

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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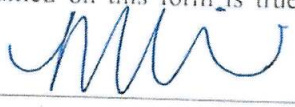
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM 18 JUL -9 PM 1:47

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Megan Sims Wilmes
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: June 16, 2018 Return: June 23, 2018
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
4. Departure city: Indianapolis Destination: Tokyo and Ohoku, Japan Return city: Indianapolis
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
6. Describe meetings and events attended: See attached itinerary.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *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 that statement is true by checking box):
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 7/2/2018

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Rep. Andre Carson (IN-07) DATE: 7/2/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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

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

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

3. Date of Departure: 6/16/2018 Date of Return: 6/23/2018

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Megan Sims

(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3580.45	\$1140	\$393.26	\$764.82(guides, room fees, interpreter)
Accompanying Relative	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Signature: Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

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

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

Address: 1401 K St. NW, Suite 503

Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-507-4849

Email Address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

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

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Megan Sims Wilmes
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
3. Travel destination(s): Tokyo and Tohoku, Japan
4. a. Date of departure June 16, 2018 Date of return June 23, 2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
There are multiple Japanese owned businesses invested in Indianapolis (located in the 7th Congressional District). This will give important context on US-Japan relations on a variety of topics. *I am the District Director for Rep. Carson. ms*
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

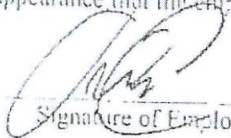
10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Date: 6/12/2018



Signature of Employing Member

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

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached page as well as the attached invitee list.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: June 16, 2018 Date of return: June 23, 2018
7. a. City of departure: See attached.
b. Destination(s): Tokyo and Tohoku
c. City of return: See attached.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *or*
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: *or*
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: *or*
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

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

11. Check one:

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

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

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

Please see attached page.

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

a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: Chartered bus)

b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: Chartered bus)

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

To transport travel participants between airport, hotel, and meeting sites.

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

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

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

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

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
\$130

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

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

Hotel name: Hotel Okura Tokyo City: Tokyo Cost per night: \$265 (inc. breakfast)

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

Hotel name: Richmond Premier Hotel Sendai Ekimae City: Sendai Cost per night: \$116 (inc. breakfast)

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

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

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

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	See attached	\$1140 (w/breakfast)	\$710
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (<i>e.g.</i> , taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$600	Interpreter, guide, insurance, room fee
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

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19. Check one:

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

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

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

Signature: Sabine Schleidt
 Name: Sabine Schleidt
 Title: Chief Operating Officer
 Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
 Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005
 Telephone number: (202)222-0972
 Email address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

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

Addendum

4. This study tour is intended for district directors of the United States House of Representatives; FMC invited senior congressional staff from the House of Representatives who have previously expressed interest in Japan and U.S.-Japan relations. In addition, staff whose Members serve on committees relevant to the trip's issues area – in particular, security, energy, and trade – were invited. Please find a list of all participants.

7. a. and c.

Hagerup: Milwaukee, WI

Sims Wilmes: Indianapolis, IN

Jumde: Little Rock, AR

Kelly: Denver, CO

12. FMC – a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – administers the Congressional Study Group on Japan through its international program. Through the Study Group, FMC creates constant channels of communication and dialogue for U.S. Members of Congress and their staff to interact in a meaningful way with their counterparts in Japan. The 2018 Study Tour offers senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to explore key issues in the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship and supports CSGJ's and FMC's educational mission. FMC is the sole sponsor of the trip and is responsible for organizing the itinerary and arranging meetings with officials, expert speakers, and local leaders. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants, as well as the funding for the 2018 State Director Study Tour to Japan.

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

Tohoku, the northeastern portion of Japan that includes Fukushima and Sendai, was the epicenter of the March 2011 Great East Japan earthquake and resulting tsunami and nuclear disaster at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. This disaster caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Japanese citizens as well as two American citizens. The earthquake and tsunami resulted in major damage to coastal areas and was compounded by nuclear contamination from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant, which forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of Japanese whom remain displaced to this day. Through meetings and site visits, trip participants will hear from local leaders and experts on how the disaster has impacted their community, how the U.S. has supported the region in the aftermath of the disaster, and what challenges remain with regards to energy needs and decontamination efforts.

18.

Transportation:

Ms. Loni Hagerup: \$3852.31

Mr. Tom Kelly: \$3916.72

Ms. Anushree Jumde: \$3223.31

Ms. Megan Sims: \$3373.31

2018 District Director Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, June 16, 2018 to Saturday, June 23, 2018

Tokyo and Tohoku, Japan

Participant List

Ms. Loni Hagerup, Co-Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)

Ms. Megan Sims Wilmes, District Director, Office of Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN)

Ms. Anushree Jumde, District Director, Office of Rep. French Hill (R-AR)

Mr. Tom Kelly, District Director, Office of Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)



THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUPS

GERMANY

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

JAPAN

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

EUROPE

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

April 4, 2018

Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to invite you to join The Congressional Study Group on Japan's inaugural Study Tour for District Directors from June 16, 2018 to June 23, 2018. The theme of this trip is "science and technology cooperation" and the delegation will visit Tokyo, Sendai and Fukushima.

The Congressional Study Group on Japan – a 501(c)(3) non-profit – has more than twenty years of history conducting successful, high-level, discussion-driven study tours for Members of Congress and senior congressional staff, which complement an active calendar of year-round programs on Capitol Hill. Fervently non-partisan and non-advocacy, our model promotes an active, substantive discussion among all principals. Our model avoids lengthy speeches or formal presentations that hinder the development of lasting working relationships based on mutual respect and understanding.

The Study Tour for District Directors provides an exciting new opportunity to build U.S.-Japan relationships at the regional and local levels of government and civil society, beyond the traditional Washington-Tokyo relationship. Our Congressional Study Group on Germany has convened similar trips for District Directors in 2016 and 2017, both of which have seen great success. The 2018 Study Tour to Japan will visit Tokyo and Tohoku (Sendai and Fukushima) with the thematic focus on science and technology. Together with a variety of leading officials and experts from academia, civil society, industry, the media, and government, you will have the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual concern and areas for cooperation in science and technology, including:

- Innovation: transportation, start-up culture, public-private partnership,
- Energy: renewables, the future of nuclear energy
- Demographic change: robotics, artificial intelligence, medical device development

During the trip, you will also have an opportunity to learn other issues, including the U.S.-Japan security alliance, regional and bilateral trade, and the roles of the district offices in Japan.

We have obtained funding for eight District/State Directors from the House and the Senate and are able to provide economy-plus airfare on ANA for this bipartisan delegation. All lodging, transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the generous support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1975. **Please note that this privately-sponsored trip will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for congressional approval.**

This invitation is non-transferrable, and participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan delegation. We look forward to traveling with you, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,



Sabine Schleidt
Chief Operating Officer



Alexis Terai
Senior Programs Officer

PETER M. WEICHLEIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SABINE SCHLEIDT
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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SENIOR PROGRAMS OFFICER

ALEXIS AYANO TERAI
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICER

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Ms. Megan Sims Wilmes
Office of the Honorable André Carson
300 East Fallcreek Parkway North Drive
Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Dear Ms. Sims Wilmes:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Japan, scheduled for June 16 to 23, 2018, sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Creating the 21st Century Alliance: 2018 U.S. District Directors Study Tour
Saturday, June 16, 2018 to Saturday, June 23, 2018
Tokyo, Fukushima, and Sendai

Hotels

Hotel Okura
2-10-4 Toranomon
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0001
Tel: +81-3-3582-0111

Richmond Hotel Premier Sendai Ekimae
2-1-1 Chuo
Aoba-ku
Sendai 980-0021
Tel: +81-22-716-2855

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Ms. Loni Hagerup

7:55 – 10:20am SEA (Seattle) from MKE (Milwaukee)
11:47am – 2:30pm NRT (Tokyo) from SEA (Seattle)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Mr. Tom Kelly

12:35pm – 3:20pm NRT (Tokyo) from DEN (Denver)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Ms. Anushree Jumde

5:37 – 6:55am DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth) from LIT (Little Rock)
10:50am – 2:00pm NRT (Tokyo) from DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Ms. Megan Sims

6:24 – 7:40am DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth) from IND (Indianapolis)
10:50am – 2:00pm NRT (Tokyo) from DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Mr. Carleton Atkinson

7:30 – 9:49am SLC (Salt Lake City) from IAD (Washington Dulles)
11:10am – 12:15pm SEA (Seattle) from SLC (Salt Lake City)

Mr. Greg Bloom

9:52 – 11:08am DEN (Denver) from ABQ (Albuquerque) (1h16min)
12:35pm – 3:20pm NRT (Tokyo) from DEN (Denver) (11h45min)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Mr. Patrick Jaynes

7:45 – 8:57am

ATL (Atlanta) from TYS (Knoxville) (1h12min)

11:48am – 2:35pm

NRT (Tokyo) from ATL (Atlanta) (13h47min)

*Arrival on Sunday, June 17th

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Mr. Carleton Atkinson

11:47am – 2:30pm

11:47am – 2:30pm NRT (Tokyo) from SEA (Seattle)

*Arrival on Monday, June 18th

2:00 – 3:30pm

Participants arrival in Narita

4:00 – 5:30pm

Bus ride from Narita to Hotel Okura

5:30pm

Check-in at a hotel

7:00 – 8:30pm

Welcome Dinner Briefing: Trip Preview

Dinner roundtable led by **Ms. Alexis Terai, Senior Program Officer, FMC**

- Introduction of participants
- Mission of the sponsor and the trip
- Preview of meeting partners and site visits
- Q&A

Nobu – Tokyo

4-1-28 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo

(03-5733-0070)

Monday, June 18, 2018 <Tokyo>

- 8:00 – 9:30am **Overview of Japan: Politics, Economy, Energy, and Social Issues**
Breakfast roundtable with Tokyo-based journalists: **Mr. Masakatsu Ota**;
Senior Writer, Kyodo News
- Working breakfast on overview of Japanese politics and economy, US-Japan bilateral relationship
 - 7min opening remarks by discussant
 - Rest - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate
- Hotel Okura, 2-10-4 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 9:45 – 10:15am Bus ride from the hotel to next meeting
- 10:30am – Noon **Communicating Prime Minister Abe's Policies to the World**
Discussion with **Mr. Tomohiko Taniguchi**, Speechwriter and Special
Advisor for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
- 10:30-11:30am - Perspective from the Prime Minister's office on the U.S.-Japan relationship
 - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate
 - 11:30am-Noon: Tour of kantei, guided by Mr. Taniguchi
- Kantei, 2-3-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- Noon – 12:10pm Bus ride from the kantei to the next meeting
- 12:15 – 1:15pm **Tour of the National Diet Building, a Japanese Parliament**, guided by a
staff from the Japanese Diet's International Division
- The National Diet is Japan's bicameral legislature, composed of a lower house (House of Representatives) and an upper house (House of Councillors). This building was completed in 1936. The tour, guided by a staff from the Diet, will include visiting the Committee rooms and the House Chambers, and will allow the delegation to learn the history of Japanese legislature.*
- National Diet of Japan
1-7-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- 1:30 – 2:30pm **Informal Lunch** at a cafeteria of the Office Building of the House of
Representatives in the Japanese Diet
- Diet Office Building of the House of Representatives,
2-1-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*
- Mr. Carleton Atkinson
- 2:30pm Arrival to Narita Airport
- 3:30 – 5:00pm Bus ride from the airport to the hotel

- 2:30 – 3:00pm Bus ride from the Diet Office Building to the next meeting
- 3:00 – 4:30pm **The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japanese Society**
Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine, and tour guided by priest
- Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism, and participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.*
- 1-1 Yoyogikamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- 4:45 – 5:15pm Bus ride to a hotel
- 6:00 – 6:30pm Bus ride from a hotel to the next meeting (*Mr. Atkinson joins the program*)
- 6:30 – 8:30pm **Informal Dinner with mid-level diplomats from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan**
- 7:00-8:00pm: Brief introduction of each diplomat (four to five), including their background and current assignment, conversation on their experience working in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.
 - 8:00-9:00pm: Informal dinner
- Andy's Hinomoto, 2-4-4 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo*

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 <Tokyo>

- 8:00 – 9:30am **Demographic Change in Japan**
Breakfast roundtable with Ms. Yumiko Murakami, Head, OECD Tokyo Centre
- Working breakfast on the current status of population decline in Japan, comparison with OECD countries
 - 30min presentation
 - Rest - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate
- Hotel Okura, 2-10-4 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo*
- 9:40 – 9:55am Bus ride from the hotel to next meeting
- 10:00 – 11:30am **Limited Country Briefing**, followed by a meeting with **Amb. William Hagerty, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan**
- Briefing by select heads of sections such as Political, Economic, Commerce, Public Affairs, and Consular on the current state of bilateral relationship

- Conversation with Amb. Hagerty on the Embassy's priorities in Japan and Asia.

U.S. Embassy – Tokyo, 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

11:30 – 11:45am Bus ride from the U.S. Embassy to a next meeting

11:45am – 1:15pm **People-to-People Exchange between the United States and Japan**
Lunch conversation with **Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater**, Executive Director of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

- Roundtable conversation on the importance of cultural and educational exchange for the U.S.-Japan relationship, current status and challenges facing education of next generation of future U.S. leaders in Asia

Tofuya Ukai, 4-4-13 Shibabkoen, Minato-ku, Tokyo

1:15 – 2:30pm Bus ride from the lunch to a next meeting

2:30 – 3:45pm **How the District Office Works in Japan**
Visit to the district office of **The Hon. Taro Kono**, Member of the Lower House; Minister of Foreign Affairs

- Meeting with District Director working at Diet's district office and discussion on the comparison of functions of district offices in the US and Japan. Tour of the district office.

Hiratsuka District Office, 26-8 Yaezaki-cho, Hiratsuka-shi, Kanagawa
OR

Chigasaki District Office, Tsuyuki Bldg 2F, 1-2-3 Jukkenzaka, Chigasaki-shi, Kanagawa

3:50 – 4:15pm Bus ride from the district office to a next meeting

4:15 – 5:45pm **Model of Future Town**
Visit to **Fujisawa Sustainable Smart Town** and briefing by representatives from Panasonic

- A briefing and a tour of Fujisawa Sustainable Smart town by a Panasonic representative to learn the cutting-edge technology used to create sustainable living

6-21-1 Tsujido Motomachi, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa

5:45 – 7:00pm Bus ride from Fujisawa to a hotel in Tokyo

7:15 – 7:45pm Bus ride from a hotel to the next meeting

7:45 – 9:15pm **Foreigners in Japan 101: Expectation and Reality**
Dinner roundtable with **Patrick Harlan**, commentator, lecturer at Tokyo Institute of Technology

- Roundtable conversation on experience living in Japan as an American, the cultural difference in business and communication between the US and Japan, how Japanese TV audience views American political process, and traits of young Japanese students

Yumeya Kyomachi Shibuzuku, Yaesu-ten, Nisshin Bldg 2F, 3-2-17 Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 <Tokyo/Fukushima/Sendai>

- Starting at 6:30am Breakfast available at hotel
- 8:00am Check-out and departure from the hotel
- 8:48 – 10:21am Depart on bullet train (Yamabiko 43) from Tokyo Station to Koriyama Station
- ~~11:00 – 11:30am~~ ~~Update on Fukushima (CANCELLED)~~
Meeting with The Hon. Masao Uchibori, the Governor of Fukushima Prefecture
- 10:30 – Noon Bus ride from the station to the next meeting
- 11:00 – 11:15am **What Happened in March 11 2011**
 Bus Briefing by Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater, Executive Director, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
 - Bus briefing on the aftermath of the 3.11 earthquake by Ms. Streater who then was responsible for American government employees working in Japan through Mansfield Fellowship, and her experience coordinating with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo
- 11:15– Noon **How Japanese Electoral System Works**
 Bus briefing on Japanese Political System
 - An educational documentary called “Senkyo” that follows a candidate who runs for a city council in Kawasaki
- Noon – 12:30pm Informal Lunch
Abukuma Kogen Service Area
- 12:30 – 1:30pm Bus ride from the lunch venue to the next meeting
- 1:30 – 5:00pm **Seven Years After 3.11: Future of Nuclear Energy in Japan**
 Visit to **Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant**
 - 1:30 – 2:15pm: Briefing
 - 2:15 – 2:45pm: Bus ride from the TEPCO building to the Fukushima nuclear power plant
 - 3:00 – 4:00pm: Bus tour of the nuclear power plant

- 4:00 – 4:30pm: Bus ride from the Fukushima nuclear power plant to the TEPCO building

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- 5:00 – 6:30pm Bus ride from Fukushima to Sendai City
- 6:45pm Check-in at a hotel
- 6:50 – 7:00pm Walk from the hotel to the next meeting
- 7:00 – 8:30pm **Tohoku from Young Americans' Perspectives**
Dinner with American expats working in Sendai Prefectural Government
- Introduction of participants
 - 7-10 min remarks by each American professional on their experience on 3.11 earthquake and tsunami, their perspectives on the recovery of the Tohoku region, and working in Japan

Date no Irovi Kurano-Sho, So-honten
AK Building 4F, 1-8-38 Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi

Thursday, June 21, 2018 < Sendai >

- Starting 6:30am Breakfast available at a hotel
- 9:30 – 10:00am Bus ride from the hotel to the next meeting
- 10:00 – 11:00am **Revitalizing Local Economy After 3.11**
Meeting with representatives from **Tohoku Economic Federation and Tohoku ILC Promotion Council**
- Conversation on the current status of local economy after the earthquake in 3.11, and how the introduction of International Linear Collider in the Tohoku region may help boost the economy.
- 2-9-10 Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi*
- 11:00am – 12:30pm Bus ride from Sendai to Ishinomaki City
- 12:30 – 1:30pm **What the World Can Learn from Japan on Emergency Preparedness**
Lunch discussion with **Mr. Richard Halberstadt**, Director of Ishinomaki Community & Info Center
- Conversation on Ishinomaki city, one of the most affected municipalities after the tsunami of March 2011, and its lessons in emergency preparedness.
- Chuo 2-8-11, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi*
- 1:30 – 2:15pm **Challenges and Opportunities After Seven Years Since the 3.11**

Earthquake

Visit to **Ishinomaki Community & Info Center**, guided by Mr. Richard Halberstadt

- Tour of the center that displays charts, figures pictures of the disaster, and the ongoing reconstruction efforts of the city.

Chuo 2-8-11, Ishinomaki City, Miyagi

2:15 – 3:15pm Bus ride from Ishinomaki to Sendai

3:30 – 5:15pm **Education in Japan, Memories of 3.11 and Future of Tohoku**
Discussion with **students from Miyagi Daisan High School**

- Visit to an English class and learn about the education system in Japan
- Small group discussion with high school students on life in Tohoku, young generation's perspective on Japan and the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship

1-19 Tsurugaya, Miyagino-ku, Sendai

5:15 – 5:30pm Bus ride from Miyagi Daisan High School to hotel

6:45 – 7:00pm Walk from hotel to the next meeting

7:00 – 8:30pm **Informal Dinner**

Chiyono-Kura, 3-6-10, Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai

Friday, June 22, 2018 <Sendai>

Starting 6:30am Breakfast available at a hotel

9:00 – 9:30am Bus ride from the hotel to the next meeting

9:30 – 11:00am **Rebuilding the Community Medical System**
Visit and tour of **Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization (ToMMo)**
and discussion with professors at Tohoku University

- 9:30 – 10:00am: Discussion on ToMMo's efforts to realize personalized medicine and create an attractive and thriving center of innovation leading to fast-track recovery of the Tohoku region
- 10:00 – 11:00am: Tour of the facilities, including Supercomputer Room, Biobank, DNA Sequencers Room, and Sendai Community Support Center

2-1 Seiryomachi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi

11:00am – Noon Bus ride from the hotel to the next meeting

12:15 – 1:00pm **Informal Lunch**

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1:15 – 2:45pm

Western Influence on Japan's History during the 15th Century
Guided visit to Entsuin Temple

Entsuin Temple was built in 1647 as the memorial temple of Date Mitsumune, a grandson of Date Masamune, one of the most powerful feudal lords. This Buddhist temple houses the mausoleum of Date Mitsumune, which is decorated in Western symbols such as diamonds, hearts, crosses. For its historical significance, the castle site has been designated a National Historic Monument by the Japanese Government. The visit will allow the delegation to learn about Japan's encounter with the Christian West during the 15th century, and how it impacted the modern Japanese industry and political system.

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3:00 – 3:50pm

Boat ride from Matsushima Port to Shiogama Port and boat briefing

- Audio tour of Matsushima, which was visited by numerous Japanese, political and military leaders, such as Shogunate Masamune Date in the 17th century, how art work on Matsushima – poetry and paintings – particularly by a haiku poet Matsuo Basho, has influenced the modern Japanese culture, and aftermath of tsunami in 2011 and its impact on the local scenery and economy.

4:00 – 4:45pm

Bus briefing on History of Sake

- An educational documentary on history of sake, its importance to Japanese economy, and governments' historical involvement in expanding the industry through both regulation and deregulation.

~~11:45am – 1:15pm~~

~~*Combating Cyberattacks on Critical Infrastructure (CANCELLED)*~~
~~*Lunch and visit to Control System Security Center (CSSC), a technology Research Association*~~

~~2:00 – 3:45pm~~

~~*U.S. Japan Alliance: Disaster Relief Cooperation (CANCELLED)*~~
~~*Visit to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force North Eastern Army and discussion with their leadership*~~

~~4:00 – 5:00pm~~

~~*Japanese History and Tradition (CANCELLED)*~~
~~Guided visit to Aoba Castle by a local tour guide~~

5:00 – 5:30pm

Bus ride from the Shiogama Port to the hotel

6:00 – 6:15pm

Bus ride from the hotel to the next meeting

6:30 – 8:00pm

Closing Dinner: Lessons Learned

Debrief dinner conversation on what each participant learned during the trip, how they will get back the knowledge and experience to the District/State

Sumiyaki Wagyu Wabiuchi, 2-1-10 Kakyoin, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Ms. Anushree Jumde

6:45am Departure from hotel to the airport via Narita Skyliner
8:01am Arrival at Narita Airport
10:55am – 8:35am DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth) from NRT (Narita)
10:30am – 11:45am LIT (Little Rock) from DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd

Rest of the group

7:45am Departure from the hotel
8:16 – 9:47am Depart on bullet train (Hayabusa 6) from Tokyo Station to Koriyama Station
10:33am – 12:31pm Departure from Tokyo Station to Narita Airport via Narita Express

Ms. Loni Hagerup

3:40pm – 2:20pm DTW (Detroit) from NRT (Tokyo)
7:55pm – 8:11pm MKE (Milwaukee) from DTW (Detroit)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd

Mr. Tom Kelly

5:15pm – 12:35pm DEN (Denver) from NRT (Narita)
*Arrival on Sunday, June 23rd

Ms. Megan Sims

6:40pm – 4:35pm DFW (Dallas Fort Worth) from NRT (Tokyo)
6:35pm – 9:45pm IND (Indiana) from DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd

Mr. Carleton Atkinson

3:40 – 2:20pm DTW (Detroit) from NRT (Tokyo) (11h40min)
8:35 – 10:11pm IAD (Washington Dulles) from DTW (Detroit) (1h36min)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd

Mr. Greg Bloom

5:15 – 12:35pm DEN (Denver) from Narita (Tokyo) (10h20min)
3:24 – 4:45pm ABQ (Albuquerque) from DEN (Denver) (1h21min)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd

Mr. Patrick Jaynes

4:30 – 4:07pm ATL (Atlanta) from NRT (Tokyo) (12h37min)
5:35 – 6:36pm TYS (Knoxville) from ATL (Atlanta) (1h1min)
*Arrival on Saturday, June 23rd