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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

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, B-81 Cannon House Office Building*, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please *do not* file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Hilary Ranieri
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 25, 2019 Return: June 1, 2019
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington D.C Destination: Tokyo Return City: Washington D.C
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Japan Center for International Exchange
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and roundtables with leading policy experts and high-level government, civil society, and private sector leaders
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all attachments and the Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the 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 statement is true by checking the box:
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: *Hilary Ranieri* Date: 6/14/19

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: William Timmons Date: 6/14/19

Signature of Supervising Member: *William R Timmons II*



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Japan Center for International Exchange

2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo and Aichi

3. Date of Departure: May 25, 2019 Date of Return: June 1, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Hilary Ranieri

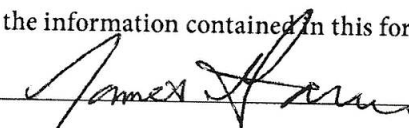
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.

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	\$2,988.97	\$1,193.10	\$600.95	None
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature:  Date: 06/10/2019

Name: James Gannon Title: Executive Director

Organization: Japan Center for International Exchange

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

Address: 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 731, New York, NY 10115 (Office moved on May 10, 2019)

Telephone: 212-679-4130 Email: jgannon@jcie.org

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

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



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Hilary Ranieri
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Japan Center for International Exchange
3. Travel Destination(s): Japan: Tokyo and Aichi
4. a. Date of Departure: May 25, 2019 Date of Return: June 1, 2019
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No **If yes:**
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? Yes No
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
 NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
 As Legislative Director handling the foreign policy and defense portfolios, this trip will help me better understand firsthand the U.S.-Japan alliance and will help me give more informed recommendations on the related policy areas to my boss.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip? Yes No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Signature of Employing Member William P. Timman IV

Date 4/23/2019



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Japan Center for International Exchange

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: OR
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: OR
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: May 25, 2019 Date of Return: June 1, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Japan: Tokyo and Aichi
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: OR
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: OR
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: OR
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* **OR**
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
JCIE is the sole sponsor of this trip, which is part of its US-Japan Political Exchange Program. JCIE promotes
promotes US-Japan dialogue in areas of common concern, and this program is designed to provide senior staffers
with a deeper understanding of the US-Japan relationship and the dynamics of Japanese Policymaking.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **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): approx. \$110
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Tokyo offers the best access to leaders from Japanese government and from various sectors of society. Aichi is one of Japan's main industrial hubs
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>Hotel New Otani</u> | City: <u>Tokyo</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$230</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>affordable price, convenient to the Japanese Diet</u> | | |
| Hotel Name: <u>Nagoya Tokyu Hotel</u> | City: <u>Nagoya</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$105</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>affordable price, meeting space, accessible to site visits</u> | | |
| Hotel Name: _____ | City: _____ | Cost Per Night: _____ |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: _____ | | |
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$3430	\$1260	\$550
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	\$0	
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

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

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

Signature: Date: 04/18/2019

Name: James Gannon

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA)

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

Telephone: 212.679.4130

Email: jgannon@jcie.org

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

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May 16, 2019

Ms. Hilary Ranieri
Office of the Honorable William R. Timmons IV
313 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Ranieri:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Japan,¹ scheduled for May 25 to June 1, 2019, sponsored by Japan Center for International Exchange.

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

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 Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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JCIE Congressional Staff Exchange Program in Japan

House Invitees

Drew Kennedy, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Mr. Kennedy was chosen on the basis of recommendations by program alumni, as well as due to the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help him advise his boss on US-Asia trade and foreign policy issues. He supports his both in his service on both the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. A well-rounded understanding of the dynamics of US-Japan relations and Japanese political, economic, and foreign policy will help him carry out her work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as bilateral trade tensions and US-Asia security relations.

Zoe Oreck, Legislative Director, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)

Ms. Oreck was chosen on the basis of recommendations by program alumni, as well as due to the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help her advise her boss on US-Asia trade and foreign policy issues. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. A well-rounded understanding of the dynamics of US-Japan relations and Japanese political, economic, and foreign policy will help her carry out her work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as bilateral trade tensions and US-Asia security relations, as well as shared domestic challenges including taxation and public sector financing.

Robyn Patterson, Communications Director, Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV)

Ms. Patterson was chosen on the basis of recommendations by program alumni, as well as due to the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help her advise her boss on US-Asia trade and foreign policy issues. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. A well-rounded understanding of the dynamics of US-Japan relations and Japanese political, economic, and foreign policy will help her carry out her work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as bilateral trade tensions and US-Asia security relations, as well as shared domestic challenges including taxation and public sector financing.

Hilary Ranieri, Legislative Director, Rep. Will Timmons (R-SC)

Ms. Ranieri was chosen on the basis of recommendations by program alumni, as well as due to the degree to which deeper knowledge of the dynamics of US-Asia relations would help her advise her boss on US-Asia trade and foreign policy issues. Japan is the most important US ally in Asia, an area of great significance for US trade and security. A well-rounded understanding of the dynamics of US-Japan relations and Japanese political, economic, and foreign policy will help her carry out her work more effectively as Congress continues to grapple with issues such as bilateral trade tensions and US-Asia security relations, as well as shared domestic challenges including taxation and public sector financing.

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

US Congressional Staff Exchange Program
2019 Delegation to Japan

May 25–June 1, 2019

SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 25

12:45 Depart Washington Dulles International Airport

Sunday, May 26

15:25 Arrive at Narita Airport

16:15-17:45 Travel via minibus to Tokyo, check in to Hotel New Otani

18:15- 20:00 **Orientation dinner** [Restaurant Satsuki, “The Main,” Hotel New Otani]
Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, Japan Center for
International Exchange (JCIE/Japan)
Hifumi Tajima, Chief Program Officer, JCIE/Japan
James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA
*Briefing on the program, key trends in the Japanese policy debate and US-
Japan relations, and expectations for participants*

Monday, May 27

8:35 Meet in lobby of “The Main”

8:40-8:50 Bus from hotel to JCIE office

9:00-9:30 **Overview of Program** [JCIE Office]

Akio Okawara, President, Japan Center for International Exchange
*Welcome and background on the week’s meetings, resource people, and key
issues in US-Japan relations likely to be raised.*

9:30-10:30 **“The Japanese Way of Politics”** [JCIE]

Toshiaki Miura, Political and Diplomatic Correspondent,
The Asahi Shimbun

Background on the Japanese political system, top issues in the domestic political debate, and the implications for US-Japan relations by a leading political commentator at one of Japan's top newspapers

- 10:45-11:45 **“China-Japan Relations and the Future of Asia”** [JCIE]
Akio Takahara, Professor of Contemporary Chinese Politics, Graduate School of Law and Politics, University of Tokyo
Briefing on Japanese perspective on the rise of China, and China-Japan relations from a top China scholar
- 12:00-13:30 **“Japan’s Foreign Policy Priorities”— Lunch Discussion** [JCIE]
Hitoshi Tanaka, Senior Fellow, JCIE; Chairman, Institute for International Strategy (IIS), Japan Research Institute, Ltd; Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan
Discussion with one of Japan’s leading diplomatic strategists on Japan’s foreign policy priorities as well as on his personal experiences conducting high-level negotiations with North Korea
- 13:30-14:00 Travel to Roppongi Hills by taxi
- 14:00-15:00 **“Japan’s Economic Prospects”** [Goldman Sachs Office]
Shigemitsu Sugisaki, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd; Former Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
Tomohiro Ota, Vice President, Senior Japan Economist, Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd.
Hiroshi Ueki, Managing Director and Head of Government Affairs, Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd.
Assessment of the track record of Abenomics and discussion of major macro-economic trends that are shaping Japan’s outlook and the prospects for Japanese economic growth
- 15:15-16:00 Free time
- 16:00-16:30 Travel to House of Representatives #1 Office Building & pass security
- 16:30-17:30 **“Empowering Women in Japanese Politics”**
[House of Representatives #1 Office Building]
Hon. Seiko Noda, Member, House of Representatives; former, Minister, Internal Affairs and Communications

Discussion with one of the ruling party's most prominent women leaders on the challenges faced by women in Japanese politics, and on the potential for US-Japan collaboration over issues on women's leadership

18:00-18:30 Travel to restaurant [Chinese Restaurant Iwaen Kasumizaseki]

18:30-21:15 **Breakout Dinner Discussion on US-Japan Relations**

10~12 Foreign policy experts, young government officials, business leaders, and Diet staff

We will split up for small group discussions with English-speaking business leaders, foreign policy practitioners, and experts for dinner discussions on key issues in US-Japan relations. Many participants are drawn from the alumni of the "Tanaka Juku" study group on foreign policy issues.

Tuesday, May 28

8:00-9:15 **Breakfast Roundtable with Up-and-Coming Leaders in the Diet**
[Hotel New Otani]

3~5 Diet members

Roundtable discussion with Diet members on how Japanese legislators view US-Japan relations and what they feel the key priorities need to be.

9:30-9:50 Travel by taxi to Cabinet Office & pass security

10:00-11:00 **"Japan's Trade Policy and US-Japan Trade Relations"**
[Cabinet Office]

Atsuyuki Oike, Deputy Chief Negotiator of Governmental Headquarters for the TPP

Briefing on Japan's trade policy and the Japanese perspective on a potential US-Japan trade deal

11:15-11:45 Travel by taxi to Keidanren Headquarters

12:00-13:30 **"Japanese Business Perspectives on US-Japan Economic Relations"**
[Japanese Business Federation Headquarters]

Ichiro Hara, Director, International Affairs Bureau, Keidanren

Discussions with business executives on US-Japan trade relations, market access and non-tariff barriers, and investment in the United States. This is convened at the headquarters of the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), which is analogous to the US Chamber of Commerce.

13:30-14:00 Travel by taxi to JCIE offices

- 14:00-15:00 **Roundtable on US-Asia Relations with Foreign Policy Experts** [JCIE]
- Ryo Sahashi, Associate Professor of International Politics, Institute for
Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo
- Tsuneo Watanabe, Senior Research Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Naoko Eto, Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan
External Trade Organization
- Roundtable discussion on regional relations in East Asia with mid-career
experts on US-Japan relations, as well as relations with China, and Taiwan.*
- 15:00-15:45 Travel by taxi to Meiji Jingu
- 15:45-17:00 **“Religion & Politics in Japanese Society”** [Meiji Jingu Shrine]
- Rev. Moriyasu Ito, Priest, Meiji Shrine; Director of International Affairs
Division, Meiji Jingu Intercultural Research
- Briefing on the role that Shintoism and other Japanese religions play in
contemporary society and how they influence the political debate by former
foreign ministry official turned Shinto priest*
- 18:30-20:00 Optional Group Dinner

Wednesday, May 29

- 9:00-9:45 Check out from hotel & depart by taxi to Tokyo Station
- 9:50-11:31 Bullet Train (Nozomi 105) from Tokyo Station to Nagoya
- 12:00-13:30 **“Japan's Nonprofit Sector, Its Challenges, and Its Role in Local-Level
Governance and International Affairs” – Lunch Briefing**
- Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, JCIE/Japan; Director, Japan
NPO Center; former Commissioner, Prime Minister’s Commission on the
Reform of Public Interest Corporations.
- One of the most prominent women leaders in Japan’s nonprofit sector will
outline the growth of Japan’s nonprofit sector since the 1990s, how it has
struggled to serve as an alternative voice in a policymaking system that has
been traditionally dominated by the government, and what nonprofit
movements are doing to strengthen local-level governance and alignment
with the Sustainable Development Goals.*

13:30-14:50 **Briefing on Nagoya's Urban Revitalization Efforts and Nagoya Castle**
Briefing on Nagoya's urban revitalization efforts and a site visit to Nagoya Castle to discuss the role that the strategies surrounding the castle neighborhood have played in Nagoya's urban renewal strategy.

15:00-16:20 **Site Visit to Chuden Wing Company: Exploring Models for Workplace Accessibility**
Chuden Wing Co., a subsidiary of Chubu Electric Power Company is a design and printing company that proactively recruits people with physical and developmental disabilities. It operates with 100+ staff members, nearly three-quarters of whom have some form of disability, and it has become a model of ways to make workplaces in Japan more accessible and inclusive.

16:40-17:10 **Meeting with Governor of Aichi Prefecture**
Hideaki Ohmura, Governor, Aichi Prefecture
Meeting with governor of one of Japan's leading prefectures in terms of industrial output and innovation. Will discuss Aichi's involvement in US-Japan trade and investment, what this means at the local level.

17:10-18:15 **Aichi Prefectural Government Briefing: "Aichi's Local Economic Revitalization Agenda"**
Officials from the Aichi Prefectural Government's Department of Industry and Labor, as well as other departments, will discuss Aichi's economic growth, investment, and trade promotion strategy.

18:15-18:30 Bus to hotel

18:30 Check in to Nagoya Tokyu Hotel

19:15 Informal Dinner

Thursday, May 30

9:35 Check out of hotel & meet in main lobby

9:45-11:00 Bus to Toyota City

11:00-14:45 **Toyota Site Visit: Cutting-edge Technologies in Transportation**

- Briefing on New Technologies & Guided Tour of Toyota Kaikan Museum
- Lunch Roundtable with Toyota Executives
- Site visit to Motomachi Assembly Plant

Participants will begin with an introduction and display of cutting-edge mobility and energy-saving technologies that Toyota has developed to deal with environmental challenges and aging populations. This will be followed by discussion with Toyota executives on trade and investment, and then end with a site visit to an assembly plant which employs over 7,000 people.

14:45-16:00 Bus to Nagoya Station

16:30-18:13 Bullet Train (Nozomi 32) from Nagoya Station to Tokyo

18:30-18:50 Taxi to Ginza area

19:00-21:15 **Dinner Discussion with Asia Experts**

In this dinner discussion, 3-4 Americana and other expatriate Asia experts based in Tokyo, will discuss how US-Japan relations are viewed from Tokyo, insights from their experiences living in Japan and working on US-Asia economic and security relations, and how to interpret what program participants have heard over the week of meetings.

21:15-21:40 Travel by taxi to Hotel New Otani & check-in

Friday, May 31

9:10-9:40 Travel by minibus to US Embassy, proceed through security

9:45-10:45 **US Embassy Briefing on US-Japan Relations** [US Embassy]

3~5 US Embassy representatives

Briefing on issues in US-Japan relations including military bases in Japan, the role of the US-Japan alliance in terms of policy towards North Korea and China, trade relations, etc.

10:45-11:15 Travel by minibus to Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters

11:15-11:45 **Meeting with Ruling Party Leadership**

[LDP Headquarters]

Hon. Yoshihide Suga, Chief Cabinet Secretary, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP); Member, House of Representatives

Discussion on the priorities of Japan's ruling party, the LDP, and a senior leader's view of US-Japan relations.

- 11:55-12:20 Travel to lunch restaurant
- 12:30-14:00 **Briefing by Ministry of Foreign Affairs – “The US-Japan Alliance and Economics Ties”** [Restaurant TBD]
4~5 senior Japanese foreign ministry officials
Lunch discussion with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' North American Bureau on US-Japan security relations, trade, security, and other areas of bilateral cooperation
- 14:00-14:30 Travel to Shinagawa by minibus
- 14:30-16:00 **“Japan's Cutting-Edge: Innovation Technology and AI” – Site visit to NEC Innovation World** [NEC Innovation World- Shinagawa]
Opportunity to learn about Japan's work in the technology field. Overview of the real world applications of artificial intelligence and the integration of Japanese technology with the business sector
- 16:00-16:30 Return to hotel by minibus
- 19:00-21:00 **Wrap-up dinner and debriefing**
Akio Okawara, President, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/Japan)
Hideko Katsumata, Executive Director & COO, JCIE/Japan
Hifumi Tajima, Chief Program Officer, JCIE/Japan
James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA
At a wrap-up dinner with senior JCIE staff, the participants will reflect on the main opportunities and challenges for US-Japan relations that were raised during the program as well as next steps for remaining informed about and engaged in US-Japan relations.

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- 11:00 Check out of Hotel New Otani, bring bags to airport bus
- 11:30-13:30 Travel via airport limousine bus to Narita Airport
- 16:10 Depart Narita Airport; arrive in Washington DC at 15:50 the same day