democratic Party-DP)
Hon. Hiroe Makiyama, Member, House of Councillors (DP)
Hon. Keitaro Ohno, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)
Hon. Masahiko Shibayama, Member, House of Representatives (LDP); former Special Advisor to the Prime Minister
Hon. Keisuke Suzuki, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)
Hon. Miki Yamada, Member, House of Representatives (LDP)
The breakfast roundtable brings together mainly up-and-coming Diet members in their 40s and 50s who are emerging as key players on the political scene. (Please note this will be a Japanese style breakfast, i.e., fish, rice, etc.)
- 10:00–10:40 **Consultations on Future of US-Japan Legislative Exchange**

Satohiro Akimoto, Washington Representative, Mt. Fuji Dialogue; CEO, Washington Insights
James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA
Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, JCIE/Japan
Koki Murai, Mt. Fuji Dialogue, JCER
Tsuyoshi Sunohara, COO, Mt Fuji Dialogue, JCER; Managing Executive Officer, *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (Nikkei)
- 10:40 Depart for Prime Minister's Office
- 11:20–11:40 **Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** [Prime Minister's Office]
Hon. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan
Hon. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary; Member, House of Representatives
- 12:00–13:30 **Lunch Discussion: US-Japan Cooperation on North Korea** [Ark Hills Club]
Hitoshi Tanaka, Chairman, Institute for International Strategy (IIS), Japan Research Institute, Ltd; Senior Fellow, JCIE; Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan
One of the Japan's most insightful thinkers about global affairs, Hitoshi Tanaka rose up through the foreign ministry to become Prime Minister Koizumi's most trusted foreign policy strategist. He became famous for the secret negotiations that he conducted with a top North

Korean leader known as “Mr. X” to lay the groundwork for Koizumi’s 2002 visit to Pyongyang to attempt rapprochement with Kim Jong-Il.

- 13:45–14:30 **Rising China and US-Japan relations** [Asia Pacific Initiative Offices]
Yoichi Funabashi, President of Asia Pacific Initiative; former Editor-in-Chief, *Asahi Shimbun Newspaper*
Yoichi Funabashi, one of Japan’s leading public intellectuals, is founder and head of the foreign policy institute, Asia Pacific Initiative. He previously was editor-in-chief of the Asahi Shimbun, one of Japan’s leading daily newspapers and analogous to the NY Times in terms of prestige and ideological leaning.
- 15:00-15:15 **Foreign Minister Taro Kono** [Ministry of Foreign Affairs]
Hon. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Member, House of Representatives
Taro Kono was named foreign minister in an August 2017 cabinet reshuffle. The prime minister will install a new cabinet after reconvening the Diet on November 1, and it is widely understood that Kono and the other current senior ministers will be reappointed.
- 15:30-16:00 **Meeting with US Ambassador to Japan** [US Embassy]
Hon. William F. Hagerty IV, US Ambassador to Japan
- 16:30 Take minibus to Takeda Pharmaceutical Offices
- 17:00–18:00 **Senior Business Leaders on US-Japan Trade and Investment** [Takeda Pharmaceutical Co.]
Yasuchika Hasegawa, Advisor, Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.; former Chairman, Japan Association of Corporate Executives [Keizai Doyukai], Asia Pacific Chairman, Trilateral Commission
Akinari Horii, Special Advisor, Canon Institute for Global Studies; former Assistant Governor, Bank of Japan
Yasuchika Hasegawa, a long-time CEO of Takeda Pharmaceuticals, served as chair of the Keizai Doyukai [Japan Association of Corporate Executives], one of the country’s two leading business associations, from 2011 until 2014. Akinari Horii is an expert on monetary policy who served as a central banker for three decades.
- 18:30–20:30 **Dinner with Next Generation of Japanese Foreign Policy Experts** [Mikasa-kaikan, Ginza]
Ryo Sahashi, Associate Professor of International Politics, Kanagawa University; Research Fellow, JCIE
Michito Tsuruoka, Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University
Chikako Ueki, Professor of International Relations, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University

The dinner will bring together young experts who focus on Japan's relations with the United States, China, and Korea. These experts already have served as members of various government commissions and will play key roles in guiding Japan's foreign policy debate in the next 10–20 years.

Tuesday, October 31

8:00	Depart hotel for airport
10:40	Depart Narita Airport (ANA #2) – arrive at Dulles at 10:15 am same day