



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, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), 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: \_\_\_\_\_
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Return: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None
4. Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ Return City: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - 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:

**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: 

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



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

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: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

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



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## TRAVELER FORM

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

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Darren Soto

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: *Darren Soto*

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

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 2353 Rayburn House Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-9889

Email Address of Contact Person: Dilenny.reyes@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 on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

*Darren Soto*



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Darren Soto
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Tokyo, Japan and Kyoto, Japan
4. a. Date of Departure: May 28, 2022 Date of Return: June 4, 2022  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Amanda Soto  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  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)?  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*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.**  
Rep. Soto is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee whose jurisdiction includes energy and the healthcare system, specifically pandemic preventative public health care. Also as a member of the U.S. - Japan Congressional Caucus, Rep. Soto is dedicated to continue learning about collaborative common issues including trade, foreign direct investment, regional stability, military cooperation, energy, technological development, and the environment.
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
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

Darren Soto

Date 04/27/2022



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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:
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:
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):
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of return: \_\_\_\_\_
7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_
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; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - 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:
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 the 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):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 the 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 type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schlicht Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**

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

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)





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May 24, 2022

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2342 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 May 28 to June 4, 2022, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 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 \$415] 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. 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,



Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman



Jackie Walorski  
Ranking Member

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# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

## The Congressional Study Groups

### 2022 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan Agenda for Members of Congress

Saturday, May 28, 2022 to Saturday, June 4, 2022

Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan

Last Update: 6/16/2022 2:38 AM | Meeting partners subject to change

#### Hotels

Hotel Okura Tokyo  
2 Chome-10-4 Toranomom,  
Minato City, Tokyo  
105-0001, Japan

Hyatt Regency Kyoto  
644-2 Sanjusangendomawari,  
Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto,  
605-0941, Japan

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**[Travel Day]**

Delegation's departure from the U.S. (respective airports) to Tokyo, Japan (NRT)

**Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon**  
**Rep. John Curtis & Mrs. Susan Curtis**  
**Rep. August Pfluger & Mrs. Camille Pfluger**  
**Rep. Deborah Ross & Mr. Stephen Wrinn**  
**Rep. Raul Ruiz & Mrs. Monica Ruiz**  
**Rep. Darren Soto & Mrs. Amanda Soto**  
**Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC)**  
**Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC)**

Rep. Diana DeGette's arrival at Narita International Airport (NRT), Japan Standard Time (JST)

**4:30 PM**

**Rep. Diana DeGette, Flight NH0005**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022 @Tokyo**

**(Travel Day){Casual Attire}**

Arrival at Narita International Airport (NRT), Japan Standard Time (JST)

**3:00 PM – 3:25 PM**    **Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon**, Flight NH0011  
**Rep. John Curtis & Mrs. Susan Curtis**, Flight NH0007  
**Rep. August Pfluger & Mrs. Camille Pfluger**, Flight NH0011  
**Rep. Deborah Ross & Mr. Stephen Wrinn**, Flight NH0011  
**Rep. Raul Ruiz & Mrs. Monica Ruiz**, Flight NH0007  
**Rep. Darren Soto & Mrs. Amanda Soto**, Flight NH0011  
**Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC)**, Flight NH0011  
**Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC)**, Flight NH0011

**Late Afternoon**        **Check in at hotel**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**    **Informal Group Dinner**

*Room Service, The Okura Tokyo*

**Monday, May 30, 2022 @Tokyo**

**{Business Attire}**

**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM Understanding Japan’s Role in the World**

Spouses Invited

Breakfast roundtable discussion hosted by Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

*Etoile Room, 41 F at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**9:00 AM – 10:15 AM Japan in an Hour**

Spouses Invited

Roundtable discussion with journalists posted to Japan.

- Noah Sneider at The Economist
- Peter Landers at The Wall Street Journal
- Richard Lloyd Parry at The Times

*Etoile Room, 41 F at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**10:20 AM – 10:50 AM Delegation Program Overview**

Members Only

Review of the agenda and key points for meetings

*Etoile Room, 41 F at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Overview: Japan’s Society and Politics**

Members Only

Guided discussion on top issues impacting Japanese society and US-Japan Relations

*Gun-Ship at The Hotel New Otani Tokyo  
4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8578, Japan*

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Visit to Meiji Shrine**

Spouses Invited

Guided tour and discussion on the Meiji Jingu grounds by the *kannushi*, spiritual leader of the Shrine

*1-1 Yoyogikamizonocho, Shibuya City, Tokyo 151-8557, Japan*

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Immersing in Traditional Craftsmanship at Aoyama Square**

Spouses Invited

Guided visit to Aoyama Square with demonstrations by local craftsmen

*1F 8-1-22, Akasaka, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 107-0052*

Bring: Passport & COVID Vaccine Card

Members’ Agenda

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Informal Group Dinner**

Spouses Invited

*Yakiniku Tendan Akasaka: Henrick Hitotsugidori biru 2F, 4-3-6, Akasaka,  
Minatoku, Tokyo 107-0052*

**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Informal Breakfast**

*Chelsea Room, 7F at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**9:00 AM – 10:40 AM Transpacific Townhall**

Spouses Invited

Seminar discussion with Waseda University students followed by roundtable conversation with senior University officials.

- Dr. Aiji Tanaka, President of Waseda University
- Dr. Masahiko Gemma, Vice President for International Affairs, Waseda University
- Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama, Professor, Waseda University
- Dr. Mieko Nakabayashi, Professor at the Center for International Education, Waseda University
- Dr. Kazuhiko Yokota, Professor at the School of Commerce, Waseda University

*Waseda Campus, Okuma Kaikan: 1-104 Totsuka-machi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050 (directions: enter from Shin Mejiro St. It is right next to Rihga Royal Hotel Tokyo)*

**11:30 AM – 2:00 PM Country Team Briefing with Ambassador Rahm Emanuel**

Spouses Invited

Roundtable briefing with Ambassador Emanuel and senior embassy staff with Lunch.

*U.S. Embassy: 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420 Japan*

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Partnership**

Members Only

Legislative Exchange with Members of the Japanese Diet

- The Hon. Akira Amari, Lower House member, former Secretary General, former Minister of Labor, former Minister of Economy/Trade/Industry
- The Hon. Haruko Arimura, Upper House member, former Minister of Women's Affairs
- The Hon. Itsunori Onodera, Lower House member, former Minister of Defense (three times)
- The Hon. Akihisa Nagashima, Lower House member, former Vice Minister of Defense
- The Hon. Taku Otsuka, Lower House member, former Vice Minister of Finance, Lower House National Security Committee chair

*Second Office Building for the Lower House members Room 518, 2-1-2 Nagata Cho,  
Chiyoda, Tokyo*

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Meeting with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of Nippon Foundation  
and Honorary Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation**  
Spouses Invited

- Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Shu Sakaguchi, Director of Ocean Policy Research Institute, SPF
- Taisuke Abiru, Expert on Russia, Security Studies Program, SPF

*Sasakawa Peace Foundation*

**5:45 PM – 7:15 PM Forging New Bilateral Relationships**  
Spouses Invited Reception hosted by the US Embassy for Members of Congress and  
Japanese Diet Members.

- ABE Toshiko (LDP 6th term, Okayama)
- ITO Shintaro (LDP 7th term, Miyagi)
- ISA Shinichi (Komeito 4th term, Osaka)
- SUEMATSU Yoshinori (CDPJ 7th term, Tokyo)
- TAJIMA Kaname\* (CDPJ 7th term, Chiba)
- ISHIKAWA Akimasa\* (LDP 4th term, Ibaraki)
- Hideki Makihara (LDP, Saitama)
- WADA, Yoshiaki (LDP 3rd term, Hokkaido)

*Minister-Counselor's Official Residence*

**7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Informal Group Dinner**  
Spouses Invited

*Nobu: 4-1-28, Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-0001*



**8:00 AM – 9:20 AM Business and Trade Outlook**

Members Only

A breakfast roundtable discussion on the supply chain crisis and US-Japan trade relations with members of the Congressional Study Group on Japan's Business Advisory Council.

Representatives Confirmed:

- Aflac
- Hitachi Ltd.
- Honda Motor Co.
- ITOCHU Corporation
- JR Central
- Marubeni Corporation
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
- NEC Corporation of America
- Panasonic
- Sojitz
- Toyota Motor Corporation

*Etoile Room, 41 F at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**9:45 AM – 10:20 AM The Future of Energy in Japan**

Members Only

Roundtable discussion with H.E. Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, Minister of the Environment & Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness

*Chuo Godo Chosha Building 4 3F: 1-2-2, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo*

**11:30 AM – 1:15 PM Japan's Space Program**

Members Only

Luncheon discussion with Ms. Naoko Yamazaki, engineer and former astronaut.

*Tofuya Ukai: 4-4-13 Shiba-koen, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0011*

**1:30 PM – 2:10 PM The War in Ukraine and Global Energy Security**

Members Only

Meeting with Mr. Takayuki Kobayashi, Minister for Economic Security

*Central Government Building No. 8, 1-6-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8914*

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**    **American FDI in Japan**  
Members Only        Roundtable discussion with the senior leadership of Salesforce to learn how an American company is operating in Japan.

- Takashi Itoh, General Manager & Senior Vice President, Salesforce

*Nissey Marunouchi Garden Tower, 1-1-3, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005  
Japan*

**4:00 PM – 4:45 PM**    **The State of the Economy in an Interconnected World**  
Conversation with Minister Kenichi Hosoda, Vice Minister of Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry

*Minister of Energy, Trade, and Industry*

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**    **Informal Group Dinner**  
Spouses Invited

*Kamanoka: 1F ATT Shinkan 2-11-7 Akasaka, Minatoku, Tokyo*

**Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ Tokyo-Kyoto      {Business Casual Attire} [Local Travel Day]**

**Morning**                      **Informal Breakfast**

*Restaurant at The Okura Tokyo: 2-10-4 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo*

**8:00 AM**                      **Check out of Okura Tokyo**  
All

**8:15 AM**                      **Depart for Prime Minister Meeting**  
Members Only

**9:00 AM – 9:40 AM**      **Courtesy Call with H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida**  
Members Only

*2 Chome-3-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0014, Japan*

**10:00 AM – 11:45 AM** **Innovating Tomorrow: Site Visit to NEC Headquarters**  
Spouses Invited              Roundtable conversation with executives and visit to NEC's Future Creation Hub in Tokyo.

- Naoki Yoshida, Senior Vice President, NEC
- Mitsuhiro Murooka, Senior Vice President, NEC
- Mayuko Tatewaki, Senior Vice President, NEC
- Toshiya Matsuki, Corporate Executive, NEC
- Shin Takahashi, Chairman of the Board and Head of Government Relations and Public Policy, NEC North America

*1F NEC Head Office Building, 5-7-1, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-0018 Phone: 03-3454-1111*

**12:51 PM – 3:05 PM** **Train Transfer to Kyoto, Transportation Briefing and Cockpit Tour**  
All                                  Lunch provided

- 30 Minute Cockpit tour with senior JR Central leadership on the infrastructure and operation of high-speed rail.

**4:50 PM**                      **Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon's return flight back to the United States**

**Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon, Flight NH0174**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **A Visit to Historical Fortress of Politics and Culture: Daitoku Temple**  
Spouses Invited Guided tour lead by local Buddhist monk

*53 Murasakino Daitokujicho, Kita Ward, Kyoto, 603-8231, Japan*

**6:45 PM** **Check into Hyatt Regency Kyoto**  
All

*644-2 Sanjusangendomawari, Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto, 605-0941, Japan*

**7:00 PM – 9:15 PM** **Dissecting Medicine: The Pandemic, Public Health, and Preventative Care in Japan**  
Spouses Invited A dinner conversation with medical researchers and students at Kyoto University on Japan's healthcare system.

- Dr. Yoko Hamazaki
- Dr. Akitsu Hotta
- Dr. Kazuo Takayama
- Dr. Mio Iwasaki

*Strada Okie: Oikedori, Hokutoukaku, Yanagiba, Nakagyo Ward, Kyoto*

**Friday, June 3, 2022 @Kyoto**

**{Business Casual Attire}**

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Preservation and Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Spouses Invited

Breakfast roundtable discussion with Mr. Masao Hosoo, a traditional Kyoto-style fabric maker, to discuss incorporating Kyoto's rich craft history into the modern business world.

*Hyatt Regency Kyoto: 644-2 Sanjusangendomawari, Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto, 605-0941, Japan*

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM COVID Testing**

All

*Hyatt Regency Kyoto: 644-2 Sanjusangendomawari, Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto, 605-0941, Japan*

**10:30 – 11:30 AM Walking through History: Sanjusangendo Temple**

Spouses Invited

Guided visit of the Buddhist temple

*657 Sanjusangendomawari, Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto, 605-0941*

**12:15PM – 1:15 PM Informal Lunch**

Spouses Invited

*Omen: 6 Takeda Tobadono-cho, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 612-8501 Japan*

**1:30 PM – 2:00 PM Visit to Hosoo Flagship Gallery**

Spouses Invited

Guided tour of the gallery and discussion with a senior executive. 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.

*Hosoo: 412 Kakimoto-cho Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8173*

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Walking through Tradition at the Nijō Castle**

Spouses Invited

Guided tour of the fortress

*541 Nijojo-cho, Nijo-dori Horikawa Nishi-iru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8301*

**4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Meeting with Prof. Toru Ota**

Spouses Invited

Drinking in the history of Kyoto through a conversation at a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony setting.

Bring: Passport & COVID Vaccine Card

Members' Agenda

*Yuubisai Kondoukan : 524-1 Mototsubimikado-cho, Kamichoja-machi dori Shinmachi  
Higashi-iru, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto, 602-8006 Japan*

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**    **Lessons Learned**  
Spouses Invited      Closing dinner and reflection on the trip.

*Tempura Endo Okazaki: 60-3 Okazaki Nishitenno-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto*

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 @Kyoto - Tokyo**

**{Casual Attire} [Travel Day]**

**7:00 AM**                      **Check out from Hyatt Regency Kyoto**  
All                              Breakfast boxes provided to go

**7:15 AM**                      **Depart for train station**

**10:24 AM – 12:28 PM Bullet Train from Kyoto to Shinagawa**  
Train number: Nozomi 318

**12:49 PM – 14:00 PM Narita Express Train from Shinagawa to Narita Terminal 1**  
Train Number: Narita Express 27

**12:00 PM – 13:00 PM Informal Lunch**

*Keisei Yuzen, 4<sup>F</sup> of Terminal 1 Main Building, Narita Airport*

**4:50-5:10 PM**                      **Delegation's return flights back to the US**

**Rep. John Curtis, Flight NH0002**  
**Mrs. Susan Curtis, Flight NH0008**  
**Rep. August Pfluger & Mrs. Camille Pfluger, Flight NH0174**  
**Rep. Deborah Ross & Mr. Stephen Wrinn, Flight NH0012**  
**Rep. Raul Ruiz & Mrs. Monica Ruiz, Flight NH0006**  
**Rep. Darren Soto & Mrs. Amanda Soto, Flight NH0174**  
**Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC), Flight NH0002**  
**Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC), Flight NH0002**

## 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.

Participant List:

7A.

- **Rep. Diana DeGette:** Denver, CO
- **Rep. Larry Bucshon:** Washington, DC
- **Rep. John Curtis:** Salt Lake City, UT
- **Rep. Tony Gonzales:** San Antonio, TX
- **Rep. August Pfluger,** Dallas, TX
- **Rep. Deborah Ross:** Raleigh, NC
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz:** Palm Springs, CA
- **Rep. Darren Soto,** Orlando, FL

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- **Rep. Diana DeGette:** Washington, DC
- **Rep. Larry Bucshon:** Orlando, FL
- **Rep. John Curtis:** Washington, DC
- **Rep. Tony Gonzales:** San Antonio, TX
- **Rep. August Pfluger,** Dallas, TX
- **Rep. Deborah Ross:** Raleigh, NC
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz:** Palm Springs, CA
- **Rep. Darren Soto,** Orlando, FL

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 other countries. 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 2022 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 the workforce and demographic change. FMC’s Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the 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 2022 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 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.

**Kyoto** was the capital city of Japan for 11 centuries until 1869. The program in Kyoto includes discussions with medical professors, researchers and, which will provide Members with an opportunity to engage with students and provide a better understanding of Japan's healthcare system. Practicing the traditional Japanese tea ceremony will give a glimpse into the importance of historical culture in present-day Japan, creating a better understanding of our ally. Additionally, a visit to Kiyomizu temple, one of the Buddhist temples in Japan, will provide historical background of the Buddhism's role in Japanese society.

**16. Cost Per Night (Okura Tokyo): \$268.46 Single; \$268.46 Double**

Cost Per Night (Hyatt Regency Kyoto): \$156.32 single; \$157.96 Double

**18.**

Total Transportation Expenses per Participant:

\$27,687.54: Rep. Larry Bucshon and Mrs. Bucshon

\$11,343.17: Rep. Diana DeGette

\$25,441.94: Rep. John Curtis and Mrs. Curtis

\$34,000: Rep. Tony Gonzales and Mrs. Gonzales

\$29,847.74: Rep. August Pfluger and Mrs. Pfluger

\$26,897.54: Rep. Deborah Ross and Mr. Wrinn

\$22,706.34: Rep. Raul Ruiz and Mrs. Ruiz

\$24,488.54: Rep. Darren Soto and Mrs. Soto

Total Meal Expenses per Participant:

\$528.00: Rep. Bucshon, Mrs. Bucshon

\$814.00: Rep. DeGette, Rep. Curtis, Mrs. Curtis, Rep. Gonzales, Mrs. Gonzales, Rep. Pfluger, Mrs. Pfluger, Rep. Ross, Mr. Wrinn, Rep. Ruiz, Mrs. Ruiz, Rep. Soto, Mrs. Soto

Total Lodging Expenses per Participant:

\$1,073.84: Rep. Bucshon/Mrs. Bucshon

\$1,386.48: Rep. DeGette

\$1,389.76 (per couple): Rep. John Curtis/Mrs. Curtis, Rep. Tony Gonzales/Mrs. Gonzales, Rep. August Pfluger/Mrs. Pfluger, Rep. Deborah Ross/Mr. Wrinn, Rep. Raul Ruiz/Mrs. Ruiz, Rep. Soto/Mrs. Soto



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## The Congressional Study Groups

**2022 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan**  
Saturday, May 28, 2022 to Saturday, June 4, 2022  
Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan  
Last Update: 6/16/2022 12:04 AM | Meeting partners subject to change

### Hotels

Hotel Okura Tokyo  
2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon,  
Minato City, Tokyo  
105-0001, Japan

Hyatt Regency Kyoto  
644-2 Sanjusangendomawari,  
Higashiyama Ward, Kyoto,  
605-0941, Japan

Friday, May 27, 2022

[Travel Day]

Rep. Diana DeGette's departure from Denver, CO

Saturday, May 28, 2022

[Travel Day]

Delegation's departure from the U.S. (respective airports) to Tokyo, Japan (NRT)

Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon  
Rep. John Curtis & Mrs. Susan Curtis  
Rep. Tony Gonzales & Mrs. Angel Gonzales  
Rep. August Pfluger & Mrs. Camille Pfluger  
Rep. Deborah Ross & Mr. Stephen Wrinn  
Rep. Raul Ruiz & Mrs. Monica Ruiz  
Rep. Darren Soto & Mrs. Amanda Soto  
Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC)  
Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC)

Rep. Diana DeGette's arrival at Narita International Airport (NRT), Japan Standard Time (JST)

4:30 PM

Rep. Diana DeGette, Flight NH0005

Sunday, May 29, 2022 @Tokyo

{Casual Attire}

Arrival at Narita International Airport (NRT), Japan Standard Time (JST)

3:00 PM – 3:25 PM

Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon, Flight NH0011  
Rep. John Curtis & Mrs. Susan Curtis, Flight NH0007

**Rep. Tony Gonzales & Mrs. Angel Gonzales, Flight NH0007**  
**Rep. August Pfluger & Mrs. Camille Pfluger, Flight NH0011**  
**Rep. Deborah Ross & Mr. Stephen Wrinn, Flight NH0011**  
**Rep. Raul Ruiz & Mrs. Monica Ruiz, Flight NH0007**  
**Rep. Darren Soto & Mrs. Amanda Soto, Flight NH0011**  
**Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC) Flight NH0011**  
**Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC), Flight NH0011**

**Late Afternoon**      **Check in at hotel**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**      **Informal Dinner**

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**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Understanding Japan’s role in the world**

Spouses Invited

Breakfast roundtable discussion hosted by Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation, in order to understand the state of affairs in Japan and set the stage for a candid conversation with Journalists in the next hour.

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Japan in an Hour**

Spouses Invited

Roundtable discussion with the following journalists:

- Noah Sneider at The Economist
- Peter Landers at The Wall Street Journal
- Richard Lloyd Parry at The Times

This roundtable provides an opportunity for the Delegation to ask questions to journalists at the juncture of expertise on Japan and a perspective from the outside, reporting for international outlets and coming from non-Japanese backgrounds themselves.

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM The War in Ukraine and Global Energy Security**

Members Only

Roundtable discussion with H.E. Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, Minister of the Environment & Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness

This discussion will offer an opportunity to engage on the pressing issue of energy and the environment, which in Japan comes closely hand in hand with the issues of nuclear energy particularly post the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster. It will also offer an opportunity to hear about Japan’s energy security in light of the war in Ukraine.

**12:30 PM – 2:00 PM What’s happening in Japan’s back yard: China, ASEAN, and the Quad**

Members Only

Lunch discussion with H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Minister of Foreign Affairs will facilitate a conversation on the key priorities in the Asia Pacific and beyond for the security of Japan and its allies. This conversation can be expected to revolve around China, ASEAN, and the Quad partnerships.

**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Visit to Meiji Shrine**

Spouses Invited

Guided tour and discussion on the Meiji Jingu grounds by the *kannushi*, spiritual leader of the Shrine

Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic

nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism, and participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**    **Informal Dinner**

Spouses Invited

INTERNAL

**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Informal Breakfast**

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Transpacific Townhall**

Spouses Invited

Seminar discussion with Waseda University students followed by roundtable conversation with senior University officials

Through this townhall, hosted by one of the prominent universities in Tokyo, the Delegation will hear the perspectives of the youth in Japan while sharing their expertise and awareness on global issues of the Students' concern.

**11:30 AM – 2:00 PM Country Team Briefing with Ambassador Rahm Emanuel**

Spouses Invited

Roundtable briefing with Amb. Emanuel and senior embassy staff with lunch

Through the briefing with Amb. Emanuel and his staff, the Delegation will have the opportunity to delve deeper into topics raised throughout the past few days, and to gain a deeper understanding of the Embassy's engagement in Japan as well as the way the US is perceived.

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Strengthening the U.S.-Japan Partnership**

Members Only

Legislative Exchange with Members of the Japanese Diet

Through direct engagement with Diet members, Members will have the opportunity to begin to build long-lasting partnerships at the legislative level, and exchange ideas with their Japanese counterparts.

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Meeting with Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and Honorary Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation**

Spouses invited

This meeting will offer the Delegation the opportunity to meet with a long-standing supporter of US-Japan exchange, to discuss the future of the bilateral relationship.

**5:45 PM – 7:15 PM Forging new Bilateral relationships**

Spouses Invited

Reception hosted by the US Embassy for Members of Congress and Japanese Diet Members

Continuing the legislative exchange in a more informal manner will allow the Delegation to build close personal relationships that will continue beyond this delegations' travels for years to come.

**7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Informal Dinner**  
Spouses Invited

INTERNAL

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Business and Trade Outlook**

Members Only

A breakfast roundtable discussion on the supply chain crisis and US-Japan trade relations with members of the Congressional Study Group on Japan's Business Advisory Council

Representatives Confirmed:

- Hitachi Ltd.
- Honda Motor Co.
- ITOCHU Corporation
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
- NEC Corporation of America
- Sojitz
- Toyota Motor Corporation

The Japanese business representatives will provide an overview of how COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine has impacted Japan business operations both domestically and internationally, Japan FDI in the U.S., and how the two allies can prepare for this new economic climate

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Japan's Regional and Global Economic Partnerships**

Members Only

Roundtable discussion with H.E. Koichi Hagiuda, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

This discussion will feature Minister Hagiuda, who will facilitate a conversation on the role Japan plays as an economic leader in the Asia Pacific, and how the US-Japan partnership can be further strengthened in the economic realm in the coming years.

**11:45 AM – 1:30 PM National Security Priorities for U.S.-Japan Relations in 2022**

Members Only

Luncheon and discussion with State Minister of Defense, Makoto Oniki

The State Minister of Defense Oniki will share an overview of the Japanese national security strategy and its top priorities, as well as shared goals between the US and Japan that will help propel defense cooperation in the Asia-Pacific forward.

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM America FDI in Japan**

Members Only

Roundtable discussion with the senior leadership of Salesforce to learn how an American company is operating in Japan



Through this conversation with Salesforce's leadership, Members will have the chance to gain a sense of the operations of a major U.S. private firm in the business culture of Japan, the challenges and rewards they have encountered, and what room for further engagement there might be in the Japanese private sector.

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**    **A “Gaijin” on Japanese Society**

Candid conversation with Pakkun, an American living and working in Japanese media

Through a candid conversation with a widely-known, personable figure in Japan, Members will have the chance to ask direct questions about Japanese cultural quirks and to hear about the experience of day-to-day life of an American in Japan.

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**    **Informal Dinner**

INTERNATIONAL

Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ Tokyo-Kyoto {Business Attire} [Local Travel Day]

**8:00 AM** Check out of Okura Tokyo  
All

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** **Courtesy Call with H.E. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida**  
Members Only

This meeting will offer an opportunity for Members to engage with the Prime Minister to understand the executive's understanding of the US-Japan relationship and the future of this long-standing partnership under his leadership.

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM** **Innovating Tomorrow: Site Visit to NEC Headquarters**

Spouses Invited Breakfast conversation with executives and visit to NEC's Future Creation Hub in Tokyo

This visit to NEC will allow members an opportunity to see firsthand the innovations coming out of Japanese electronics companies and understand the vision business leaders have for the future of technology in Japanese society and beyond.

**12:30 PM** **Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Buchson depart for Narita International Airport**

**12:51 PM – 3:05 PM** **Train transfer to Kyoto, transportation briefing and cockpit tour**  
All Lunch provided

While experiencing a quintessential shinkansen (bullet train) ride, the delegation will have the opportunity to have a cockpit tour and overview of JR Central's train network by a senior Executive and the train conductor.

**4:50 PM** **Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon's return flight back to the**  
**Rep. Larry Bucshon & Dr. Kathryn Bucshon, Flight NH0174**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **Drinking in the History of Tea Ceremony**

Spouses Invited A demonstration and conversation on the diplomatic legacy of tea ceremonies

Since the period of warring lords, the tea ceremony has been used in Japan as a tool of diplomacy, facilitating conversation in times of peace and tension alike. Experiencing the intricate details of Japanese tea ceremony will offer the Delegation a glimpse into the historical legacies of tea ceremony and the practices that shape Japanese habits of attention to detail.

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM** **A visit to historical fortress of politics and culture: Daitoku temple**  
Spouses Invited Guided tour and discussion lead by local historian

Well-known for having housed a powerful war lord, Oda Nobunaga, Daitokuji will offer a traditional Zen temple experience and an opportunity for the delegation to learn more about the feudal era of Japan's history.

**6:45 PM**

All

**Check into Hyatt Regency Kyoto**

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Spouses Invited

**Dissecting Medicine: The Pandemic, Public Health, and Preventative care in Japan**

A dinner conversation with medical researchers and students at Kyoto University on Japan's healthcare system

This conversation will offer insights into one of the key areas of world focus since the start of the Pandemic 2020: medicine and public health. Inviting both students and researchers to speak with the Delegations about Japan's innovations in medical research, care in an aging society, and the medical student experience.

**Friday, June 3, 2022 @Kyoto**

**{Business Casual Attire}**

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Preservation and Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Spouses Invited

Breakfast roundtable discussion with Daisaku Kadokawa, Mayor of Kyoto, on cherishing tradition and celebrating innovation and future-forward innovation

This conversation will allow us to engage in a conversation focused on local government. Mayor Kadokawa will offer insights into governing a city uniquely at the intersection of innovation in the sciences and the preservation of longstanding cultural history.

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM COVID Testing**

All

**11:00 AM – 12:45 PM Meeting with Professor Toru Ota**

Luncheon and discussion with Professor Toru Ota of Ritsumeikan University

This conversation with Professor Ota will offer insight into various aspects of Japanese culture, from delving deeper into the meaning of the cherished Japanese phrase “ichigo ichie (every encounter matters)” to the important role that food plays in Japanese culture.

**1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Informal lunch**

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Site visit: Kyocera**

Spouses invited

Roundtable discussion with senior leaders at Kyocera, a ceramic and electronic manufacturer headquartered in Kyoto.

Kyocera offers another approach to the central theme of Kyoto at the intersection of tradition and innovation. The Delegation will have the opportunity to witness the melding of traditional craftsmanship and modern innovation.

**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Lessons Learned**

Spouses Invited

Closing dinner with delegation Members and offering an opportunity to reflect on their time in Japan and what they have taken away from the experience.

Saturday, June 4, 2022 @Kyoto - Tokyo {Casual Attire} [Travel Day]

Morning Check out from Hyatt Regency Kyoto

Morning/Afternoon Train transfer to Narita International Airport

4:50-5:10 PM Delegation's return flights back to the US

Rep. John Curtis, Flight NH0002

Mrs. Susan Curtis, Flight NH0008

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Ms. Sabine Schleidt (FMC), Flight NH0002

Ms. Lorraine Harbison (FMC), Flight NH0002

Monday, June 6, 2022 @ Tokyo {Casual Attire} [Travel Day]

4:50 PM Rep. Diana DeGette's return flight back to the US

Rep. Diana DeGette, Flight NH0002



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June 16, 2022

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) and the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you and your spouse to participate in our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan. **The 2022 Study Tour will take place from May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, led by CSGJ Co-Chairs Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Rep. Lead Larry Bucshon (R-IN), and will visit Tokyo and a Kyoto.**

Japan remains one of the United States' closest and most important allies in the region. With a rising China, as an economic and military superpower, and the development of North Korean nuclear capabilities, the two countries must work together to ensure a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. Regional and global issues surrounding the Indo-Pacific reflect the policy concerns that Members of Congress must confront in their efforts to further advance U.S. interests in the region. Within this context, our 2022 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour provides a timely opportunity for U.S. lawmakers, Japanese legislators, and other meeting partners to discuss and reflect on issues relating to:

- Security (North Korea, U.S.-Japan-South Korean trilateral cooperation, cybersecurity),
- Regional Relations (China, Russia, ASEAN),
- Trade and the Economy (TPP-11, FDI, RCEP),
- Timely Topics (COVID-19 recovery, demographic change, climate/energy policy)

Since our inaugural delegation in 2014, The Congressional Study Group on Japan has taken over forty Members of Congress to Japan. Each group had the pleasure of meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister. 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 2020) enclosed for your reference.

Business-class airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by FMC, a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in partnership with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. We have funding for eight Members and a limited number of spouses but please understand that no congressional staff/assistants are permitted to participate in this trip. While participants are allowed to arrive early or extend their visit at their own expense, they are expected to attend all official meetings/programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. Please note that participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan

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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 Ms. Haruka Noishiki, Program Officer for the Congressional Study Group on Japan, at 202-222-0974 or [HNoishiki@usafmc.org](mailto:HNoishiki@usafmc.org). Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

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