



U.S. House of Representatives

# 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: Arthur Sidney
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: N/A OR None ☐  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 12/6/19 Return: 12/8/19  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: NO OR None ☒
4. Departure City: DC Destination: Baltimore Return City: PC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: US Association former Members of Congress
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Chief of staff met with senior think tank and government officials to discuss US/Japan relationship
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: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER  
2019 DEC 17 PM 4:45  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Signature of Traveler: Arthur Sidney Date: 12/17/19

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: Hank Johnson Date: 12/17/19

Signature of Supervising Member: Hank Johnson





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

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

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Baltimore, MD

3. Date of Departure: 12/06/2019 Date of Return: 12/08/2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Yuri Beckelman, Mark Drieling, Hunter Ridgway, Arthur Sidney

*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	\$198.83	\$238	\$145.55	\$63.51
Accompanying Family Member	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 Date: 12/17/2019

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

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

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

Address: 1401 K St. NW, Suite 901

Telephone: (202) 507-4849 Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

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





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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Arthur D. Sidney
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: US Former Members of Congress
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Balt. MD
4. a. Date of Departure: Dec 6, 2019 Date of Return: Dec 8, 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: N/A  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): N/A  
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No N/A
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.

Bipartisan gathering will allow chief of staff, me, to better understand legislative priorities and to discuss US-Japan relationship with other chiefs of staff + engaging policy experts. Functions are related to my role in foreign affairs.

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

Hank Johnson

Date

11/5/2017





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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: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: ☐ **OR**
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: ☐ **OR**
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached page as well as the attached invitee list.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: December 6, 2019 Date of Return: December 8, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Baltimore, DC  
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:  
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: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 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:  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$53.25 for Friday and Saturday; \$71 for Saturday
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proximity to Washington, DC, and capacity for meeting spaces
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Please see attached. City: Baltimore, MD Cost Per Night: \$119  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to DC, meeting space, and comfort of accommodation
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. Signify that the statement is true by checking 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	\$80/ \$44.42	\$238	\$177.5
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	\$125	Parking, room fee (see attached)
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	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: Sabine Schleidt Date: 10/31/2019

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Chief Operating Officer

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

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

Telephone: (202) 222-0972

Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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

**Committee on Ethics**

U.S. House of Representatives

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

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





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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
  - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
  - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. **Check only one:**
  - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: October 31, 2019

Name: Dr. Satoshiro Akimoto Title: President

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

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

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

### Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

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November 22, 2019

Mr. Arthur Sidney  
Office of the Honorable Henry "Hank" Johnson  
2240 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sidney:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Baltimore, Maryland, Baltimore, DC, scheduled for December 6 to 8, 2019, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress, with financial support from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

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.

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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# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

## The Congressional Study Groups

### 2019 Chiefs of Staff Weekend Colloquium: US-Asia Relations in Transition - What are the Challenges Ahead?

Friday, December 6, 2019 to Sunday, December 8, 2019  
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel  
202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202  
Last Update: December 17, 2019 | All meetings subject to change

#### Friday, December 6, 2019

- Starting 3:00pm      Check-in available at hotel
- 4:30pm      *Sunny's Limo* will pick-up all passengers at the Capitol Hill Club
- 6:00 – 7:00pm      **Welcome Reception**  
  
*Guilford (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- 7:00 – 10:00pm      **Welcome Dinner: Asia 101 – Key Players and Key Issues**  
*Opening remarks from our speakers and general overview on the state of affairs in Asia.*  
  
*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- Panelists:**  
Mark Manyin, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service  
Emma Chanlett-Avery, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service

#### Saturday, December 7, 2019

- 8:00 – 9:30am      **Breakfast Roundtable: US Policies in Asia with Journalists**  
*Roundtable discussion from the media's perspective on the United States foreign policy positions with Asian nations.*  
  
*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- Moderator:**  
Mark Manyin, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service
- Panelists:**  
Jacob Schlesinger, Senior Correspondent, Wall Street Journal  
James Palmer, Senior Editor, Foreign Policy



9:45 – 11:15am

**Roundtable: Militarization and Security**

*Expert briefing on the present-day security threats and the impacts of regional insecurity to our bilateral relations with our Asian allies. Topics surrounding a nuclear Korean Peninsula, Japan's militarization, and Chinese aggression on the seas.*

*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

**Moderator:**

James Palmer, Senior Editor, Foreign Policy

**Panelists:**

Emma Chanlett-Avery, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service

Jessica Lee, Senior Research Fellow, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft

11:30am – 1:00pm

**Luncheon Roundtable: A Regional Trade Framework**

*Overview on the importance of trade between the United States and Asian countries, including the perspective of Maryland's trade relationship with these nations.*

*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

**Moderator:**

Jacob Schlesinger, Senior Correspondent, Wall Street Journal

**Panelists:**

William Reinsch, Senior Adviser and Scholl Chair in International Business, CSIS

Jude Blanchette, Freeman Chair in China Studies, CSIS

Tobias Harris, Fellow for Economy, Trade, and Business, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Benjamin Wu, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce

1:30 – 2:40pm

**Site Visit – Under Armour Global Headquarters**

*1020 Hull St, Baltimore, MD 21230*

4:00 – 5:00pm

**Conversation with our Institutional Leadership**

*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

**Panelists:**

The Hon. Jim Slattery (D-KS, 1983-1995), Past President, Former Members of Congress



Satohiro Akimoto, Chairman and President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

6:15 – 8:15pm

**Dinner Roundtable: Informal Experts Discussion**

*Amicci's*

*231 S High St, Baltimore, MD 21202*

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**\*Please check-out before the breakfast session.\***

8:30 – 10:00am

**Breakfast Roundtable: The Future of Demographic Change in Asia**

*Discussion on the demographic trends our Asian allies are experiencing and how that may impact economic, political, and security policy.*

*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

**Moderator:**

Satohiro Akimoto, Chairman and President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

**Panelists:**

Andrew Oros, Professor of Political Science and International Studies,  
Washington College

Shihoko Goto, Deputy Director for Geoeconomics, Wilson Center

10:15 – 11:30am

**Discussion with the Ambassador of Singapore: ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific**

*Conversation on the growing role of ASEAN nations and India on issues spanning from security to trade to climate change*

*Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

**Speaker:**

H.E. Ambassador Ashok Kumar Mirpuri, Embassy of Singapore

12:00pm

Shuttle departing from *Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel* (202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202) to *Capitol Hill Club*



#### **Addendum**

**4.** This weekend colloquium is intended for a bipartisan group of Chiefs of Staff of the United States House of Representatives to gain insights into key transpacific issues and build new networks with leading experts. FMC invited Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Chiefs of Staff of new Members of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, from the House of Representatives.. In addition, senior staff whose Members serve on committees relevant to the trip's issues area – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues -- were invited.

**12.** The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Japan is among the largest and most active parliamentary exchange programs between the U.S. Congress and the legislative branch of another country. The weekend colloquium on Asia aims to provide senior staff with focused panel discussions on Asia with a variety of experts from the academic, media, diplomatic, and business communities. The issues covered during this colloquium include, but are not limited to, Asian security landscape, trade and economy, demographic change and immigration, science and technology cooperation, and soft power and cultural exchange.

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the seminar program, arranging logistics, and inviting expert speakers to the program. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with seminar participants, as well as the budget for the 2019 Chiefs of Staff Colloquium on Asia.

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, in addition to this weekend seminar. Experts from SPFUSA will participate in selected roundtables as panelists and moderators.

**16.** Hotel name: Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

**18.** FMC will provide an optional shuttle service from Capitol Hill to the seminar venue on Friday as well as a return shuttle from the seminar venue to Capitol Hill on Sunday. For participants who will drive, we will cover parking space fee for two nights and reimburse mileage between Capitol Hill and Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel (38.3 miles/ one way) with \$0.58/mile, rate set by GSA.

Transportation expenses for those taking a shuttle: \$80

Transportation expenses for those driving: \$44.42, plus "other" expenses of parking fee, in the amount of \$100.)

Upon the conclusion of the trip, FMC will provide the actual costs associated with each participant on the post-trip disclosure form.





# **FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

## **The Congressional Study Groups**

**2019 Chiefs of Staff Colloquium:  
US-Asia Relations in Transition - What are the Challenges Ahead**

### **Invitee List**

#### **Chief of Staff of U.S. House Representatives:**

- Ms. Ann Adler**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Sean Casten (D-IL)
- Mr. Eric Amidon**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)
- Mr. Ryan Anderson**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI)
- Ms. Eliza Baker**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
- Mr. Alex Ball**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO)
- Ms. Stacy Barton**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)
- Mr. Anciry Batista**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)
- Mr. Cliff Bayer**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-ID)
- Mr. Yuri Beckelman**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)
- Mr. Josh Bell**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS)
- Mr. Tim Bertocci**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN)
- Ms. Lisa Bianco**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)
- Mr. John Bivona**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY)
- Mr. Alex Blair**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL)
- Mr. Aaron Bonnaure**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)
- Ms. Lorissa Bounds**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)
- Ms. Jenifer Bradley**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL)
- Mr. Colin Brainard**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Steve Watkins (R-KS)
- Ms. Emily Burns**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Katie Hill (D-CA)
- Ms. Johnna Carlson**, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)



Mr. Ryan Carney, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI)

Ms. Abby Carter, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA)

Ms. Jess Carter, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL)

Mr. Marc Cevasco, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)

Mr. Andrew Christianson, Chief of Staff; Office of Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)

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**2019 Chiefs of Staff Weekend Colloquium:  
US-Asia Relations in Transition - What are the Challenges Ahead**

Friday, December 6, 2019 to Sunday, December 8, 2019

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

**Last Update: October 31, 2019 | All meetings subject to change**

## Friday, December 6, 2019

- Starting 3:00pm** Check-in available at hotel
- 6:00 – 7:00pm** **Welcome Reception**  
*Guilford (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- 7:00 – 10:00pm** **Welcome Dinner: Asia 101 – Key Players and Key Issues**  
Opening remarks from our speakers and general overview on the state of affairs in Asia
- Dr. Satohiro Akimoto (SPF)
  - The Hon. Martin Frost (D-TX, FMC)
- Fells Point (5F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

## Saturday, December 7, 2019

- 8:00 – 9:30am** **Roundtable: US Policies in Asia with Journalists**  
Roundtable discussion from the media's perspective on the United States foreign policy positions with Asian nations.
- Jacob Schlesinger (Wall Street Journal)
  - Josh Palmer (Foreign Policy)
- Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- 9:45 – 11:15am** **Roundtable: With Militarization Comes Security**  
Expert briefing on the present-day security threats and the impacts of regional insecurity to our bilateral relations with our Asian allies. Topics surrounding a nuclear Korean Peninsula, Japan's militarization, and Chinese aggression on the seas.
- Emma Chanlett-Avery (CRS)
  - Joshua Walker (Japan Society)
- Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*
- 11:30am – 1:00pm** **Lunch Roundtable Conversations: Regional Trade Framework**  
Overview on the importance of trade between the United States and Asian countries, including the perspective of Maryland's trade relationship with these nations.
- The Hon. Charles Boustany (R-LA, FMC)



- Tobias Harris (SPF)
- Ben Wu (Maryland Gov's Office)

*Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

1:15 – 2:30pm

**Roundtable: The Rise of the Indo-Pacific**

Conversation on the growing role of ASEAN nations and India on issues spanning from security to trade to climate change

- Amb. Ashok Mirpuri, Embassy of Singapore
- DCM, Amit Kumar, Embassy of India

*Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

3:00 – 4:30pm

**FDI: Japanese Business in America**

Panel of Executives from a wide range of Japanese companies

- Panelists TBD

*Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

6:30 – 8:30pm

**Dinner Roundtable: Informal Experts Discussion**

Informal dinner with Japanese and Korean business leaders and a representative from the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce

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*231 S High St, Baltimore, MD 21202*

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**\*Please check-out before the breakfast session.\***

8:30 – 10:00am

**Breakfast Roundtable: The Future of Demographic Change in Asia**

- Andrew Oros (Washington Campus)
- Dr. Shihoko Goto (Wilson Center)

*Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

10:00 – 10:30am

**Closing de-brief Lunch with Martin Frost & Dr. Akimoto**

*Kent Room (6F), Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel*

11:00am

Shuttle departing from Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel (202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202) to Capitol Hill Club





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## The Congressional Study Groups

October 23, 2019

Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to invite you to join The Congressional Study Groups' third annual weekend colloquium for Congressional Chiefs of Staff.

### 2019 Chiefs of Staff Colloquium:

**US-Asia Relations in Transition - What are the Challenges Ahead**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, Maryland

The critical importance of the U.S.-Japan alliance and Indo-Pacific relationship is highlighted on a daily basis. In the news are the North Korean military threat, our trade differences with China, TPP11 without the United States, and Japanese and South Korean substantial investments in the U.S., creating thousands of new jobs. The importance of the Indo-Pacific region is growing and strengthening our alliances, on both the strategic/security and trade fronts, are more critical than ever.

Given the changing relationship with our historical allies and trading partners we are excited to invite you to our 3rd annual Weekend Colloquium for Senior Congressional Staff in Baltimore, MD. We will be bringing a bipartisan group of senior staff, focusing on Chiefs of Staff of the new Members of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, whose committee and legislative focus includes international trade and security policy. The group will be meeting with about a dozen experts on Asia, to take a "deep dive" into the issues impacting the region and how the United States interacts with it. Past experts include the following: Bonnie Glaser, from CSIS, Wendy Cutler, former Acting U.S. Trade Representative, Jim Schoff, from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and David Nakamura, from the Washington Post.

Our discussions over two full days will be facilitated by a variety of experts from the academic, media, diplomatic, and businesses communities, and we are expecting an engaging and informative exchange in an intimate setting. Not only do we hope this session will be an educational opportunity, we also hope that you and your colleagues will benefit from this chance to engage in candid policy exchanges across the aisle.

Some topics that will be covered include:

- Asian domestic politics and challenges (Japan, Korean Peninsula, China, ASEAN, India)
- Security (defense cooperation, counterteerrorism, North Korea)
- Regional trade framework post-TPP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, TPP11, bilateral FDI)
- Future of U.S. engagement in Asia

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All lodging 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 support of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. A shuttle bus from Capitol Hill and back to the venue will be provided. **This program constitutes privately-sponsored travel and will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for approval.** This invitation is non-transferrable, and participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan group of about a dozen Chiefs of Staff.

We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in advance for your consideration.  
Best,

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