



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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-81 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: Greg Walden
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Mylene Walden OR None ☐  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 02/14/2020 Return: 02/23/2020  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 02/14, 02/23 OR None ☐
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Tokyo, Japan Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): see attached agenda.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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** the *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 attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box:** ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER  
2020 MAR -4 AM 1:10  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

Member / Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Greg Walden*

Date: 03/03/2020

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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 ten 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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: US Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan

3. Date of Departure: February 15, 2020 Date of Return: February 22, 2020

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Greg Walden and Mrs. Mylene Walden

*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 Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$10,230.19	\$1,362.16	\$1,038.38	\$627.63 (interpreter, room rental fee, local guide, bag shipping fee)
Accompanying Family Member	\$10,230.19	\$1,362.16	\$982.93	\$627.63 (interpreter, room rental fee, local guide, bag shipping fee)

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 Date: March 2, 2020

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: US 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 901, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-507-4849 Email: 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

1. Name of Traveler: Greg Walden
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Japan
4. a. Date of Departure: 02/14/2020 Date of Return: 02/23/2020  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 02/14, 02/23
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Mylene Walden  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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.**  
This FMC trip to Japan is particularly focused on security, energy, environment, and trade. These topics are relevant to my role as Energy & Commerce Ranking Member, and it is important that I engage with my Japanese counterparts on these issues of bilateral interest.
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member

Greg Walden

Date

1/10/20





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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 website ([ethics.house.gov](http://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 the attached addendum and invitee list.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of Departure: 02/15/2020 Date of Return: 02/22/2020
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC; Except for Rep. DeGette & Pingree (NYC); Rep./Mrs Barr & Quigley (Chicago)  
b. Destination(s): Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto  
c. City of return: Washington DC; Except Rep. Pingree (NYC); Rep./Mrs Barr & Quigley (Chicago)
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_





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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:**
- 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. *Not Applicable.* 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 addendum.
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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: Chartered Bus)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☒ (specify: Chartered Bus)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- To transport travel participants between airport, hotel, and meeting sites.
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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. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- 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
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- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please see attached addendum.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hotel New Otani Tokyo City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: \$278/ Single; \$
- Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting sites access to public transit, and comfort of accomodation
- Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Kyoto City: Kyoto Cost Per Night: \$306 single; \$
- Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting sites access to public transit, 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:* ☒





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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached page	See attached page	\$1000
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached page	See attached page	\$1000

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$600	Interpreters, guide, insurance, room fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$600	Interpreters, guide, insurance, room fee

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19. Check only one:

a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: ☒ OR

b. Not Applicable. Trip 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 Date: 1/08/2020

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Chief Operating Officer

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

Address: 1401 K St. NW Suite 901, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 507-4849

Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

**Committee on Ethics**

U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392





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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 (*check and 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: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. **Check only 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:  Date: January 08, 2020

Name: Dr. Satoshiro Akimoto Title: Chairman and President

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

Telephone: (202) 296-6694 Email: jdoscher@spfusa.org

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

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February 11, 2020

The Honorable Greg Walden  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2185 Rayburn 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,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February 14 to 23, 2020, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

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 and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

## The Congressional Study Groups

### 2020 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, February 15, 2020 to Saturday, February 22, 2020

Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan

Last Update: 3/2/2020 3:15 PM | Meeting partners subject to change

#### Hotels

##### **Hotel New Otani Tokyo**

4-1 Kioi-cho  
Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo 102-8578  
Tel: +81-3-3265-1111

##### **Hyatt Regency Kyoto**

644-2 Sanjusangendo-mawari,  
Higashiyama-ku  
Kyoto 605-0941  
Tel: +81-75-541-3161

#### Friday, February 14, 2020

*<Travel Day>*

**11:05am (EST)** Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Narita Airport via NH0001 [Walden]

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020

*<Travel Day>*

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

**10:00am (CST)** Departure from Chicago O'Hare ORD to Narita Airport via NH0011 [Baird, Barr, Quigley]

**10:45am (EST)** Departure from New York JFK to Narita Airport via NH0009 [DeGette, Pingree]

**11:05am (EST)** Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport to Narita Airport via NH0001 [Bucshon, Reed, Sanchez]

**3:25 pm (JST)** NH0001 Arrival in Narita Airport Terminal 1 [Walden]

#### Sunday, February 16, 2020 *<Casual Attire>*

**2:20 pm (JST)** NH0011 Arrival in Narita Airport Terminal 1 [Baird, Barr, Quigley]

**3:00pm (JST)** NH0009 Arrival at Narita Airport Terminal 1 [DeGette, Pingree]



**3:25pm (JST)** NH0005 Arrival in Narita Airport Terminal 1  
[Buchshon, Reed, Sanchez]

**Late afternoon** Check-in at a hotel

**6:30 – 8:30pm** Informal Dinner

*Hyunki Akasaka, 3-12-7 Akasaka Social Bldg. 2F*

**Monday, February 17, 2020 – Tokyo**

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**8:00 – 9:00am** **SPF Welcome Breakfast**  
Breakfast discussion with **Ms. Junko Chano, Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation**

- Overview on current US-Japan Relations establishing a foundational understanding of the bilateral relationship
- 50 minutes dedicated to discussion (breakfast served at 7:45am)

*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**9:20 – 9:40am** Bus ride from hotel to next meeting

**9:45 – 11:00am** **Visit to Takeda Pharmaceuticals Tokyo Headquarters**  
Discussion with President and CEO **Christophe Weber** on **Takeda Pharmaceuticals** Global R&D Strategies and their Corporate Responsibility Programs

*2-1-1, Nibonbashi-Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo*

**11:15 – 11:45am** Bus ride from Takeda Pharmaceuticals to next meeting

**12:00 – 2:00pm** **Japan in Regional and Global Affairs: Perspectives from Journalists**  
Luncheon discussion with Tokyo-based journalists **Ms. Aiko Doden, NHK News**, and **Mr. Rich Motoko, the New York Times**

- Roundtable discussion from the media's perspective on the United States foreign policy positions with Japan.
- 1.5 hours dedicated to discussion.

*Akasaka Tendan, 4-3-6 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**2:15 – 2:45pm** Bus ride from lunch to next meeting



- 3:30 – 5:00pm**      **Respect toward history and the culture of Japan: The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism**  
 Visit to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, and tour guided by priest
- 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.*
- 1-1 Yoyogikamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo*
- 5:10 – 5:30pm**      Bus ride from Meiji Jingu Shrine back to hotel
- 6:15 – 7:00pm**      Bus ride from hotel to dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00pm**      Discussion with **H.E. Taro Kono, Minister of Defense**
- Taikan En, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

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**Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Tokyo**

- 8:00 – 9:30am**      **<In Depth> Women's Roundtable: Demographics of a Super-Aging Society**  
 Breakfast discussion with experts, including **Ms. Nobuko Sasae**, Wife of Former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Kenichiro Sasae, **Ms. Yumiko Murakami**, Head, OECD Tokyo Centre, **Ms. Hiromi Murakami**, Founder, Japan Institute for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (JSIE)
- 1.25 hours dedicated to discussion
- Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 9:45 – 10:00am**      Bus ride from hotel to next meeting
- 10:15 – 11:30am**      **US Embassy Country Briefing**  
 Meeting with the U.S. CDA to Japan
- U.S. Embassy – Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 11:30 – 11:45am**      Bus ride from US Embassy to next meeting
- 12:00 – 1:30pm**      **Foreigners in Japan 101: Expectation and Reality**  
 Lunch discussion with Patrick Harlan, commentator, lecturer at Tokyo Institute of Technology

- 1.5 hours dedicated to discussion

*Akasaka Tsutsui, 22-24 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**1:30 – 2:00pm** Bus ride from lunch to next meeting

**2:00 – 3:00pm** **Institutional Understanding of The Nippon Foundation**  
Discussion with **Mr. Yohei Sasawaka, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation**

*The Nippon Foundation, The Nippon Zaidan Building 1-2-2 Akasaka, Minato-ku Tokyo*

**3:00 – 3:15pm** Bus ride from the Nippon Foundation to next meeting

**3:30 – 4:15pm** Courtesy Call with **H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan**

*Prime Minister's Residence, 2-3-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**5:10 – 5:30pm** Bus ride from Kantei back to hotel

**6:15 – 7:00pm** Bus ride from hotel to dinner

**7:00 – 9:00pm** Informal Dinner

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**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Tokyo**

**8:00 – 9:30am** **Bilateral Trade and Economy**  
Breakfast discussion with the leadership of **CSGJ Business Advisory Council**, including **Aflac, Hitachi, ITOCHU, Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Mitsui, MUFG, Sojitz**

- 1.25 hours dedicated to discussion

*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**10:00am – 12:00pm** **<In Depth> Olympic Ordeals: Preparing for Tokyo 2020**  
Discussion with Representative officials from the Secretariat of the Headquarters for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Cabinet Secretariat

*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**12:00 – 12:45pm** Bus ride from hotel to next meeting



- 1:00 – 3:00pm** Informal Lunch  
*Tofuya Ukai, 4-4-13 Shiba-Koen, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 3:00 – 3:50pm** Bus ride from lunch to next meeting
- 4:00 – 4:20pm** **Governing 13 Million Citizens**  
Meeting with the Governor of Tokyo **Governor Yuriko Koike**  
*Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building, 2-8-1 Nishishinkuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo*
- 4:30 – 5:20pm** Bus ride from Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building to next meeting
- 5:30 – 6:45pm** **Sustaining the U.S.-Japan Relationship**  
Congress to Diet legislative exchange with **Members of the Japanese Diet**
- An opportunity for Congressional Lawmakers to meet with their Japanese counterparts. Purpose is for relationship building and exchange of ideas that may be meaningful in a respective Member's committee assignment.
- Sasakawa Peace Foundation, 1-15-16 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 7:00 – 7:20pm** Bus ride from Sasakawa Peace Foundation to dinner
- 7:30 – 9:00pm** **Understanding Regional Dynamics**  
Discussion with **Amb. Shinsuke Sugiyama of Japan**, Japanese Ambassador to the US, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Brief introduction of the Ambassador, including his background and current assignment, conversation on his experience working in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.
- Rokuhara, 4-2-2 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Kyoto**

**<Travel Day>**

- 8:30am – 12:30pm** **<In Depth> Future of Infrastructure and Transportation**  
(Spouses invited) Meeting with **Mr. Torkel Patterson, Director**, from **Central Japan Rail** and Cockpit Tour of Shinkansen by **Mr. Naohisa Kitada, Manager**
- 3.5 hours dedicated to discussion
- 12:30 – 1:00pm** Bento Box Lunch on Shinkansen
- 1:15 – 1:45pm** Bus ride from Kyoto Station to next meeting

- 2:00 – 3:00pm**  
(Spouses invited)      **Understanding and Appreciating Chado**  
Visit and experience the **Urasenke Konnichian** Japanese Tea Ceremony
- Better understanding Japanese culture and society through their native traditions.
  - Urasenke has long been active in promoting worldwide understanding and appreciation of chado, so that the spirit of this 'way' can help bring true peace to all people
- 682 Teranouchi Tate-cho, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto*
- 4:15 – 4:45pm**      Bus ride from Urasenke Konnichian to next visit
- 3:30 – 4:30pm**      Visit to **Kinkaku-ji** Temple
- 1 Kinkakujji-cho, Kita-ku, Kyoto*
- 4:15 – 4:45pm**      Bus ride from Kinkaku-ji to hotel
- 6:30 – 7:00pm**      Bus ride from hotel to dinner
- 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
(Spouses invited)      **US-Japan Relations: What Comes After 2020 Presidential Election?**  
Dinner discussion with **Professors Prof. Koji Murata and Prof. Asuka Matsumoto of Doshisha University**
- 1.5 hours dedicated to discussion
  - The discussion will focus on the US Presidential election and its potential impacts on the US-Japan Relationship
- Saami, 7-3 Maruyama-koen, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto*

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**Friday, February 21, 2020 – Kyoto**

- 8:30 – 9:30am**  
(Spouses invited)      **Breakfast with Local Chocolate Company Dari K**  
Breakfast discussion with **Mr. Keiichi Yoshino, Dari K CEO and President**
- Opportunity to meet with CEO and President of local small business
  - Learn about their fair trade and environmentally friendly production and trade practices
- Hyatt Regency Kyoto, 644-2 Sanjusangendo-mawari, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto*
- 9:45 – 10:00am**      Bus ride from Toji Temple to next meeting
- 10:00 – 11:30am**      **Merging Traditional Craft with the Modern World**



(Spouses invited)	<p>Visit to the House of HOSOO, a Kyoto traditional fabric maker, and discussion on incorporating Kyoto's rich craft history into the modern business world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HOSOO is a Kyoto-based textile company founded in 1688 and specializes in superior quality fabrics for high-end interior and fashion design. Showcases how traditional practices maintained their original integrity while fully integrating itself in the global marketplace.</li> </ul> <p><i>House of HOSOO, 752 Bisyamon-cho Kuromon-dori Motoseiganji sagaru, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 602-8227</i></p>
<b>11:30 – 11:45am</b>	Bus ride from House of HOSOO to next meeting
<b>11:45am – 2:30pm</b> (Spouses invited)	<p><b>Local Commerce Meets the Global Economy</b></p> <p>Visit to the <b>Toji Temple Koba-san</b> with lunch by market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An opportunity to engage with the local community, allowing the delegation to fully immerse themselves to native cultures.</li> <li>First-hand experience of a major Japanese city, outside of Tokyo, attempting to revitalize their local economy</li> </ul> <p><i>1 Kujicho, Minami-ku, Kyoto</i></p>
<b>2:30 – 3:00pm</b>	Bus ride from Toji Temple to next meeting
<b>3:00 – 5:00pm</b> (Spouses invited)	<p>Visit to <b>Suntory Yamazaki Distillery</b> whiskey distillery and discussion with <b>Mr. Kosuke Kihara</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion will focus on the globalization of Suntory's brand, and the impact of Japanese Foreign Direct Investment into the US. The tour will focus on how the Japanese incorporated techniques from around the world to develop their world class whiskey, and how this sector influences the greater technological cooperation between the US and Japan.</li> </ul> <p><i>5-2-1 Yamazaki, Shimamoto-cho, Mishima-gun, Osaka</i></p>
<b>5:10 – 6:00pm</b>	Bus ride from Distillery to dinner
<b>6:00 – 8:00pm</b> (Spouses invited)	<p><b>Closing Dinner – Lessons Learned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working dinner reflecting on the past week. Discussing what was most impactful, least impactful, etc. on the trip. Will take 2 hours.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tempura Endo Kyoto Gion, 5-6-6 Komatsu-chuo, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto</i></p>

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 – Kyoto**

**<Travel Day>**

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**Everybody Except DeGette and Walden**

- 5:30am** Check out and departure from the hotel
- 7:50am** Departure from Itami Airport (ITM) via NH2176  
[Bucshon, Reed, Sanchez]
- 8:00am** Departure from Itami Airport (ITM) via NH0016  
[Baird, Barr, Quigley, Pingree]
- 9:05am** Arrival at Narita Airport (NRT)  
[Bucshon, Reed, Sanchez]
- 9:10am** Arrival at Haneda Airport (HND)  
[Baird, Barr, Quigley, Pingree]
- 10:20am** Departure from Haneda Airport to New York JFK via NH0110  
[Pingree]
- 10:25am** Departure from Haneda Airport to Chicago O'Hare ORD via NH0112  
[Baird, Barr, Quigley]
- 10:55am** Departure from Narita Airport to Washington Dulles International Airport via  
NH0002  
[Bucshon, Reed, Sanchez]

**DeGette and Walden**

- 9:30am** Check out and departure from the hotel



## 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 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 2020 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 2020 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.

**Osaka** is the second largest metropolitan area in Japan. The program in Osaka includes a visit to Osaka University which will provide Members an opportunity to engage with students. Meeting with the Prefectural Governor will allow the delegation to learn about regional issues and efforts to revitalize the economy. Additionally, a visit to Osaka Castle, one of the largest castles in Japan, will provide a historical background of the Castle's role in unifying Japan during 16<sup>th</sup> century.

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### Total Transportation Expenses per Participant:

\$9,963.35: Rep. Larry Bucshon and Mrs. Bucshon

\$10,300.43: Rep. Diana DeGette

\$10,406.43: Rep. Tom Reed and Mrs. Reed

\$8,611.05: Rep. Quigley and Mrs. Quigley

\$10,721.73: Rep. Greg Walden and Mrs. Walden

\$10,900.00: Rep. Andy Barr and Mrs. Barr; Rep. Jim Baird and Mrs. Baird; Rep. Chellie Pingree, Rep. Linda Sanchez

### Total Lodging Expenses per Participant:

\$1,723.88: Rep. DeGette, Rep. Sanchez, Rep. Pingree, and Rep. Gonzalez-Colon

\$1,802 (per couple): Rep. Walden/Mrs. Walden, Rep. Barr/Mrs. Barr, Rep. Baird/Mrs. Baird, Rep. Quigley/Mrs. Quigley, Rep. Bucshon/Mrs. Buchson



# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

## The Congressional Study Groups

November 6, 2019

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), and The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ), it gives us great pleasure to invite you and your spouse to participate in our 7th Annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan. **The 2020 Member Study Tour to Japan, led by CSGJ Co-Chair Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Republican Party Lead Larry Bucshon (R-IN), is set for February 15-22 and will travel to Tokyo and Osaka.** Although the official congressional calendar will not be out for another couple of months, we have once again picked the President's Day recess week which has been a recess week for the last several years. We hope you will be able to pencil it in on your calendar, should you be interested.

2019 has been a historical year for the U.S.-Asia relationship. Japan turned a page in their history books, welcoming a new Era in their monarchy, and welcomed President Trump as the 'Reiwa Era's' first state visit. 2020 marks one year after the historic summit between American and North Korean leaders, the President met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un at the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), marking the first time a sitting president has stepped foot on North Korean soil. Despite these momentous instances, the U.S.-Asia relationship still faces bilateral trade talks, heavy tariffs, and nuclear threats. These represent some of many policy concerns that Members of Congress must face, while seeking to further American interests in the region. The 2020 Member Study Tour therefore provides a timely opportunity for U.S. lawmakers, Japanese legislators, and other meeting partners to discuss and reflect on the issues, such as

- security (North Korea, defense cooperation, China, cybersecurity)
- environment (natural disasters and state response, rising sea levels)
- trade and the economy (TPP-11, RCEP, bilateral trade agreement, FDI)
- timely topics (automation, demographic change, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics)

Since our inaugural delegation in 2014, The Congressional Study Group on Japan has taken approximately three dozens Members of Congress to Japan. Each group had the pleasure of meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. We will continue our tradition of meeting with 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 2019) enclosed for your reference.

We have funding for eight Members and a limited number of spouses and will provide business-class airfare through All Nippon Airways. 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.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Sabine Schleidt, Chief Operating Officer, at 202-507-4849 or [SSchleidt@usafmc.org](mailto:SSchleidt@usafmc.org). Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

Hon. Martin Frost (D-TX, 1979-2005)  
FMC President

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



The Congressional Study Group on Japan  
2020 Member Study Tour to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, Japan  
Saturday, February 15, 2020 to Saturday, February 22, 2020

Invitee List

Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)  
Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY)  
Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA)  
Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)  
Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)  
Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)  
Rep. Denver Riggleman (R-TX)  
Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)  
Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN)  
Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY)



# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

## The Congressional Study Groups

### 2020 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, February 15, 2020 to Saturday, February 22, 2020

Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, Japan

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#### Hotels

##### **Hotel New Otani Tokyo**

4-1 Kioi-cho  
Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo 102-8578  
Tel: +81-3-3265-1111

##### **Hyatt Regency Kyoto**

644-2 Sanjusangendo-mawari,  
Higashiyama-ku  
Kyoto 605-0941  
Tel: +81-75-541-3161

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020

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**All-day** Departure with a shuttle from Local airports to Narita (NRT)

#### Sunday, February 16, 2020 <Casual Attire>

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**Afternoon** Arrival in Narita

**Late afternoon** Check-in at a hotel

**6:30 – 8:30pm** Informal Dinner

*Nobu – Tokyo*  
*4-1-28 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

#### Monday, February 17, 2020 – Tokyo

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**8:00 – 9:00am** **SPF Welcome Breakfast**  
Breakfast discussion with **Ms. Junko Chano, Executive Director,**  
**Sasakawa Peace Foundation**  
*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**9:45 – 11:00am** **Visit to Takeda Pharmaceuticals Tokyo Headquarters**  
*1-1, Nibonbashi-Honcho 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo*

**12:00 – 2:00pm** **US – Japan Legislative Exchange**  
Lunch discussion with **Members of the Japanese Diet** in the Japanese  
National Diet Building

**3:30 – 5:00pm** **Respect toward history and the culture of Japan: The Influence of**

## **Buddhism and Shintoism**

Visit to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, and tour guided by priest

*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.*

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

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

Open slot for official meetings such as  
Meeting with **Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi**  
Meeting with **Defense Minister Taro Kono**  
Meeting with **H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan**

## **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Tokyo**

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**8:00 – 9:30am**

### **<In Depth> Women's Roundtable**

Breakfast discussion with experts, including **Ms. Nobuko Sasae**, Wife of Former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. **Kenichiro Sasae**, **Ms. Yumiko Murakami**, Head, OECD Tokyo Centre, **Ms. Hiromi Murakami**, Founder, Japan Institute for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (JSIE)

*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

**10:15 – 11:30am**

### **US Embassy Country Briefing**

Meeting with the U.S. CDA to Japan

**12:00 – 2:00pm**

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

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

**3:00 – 5:00pm**

Open slot for official meetings such as  
Meeting with **Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi**  
Meeting with **Defense Minister Taro Kono**  
Meeting with **H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan**

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

Open slot for official meetings such as  
Meeting with **Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi**  
Meeting with **Defense Minister Taro Kono**  
Meeting with **H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan**



Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – Tokyo

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- 8:00 – 9:30am      **Bilateral Trade and Economy**  
Breakfast discussion with the leadership of **CSGJ Business Advisory Council**  
*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 10:00am – 12:00pm      **<In Depth> Olympic Ordeals: Preparing for Tokyo 2020**  
Discussion with Representative officials for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games  
*Lapis L Room (16F), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 1:00 – 3:00pm      **Japan in the Multilateral Cooperation**  
Lunch discussion with **Amb. Peter Tan Hai Chuan** of Singapore
- 5:30 – 6:45pm      **Sustaining the U.S.-Japan Relationship**  
Networking reception with **Members of the Japanese Diet**

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Kyoto

<Travel Day>

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- 9:00 – 9:45am      **Integrating High Speed Rail into the US**  
Briefing by executives from **Central Japan Railway Company** on
- 10:30am – 1:00pm      **Future of Infrastructure and Transportation**  
On-Board Briefings and Cockpit Tour of Shinkansen
- 2:00 – 4:00pm      **Spirituality and Zen in the Modern World**  
Discussion with **Reverend Takafumi Kawakami** and tour of **Kinkaku-ji**
- 6:00 – 8:00pm      **Japan Overview: Politics and Economy**  
Dinner discussion with **Professors (Prof. Koji Murata of Doshisha University and Prof. Hiroshi Nakahishi of Kyoto University)**

Friday, February 21, 2020 – Osaka

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- 9:00 – 11:00am      **Engaging with the Next Generation**  
Discussion with PhD students from **Osaka University**
- 12:00 – 1:30pm      **Welcome to Osaka**  
Meeting with Mayor of Osaka **Ichiro Matsui**
- 2:00 – 3:30pm      **Visit Osaka Castle**  
*Osaka Castle served as a key staging point for the Edo unification in the 1600's, that essentially created modern-day Japan. Along with an explanation of the historical importance of the castle, our travelers will have discussions about how the unification of the*

*country led to the eventual creation of the Diet and the representative parliamentary republic that Japan is currently. There will also be discussions about the historical goals of various Japanese political entities and where the entities of today would like to move Japan, politically, financially and culturally.*

**4:30 – 6:00pm** Visit to **Suntory Yamazaki Distillery** whiskey distillery and discussion with **Beam Suntory Inc. executives**

**7:00 – 9:00pm** **Closing Dinner – Lessons Learned with FMC Staff**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 – Osaka**

**<Travel Day>**

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**Morning** Departure from Osaka Itami Airport to Narita Airport

Arrival at Narita Airport (NRT)

**All-day** Departure from Narita Airport to local airports in US