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*, 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: Jill Tokuda
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Kyle Michibata *OR* ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 12, 2025 Return: April 19, 2025
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ☒ None
4. Departure City: Honolulu, HI Destination: Tokyo, Japan Return City: Honolulu, HI
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Former Members of Congress, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Visited Yokosuka Naval Base, focused on US military presence in Japan, and strategy in region; connected with Japanese military leaders for better understanding of local perspective. Met with Prime Minister, Japanese Diet members across parties, as well as US Embassy staff to discuss US-Japan relationship. Attended roundtables with local officials to discuss defense, trade, and economy. Met with local business representatives to discuss commercial relationship between US and Japan; attended roundtable on semiconductor industry relevant to region.
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: Jill

Date: 4/29/2025

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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 in the trip *within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: FMC (Former Members of Congress) Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan
3. Date of Departure: April 12, 2025 Date of Return: April 19, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata

   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	$16,121.88	$851.35	$708.44	$1,116.14 (Guide, interpreter, meeting rooms, entry tickets, AV, insurance)
Accompanying Family Member	$16,121.88	$851.35	$709.44	$1,116.14 (Guide, interpreter, meeting rooms, entry tickets, AV, insurance)

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:** April 29, 2025

Name: Sabine Schleidt **Title:** Chief Operating Officer

Organization: FMC (Former Members of Congress)

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

Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901

Telephone: (202) 222-0972 **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: Jill Tokuda

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Former Members of Congress, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Japan

4. a. Date of Departure: 4/12/2025 Date of Return: 4/19/2025

   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: Kyle Michibata

   (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, invitation, 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. Tokuda serves on the House Armed Service Committee, and represents Hawaii, which is uniquely positioned and critical to the United States Indo-Pacific Command. Rep. Tokuda's work on Armed Services will be enhanced by this trip's engagement on defense issues and connecting with Japanese officials from local to national, to share further perspective between allies in this key region.

9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: _____ **Date:** 3/12/2025

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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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

   Former Members of Congress (FMC)

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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): See addendum

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: See addendum Date of Return: See addendum

7. a. City of departure: See addendum
   b. Destination(s): Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan
   c. City of return: See addendum

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. _____

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

   See addendum

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: Sprinter Van)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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

15. ***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): ~$125/day
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

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

   Hotel Name: The Okura Tokyo City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: See addendum
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to Meeting Partners and US Embassy

   Hotel Name: Hotel Sosei MGallery Collection City: Sapporo Cost Per Night: See addendum
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners and ease of access

   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.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See Addendum	See Addendum	$750
For each Accompanying Family Member	See Addendum	See Addendum	$750

	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	$1150	Interpreter, Guide, Meeting Rooms
For each Accompanying Family Member	$1150	Interpreter, Guide, Meeting Rooms

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 Schleidt Date: 03/07/2025

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901

Email: sschleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: 202-222-5047

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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March 27, 2025

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
U.S. House of Representatives
1027 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Japan,[1] scheduled for April 12 to 19, 2025, sponsored by 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 $480 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 $480] 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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[1] 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:mc

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance 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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☒ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   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. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.,* meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. ***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.
7. **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;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: 2/28/2025

Name: Satohiro Akimoto Title: President & Chairman

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

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

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form Addendum

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

Participant List:

6. Date of Departure:

- Senator Mazie Hirono and Leighton Kim Oshima : Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Diana DeGette: Friday, April 11
- Rep. Andy Barr and Davis Barr: Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Troy Balderson: Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Tony Gonzales and Jessie Gonzales: Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood: Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Frank Pallone and Sarah Pallone: Saturday, April 12
- Rep. Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata: Saturday, April 12

Date of Return:

- Senator Mazie Hirono and Leighton Kim Oshima : Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Diana DeGette: Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Andy Barr and Davis Barr: Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Troy Balderson: Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Tony Gonzales and Jessie Gonzales: Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood: Saturday, April 19
- Rep. Frank Pallone and Sarah Pallone: Thursday, April 24
- Rep. Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata: Saturday, April 19

7A.

- Senator Mazie Hirono and Leighton Kim Oshima: Washington, DC (IAD)
- Rep. Diana DeGette: Washington, DC (IAD)
- Rep. Andy Barr and Davis Barr: New York (JFK)
- Rep. Troy Balderson: Columbus, OH (CMB)
- Rep. Tony Gonzales and Jessie Gonzales: San Antonio, TX (SAT)
- Rep. Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood, Peoria, IL (PIA)
- Rep. Frank Pallone and Sarah Pallone: New York, NY (JFK)
- Rep. Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata: Honolulu, HI (HNL)

7C.

- Senator Mazie Hirono and Leighton Kim Oshima: Honolulu, HI (HNL)
- Rep. Diana DeGette: Denver, CO (DEN)
- Rep. Andy Barr and Davis Barr: Lexington, KY (LEX)
- Rep. Troy Balderson: Columbus, OH (CMB)
- Rep. Tony Gonzales and Jessie Gonzales: San Antonio, TX (SAT)
- Rep. Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood, Peoria, IL (PIA)
- Rep. Frank Pallone and Sarah Pallone: New York, NY (JFK)
- Rep. Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata: Honolulu, HI (HNL)

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 2025 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 societal issues such as workforce and population 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 2025 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.

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 and regional defense to women's societal status and participation to energy policies. Additionally, through meetings with students and cultural figures, participants will gain a holistic understanding of Japan's rich history, culture and religion.

Sapporo is the capital of Hokkaido, Japan's largest prefecture by land area, and is the 5th most populous city in Japan. The delegation will meet with U.S. officials, local government, and cultural leaders to learn of Hokkaido's importance to the U.S.-Japan relationship and unique culture within the country. Additionally, participants will learn about the indigenous Ainu people and their current situation in modern Japan.

16.
Cost Per Night (The Okura Tokyo): $300 Double Occupancy, $265 Single Occupancy
Cost Per Night (The Hotel Sosei MGallery Collection): $200 Double Occupancy, $190 Single Occupancy

18.
Total Estimated Transportation Expenses per Participant:

- Senator Mazie Hirono: $8,705
- Leighton Kim Oshima: $8,705
- Rep. Diana DeGette: $12,890
- Rep. Andy Barr: $11,780
- Davis Barr: $11,780
- Rep. Troy Balderson: $11,655
- Rep. Tony Gonzales: $12,345
- Jessie Gonzales: $12,345
- Rep. Darin La Hood: $11,660
- Kristen La Hood: $11,660
- Rep. Frank Pallone: $11,580
- Sarah Pallone: $11,580
- Rep. Jill Tokuda: $16,150
- Kyle Michibata: $16,150

Total Estimated Lodging Expenses:

- Senator Mazie Hirono: $965
- Leighton Kim Oshima: $965
- Rep. Diana DeGette: $1,700
- Rep. Andy Barr: $965
- Davis Barr: $965

- Rep. Troy Balderson: $1,700
- Rep. Tony Gonzales: $965
- Jessie Gonzales: $965
- Rep. Darin La Hood: $965
- Kristen La Hood: $965
- Rep. Frank Pallone: $965
- Sarah Pallone: $965
- Rep. Jill Tokuda: $965
- Kyle Michibata: $965

Additional Sponsor Form Addendum: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

4. Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA only receives a grant from the Embassy of Japan to fund the Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP). That is the only funding Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA receives from a foreign government, and it is only for this JUMP program. No Embassy of Japan funding is ever put towards the grant for the U.S. Association of the Former Members of Congress.

FMC

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February 12, 2025

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) and Former Members of Congress (FMC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you and your spouse to participate in our 11th Annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Japan. The 2025 Study Tour will take place from **April 12-19,** led by **CSGJ Co-Chairs Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)** and **Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY)**, and will visit **Tokyo and Sapporo.**

Japan remains one of the United States' closest and most important allies in the region. With political change sweeping both nations, the alliance faces its biggest test in recent memory. At this critical juncture, our 2025 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour provides a critical opportunity for U.S. lawmakers, Japanese legislators, and other meeting partners to discuss and reflect on issues relating to:

- International Security (Taiwan, North Korea, U.S.-Japan-South Korean trilateral cooperation, cybersecurity, Indo-Pacific security strategy),
- Economic Security and Trade (supply chain and critical resources security, the future of the labor force, trade, FDI)
- Regional Relations (China, Russia, ASEAN)

Since our inaugural delegation in 2014, The Congressional Study Group on Japan has taken over fifty Members of Congress to Japan. Each group has had the pleasure of meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan. 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 (January 2024) 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. 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 delegation**.** This privately-sponsored travel will be reported to the House Ethics Committee and is not part of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA).

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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 Mr. Ty Baker, Program Manager for the Congressional Study Groups, at 202-747-5350 or tbaker@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

Barbara Comstock

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Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan | April 12 – 19, 2025

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2-Chome 10-4 Toranomon
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001

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The Etoile Room (41F), The Okura Tokyo

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Briefing by Deputy Chief of Mission **Katherine Monahan** and select heads of sections such as Political, Economic, Commerce, Public Affairs, and Consular on the current state of bilateral relationship at the Embassy of the United States in Tokyo.

U.S. Embassy, 1 Chome-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM **Roundtable with CDP Members**
Roundtable discussion with Constitutional Democratic Party President **Yoshihiko Noda** and members of the party on their platform's contrasts to the ruling LDP, plans to build on success in October's elections, and path forward for the U.S.-Japan relationship.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM **Roundtable Luncheon on Aging Society and Social Change**
Roundtable over lunch with experts on Japan's demographic situation. Japan is headed towards what is called a "super-ageing" society. As the country adjusts to these social and economic realities, the structure of families continues to evolve. Participants will hold a dialogue comparing and contrasting these evolving social attitudes in the U.S. and Japan.

The Etoile Room (41F), The Okura Tokyo

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Roundtable discussion with Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of the Japan Self Defense Forces General **Yoshihide Yoshida** on the security environment in the region, opportunities for enhanced U.S.-Japan cooperation, and the importance of fostering third-country allies in addressing threats posed by the PRC and Russia.

Return to Hotel to Change

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1-11-23 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Economy, Trade and Industry**
Roundtable discussion with Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry **Yoji Muto** on the U.S.-Japan trade relationship, Japan's LNG strategy, and the restarting of nuclear reactors.

1-3-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8901

Depart for Miura

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Base Itinerary Overview and Background Briefing**
Briefing en-route to Yokosuka led by FMC staff Lorraine Harbison and Jaret Hildebrand, preparing the delegation for the logistics of the upcoming base visit, and providing background on the origins and recent restructuring of U.S. Forces Japan

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka**
Lunch briefing and tour of facilities of the critical U.S. Naval installation, shedding light on the U.S.'s military presence in Japan and strategic importance to the region.

1 Chome-20 Honcho, Yokosuka, Kanagawa 238-0002

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Shipbuilding Site Visit**
Visit to a shipbuilding facility in the Tokyo Bay area to discuss the increasing importance of domestic shipbuilding in Japan and the US, the role of LNG tankers in Japan and America's energy security, and avenues for cooperation in the industry moving forward.

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Return to Tokyo

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Informal Dinner**

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Breakout room-style conversations with students from Waseda University. Participants will field questions about Congress's functioning, U.S. domestic issues, and the U.S.'s role in the Indo-Pacific, as well as hear the students' unfiltered perspective on issues of society, security, and politics.

1-Chōme-104 Totsukamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Lunch with Indo-Pacific Allies**
Roundtable discussion over lunch with Ambassadors of allied nations to Japan including the Philippines, Singapore, and South Korea, on how each of their respective nations work with Japan, and opportunities for joint engagement on issues affecting the region.

The Etoile Room (41F), The Okura Tokyo

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM **Securing Japan and the Indo-Pacific**
Roundtable discussion with Minister of Defense **Gen Nakatani** on the U.S.-Japan security alliance and its importance to the Indo-Pacific as the cornerstone of security and prosperity in the region.

5-1 Ichigayahonmurachō, Shinjuku City, Tokyo 162-8801

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM **The U.S.-Japan Relationship**
Roundtable discussion with Minister of Foreign Affairs **Takeshi Iwaya** on deepening U.S.-Japan bilateral ties, and how the United States and Japan can work together to counter ongoing threats in the Indo-Pacific and around the world.

2-chōme-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8919

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM **Courtesy Call with Prime Minister Isihiba**
Courtesy call with Japan's Prime Minister, **H.E. Shiegru Ishiba**, and roundtable discussion on his administration's priorities, especially with respect to the U.S.-Japan relationship.

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

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **[Executive Time]**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Informal Dinner**

Premium Sake Pub Gashue

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Thursday, April 17 th in Tokyo/Sapporo [Travel Day] ***Business Attire***

6:45 AM **Check out, Depart for Haneda Airport**

8:00 AM **Depart Tokyo Haneda (HND) for Sapporo (CTS) – NH53**

9:30 AM **Arrive in Sapporo (CTS)**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **JASDF Chitose Air Base**
Briefing and tour of facilities to understand how the Japan Air Self Defense Forces' operations in Hokkaido work to secure Japan's maritime borders with Russia, and the installations role in the broader framework of the US-Japan security alliance.

Heiwa, Chitose, Hokkaido 066-8510

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Hokkaido Valley**
Roundtable discussion over lunch on start-up Rapidus, which has received investment from the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, and a wide consortium of Japanese and American businesses, and Hokkaido as the host of Japan's next generation of cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturers. Following, a tour of Rapidus's newly constructed 2 nm semiconductor fab.

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Check in to Hotel

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Sapporo Beer Museum**
Guided tour of the historic brewery, which dates back to the colonial days of Hokkaido. The tour will provide context on how Japanese companies have built industries in the mold of Western companies while developing novel strategies for efficiency and quality.

9-1-1 Kita 7-Jo Higashi, Higashi-ku, Sapporo 065-0007

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Dinner Discussion with Sapporo Consul General**
Roundtable dinner discussion with Consul General **Mark Wuebbels** on the issues affecting Hokkaido, and opportunities to bolster the US-Japan bilateral relationship's impact at deeper levels.

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Friday, April 18th in Sapporo ***Business Attire***

Morning **Breakfast at Hotel**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Courtesy Call with Prefectural Governor Suzuki**
Naomichi Suzuki was first elected Governor of Hokkaido in 2019 and won reelection to his second term in 2023. Through the course of his governorship, he has navigated the prefecture through the COVID-19 pandemic and economic coercion such as China's ban on Japanese seafood products, which was particularly harmful to Hokkaido. He was previously Mayor of Yubari, Hokkaido, and was the youngest mayor to be elected in Japanese history.

Kita 3-jo, Nishi 6-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-8588

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Hokkaido University Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies**
The CAIS is Japan's only research center specializing in studies on Ainu and other indigenous peoples, it has provided expert advice based on its own research findings to the national government for the comprehensive promotion of Ainu policy since the Diet's June 2008 adoption of the Resolution to Recognize the Ainu as an Indigenous People.

5 Chome Kita 8 Jonishi, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0808

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **All Politics are Local**
Roundtable lunch discussion with mayors of municipalities in the central Hokkaido region on issues affecting residents of their communities, and ties with the U.S.

Restaurant MINAMI, Akarenga Terrace 4F, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Hokkaido Jingu**
Guided tour of the historic site led by the *kannushi*, or head priest. Constructed in 1869 by the order of the emperor, Hokkaido Jingu was founded to offer spiritual support to Hokkaido's early colonists. In June, the shrine hosts the largest festival in Hokkaido. Participants will learn of how the unique syncretic nature of religiosity in Japan continues to inform the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

Miyagaoka 474, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Executive Time in Sapporo**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Closing Dinner**
A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship led by FMC staff.

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Saturday, April 19 th in Sapporo [Travel Day] ***Casual Attire***

Morning **Breakfast on own at Hotel**

Morning – Evening **Group Departs**

7:30 AM **Departure from Sapporo via NH50**

- Troy Balderson
- Andy Barr
- Davis Barr
- Tony Gonzales
- Jesse Gonzales
- Darin La Hood
- Kristen La Hood
- Frank Pallone
- Sarah Pallone

2:30 PM **Departure from Sapporo via NH66**

- Mazie Hirono
- Leighton Oshima

6:30 PM **Departure from Sapporo via NH76**

- Kyle Michibata
- Jill Tokuda

7:30 PM **Diana DeGette departs Sapporo via NH78**

Arrivals

1:24 PM EDT **Andy Barr and Davis Barr arrive in Lexington via UA4502**

1:25 PM EDT **Troy Balderson arrives in Columbus via NH 7412**

1:19 PM CDT **Tony Gonzales and Jesse Gonzales arrive in San Antonio via NH6530**

1:57 PM CDT **Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood arrive in Peoria via UA5362**

8:30 AM HST **Mazie Hirono and Leighton Oshima arrive in Honolulu via NH184**

10:20 AM HST **Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata arrive in Honolulu via NH186**

10:44 PM MDT **Diana DeGette arrives in Denver via UA776**

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Thursday, April 24th

10:50 AM	**Frank and Sarah Pallone depart Tokyo for New York (JFK) via NH110**
11:00 AM EDT	**Frank and Sarah Pallone arrive in New York (JFK) via NH110**

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1 Chome-20 Honcho, Yokosuka, Kanagawa 238-0002

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Yokohama Dockyard**
Site visit to a shipbuilding facility in Yokohama to discuss the increasing importance of domestic shipbuilding in Japan and the US, opportunities for Japanese companies to bolster the U.S. defense industry, and learn about advanced technologies to promote stability in the region.

12 Nishikicho, Naka Ward, Yokohama, Kanagawa 231-0812

Return to Hotel to Change

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1-11-23 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

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U.S. Embassy, 1 Chome-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM **Roundtable with CDP Members**
Roundtable discussion with the Constitutional Democratic Party President **the Hon. Yoshihiko Noda**, International Department Director-General **the Hon. Kentaro Gemma**, and Next Minister for Foreign Affairs **the Hon. Koichi Takemasa** on the party platform's contrasts to the LDP, and path forward for the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Miyakezaka Bldg., 1-11-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0014

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Informal Lunch**

Teuchisoba Tameike

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4:50 PM – 5:25 PM **Economic Stability and Financial Cooperation**

Roundtable discussion with Minister of Finance **Katsunobu Kato** on inflation control, interest rate policies, Japan's approach to foreign exchange markets, and its role as a major holder of U.S. debt, as well as Japan's regulatory outlook for banking, fintech, and cryptocurrency in the evolving global financial landscape.

3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8940

5:45 PM – 6:25 PM **Economy, Trade and Industry**

Roundtable discussion with Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry **Yoji Muto** on the U.S.-Japan trade relationship, Japan's LNG strategy, and the tariff situation.

1-3-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8901

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Welcome session with **Dr. Masahiko Gemma**, Vice President of International Affairs and Dr. Kazuhiko Yokota, Professor of Economic, Faculty of Commerce at Waseda University, followed by breakout room-style conversations with students. Participants fielded questions about Congress's functioning, U.S. domestic issues, and the U.S.'s role in the Indo-Pacific, as well as hear the students' unfiltered perspective on issues of society, security, and politics.

1-Chōme-104 Totsukamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM **Lunch with Indo-Pacific Allies**
Roundtable discussion over lunch with Ambassadors of allied nations to Japan on how each of their respective nations work with Japan, and opportunities for joint engagement on issues affecting the region. Featuring **H.E. Mylene Garcia-Albano**, Ambassador of the Philippines to Japan, **H.E. Hamish Cooper**, Ambassador of New Zealand to Japan, and CDG **Joseph Young,** U.S. Embassy Tokyo.

The Etoile Room (41F), The Okura Tokyo

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM **Courtesy Call with Prime Minister Isihiba**
Courtesy call with Japan's Prime Minister, **H.E. Shiegru Ishiba**, and roundtable discussion on his administration's priorities, especially with respect to the U.S.-Japan relationship.

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

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Strength and Spirit – College Sumo**
Visit to a practice session of Nippon Sport Science University's Sumo Club, a program of nationwide renown that has produced numerous top wrestlers. "Nittaidai" has developed many of Japan's Olympians and will send more hopefuls to Los Angeles in 2028. Head Coach **Dr. Kasuo Saito**, a professor at Nittaidai, explained the ways Japan looks to leverage the growing popularity of traditional sports to grow the country's soft power internationally.

7-1-1 Fukasawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Informal Dinner**

Premium Sake Pub Gashue

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Thursday, April 17th in Tokyo/Sapporo [Travel Day]*Business Attire*

6:45 AM **Check out, Depart for Haneda Airport**

8:00 AM **Depart Tokyo Haneda (HND) for Sapporo (CTS) – NH53**

9:30 AM **Arrive in Sapporo (CTS)**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Rapidus and Japan's Semiconductor Industry**
Roundtable discussion and site survey of Rapidus's new 2nm semiconductor fab hosted by Executive Managing Director **Atsuo Shimizu**, which has received investment from the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, and a wide consortium of Japanese and American businesses, and Hokkaido as the host of Japan's next generation of cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturers.

Bibi, Chitose, Hokkaido 066-0012

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Informal Lunch**

Restaurant MEM, ANA Crowne Plaza Sapporo

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Hokkaido University Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies**
Roundtable discussion with Professors **Koji Yamasaki** and **Kenichi Ochiai**. The CAIS is Japan's only research center specializing in studies on Ainu and other indigenous peoples, it has provided expert advice based on its own research findings to the national government for the comprehensive promotion of Ainu policy since the Diet's June 2008 adoption of the Resolution to Recognize the Ainu as an Indigenous People.

5 Chome Kita 8 Jonishi, Kita-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-0808

Check in to Hotel

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Sapporo Beer Museum**
Guided tour of the historic brewery, which dates back to the colonial days of Hokkaido. The tour will provided context on how Japanese companies have built industries in the mold of Western companies while developing novel strategies for efficiency and quality.

9-1-1 Kita 7-Jo Higashi, Higashi-ku, Sapporo 065-0007

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Dinner Discussion with Sapporo Consul General**
Roundtable dinner discussion with Consul General **Mark Wuebbels** on the U.S. presence in northern Japan, issues affecting Hokkaido, and opportunities to bolster the US-Japan bilateral relationship's impact at deeper levels**.**

Sapporo Beer Garden

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Friday, April 18th in Sapporo — *Business Attire*

Morning — **Breakfast at Hotel**

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM **Courtesy Call with Prefectural Vice Governor**
Courtesy call and discussion with Vice Governor **Tsuyoshi Mitsuhashi** on Hokkaido's recent initiatives, areas for the U.S. and Hokkaido to cooperate, and wider U.S.-Japan relationship.

Kita 3-jo, Nishi 6-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-8588

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **JASDF Chitose Air Base**
Courtesy call with Major General **Nobutaka Tanaka**, Commander of the 2nd Air Wing of the JASDF and Commander of Chitose Air Base, followed by a briefing and tour of facilities to understand how the Japan Air Self Defense Forces' operations in Hokkaido work to secure Japan's maritime borders with Russia.

Heiwa, Chitose, Hokkaido 066-8510

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM **All Politics are Local**
Roundtable lunch discussion with mayors of municipalities in the central Hokkaido region on issues affecting residents of their communities, and ties with the U.S. Featuring Mayor **Yutaka Harada** of Eniwa City, Mayor **Tastuyuki Kato** of Ishikari City, Mayor **Masami Ueno** of Kitahiroshima City, and Mayor **Katsuyuki Ono** of Shinhidaka.

Restaurant MINAMI

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM **Hokkaido Jingu**
Guided tour of the historic site led by Director of Ceremonies **Masanori Nakajima**. Constructed in 1869 by the order of the emperor, Hokkaido Jingu was founded to offer spiritual support to Hokkaido's early colonists. In June, the shrine hosts the largest festival in Hokkaido. Participants will learn of how the unique syncretic nature of religiosity in Japan continues to inform the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

Miyagaoka 474, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Executive Time in Sapporo**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Closing Dinner**
A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship led by FMC staff.

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Saturday, April 19th in Sapporo [Travel Day] ***Casual Attire***

Morning **Breakfast on own at Hotel**

Morning – Evening **Group Departs**

7:30 AM **Departure from Sapporo via NH50**

- Troy Balderson
- Andy Barr
- Davis Barr
- Tony Gonzales
- Jesse Gonzales
- Darin La Hood
- Kristen La Hood
- Frank Pallone
- Sarah Pallone

2:30 PM **Departure from Sapporo via NH66**

- Mazie Hirono
- Leighton Oshima

6:30 PM **Departure from Sapporo via NH76**

- Kyle Michibata
- Jill Tokuda

7:30 PM **Diana DeGette departs Sapporo via NH78**

Arrivals

1:24 PM EDT **Andy Barr and Davis Barr arrive in Lexington via UA4502**

1:25 PM EDT **Troy Balderson arrives in Columbus via NH 7412**

1:19 PM CDT **Tony Gonzales and Jesse Gonzales arrive in San Antonio via NH6530**

1:57 PM CDT **Darin La Hood and Kristen La Hood arrive in Peoria via UA5362**

8:30 AM HST **Mazie Hirono and Leighton Oshima arrive in Honolulu via NH184**

10:20 AM HST **Jill Tokuda and Kyle Michibata arrive in Honolulu via NH186**

10:44 PM MDT **Diana DeGette arrives in Denver via UA776**

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Thursday, April 24th

10:50 AM	**Frank and Sarah Pallone depart Tokyo for New York (JFK) via NH110**
11:00 AM EDT	**Frank and Sarah Pallone arrive in New York (JFK) via NH110**