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 by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov*, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please ***do not*** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Susannah L. Walter
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 21, 2026 Return: March 28 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Philadelphia, PA Destination: Tokyo, Japan Return City: Philadelphia, PA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Former Members of Congress - FMC
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Eight bipartisan District Directors participated in meetings of various Japanese government officials, toured Sasebo naval base, met w/ Embassy officials & discussed topics of joint interest
7. Attached to this form are ***each*** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
   a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
   b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor ***prior*** to the trip, ***including all*** attachments ***and*** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the 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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: Susannah L. Walter **Date:** April 9, 2026

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: Chrissy Houlahan, PA-06 **Date:** 4-9-2026

Signature of Supervising Member: Chrissy Houlahan

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendmen*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Travel Destination(s): Tokyo and Nagasaki, Japan
3. Date of Departure: March 21, 2026 Date of Return: March 28, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sue Walker

   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	$4312.16	$1814.23	$473.29	$808.48
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:** 04/08/2026

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

Organization: Former Members of Congress

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

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-222-0972 **Email:** sschleidt@usafmc.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Sue Walker
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Former Members of Congress(FMC)
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Tokyo and Nagasaki, Japan
4. a. Date of Departure: March 21, 2026 Date of Return: March 28, 2026
   b. Yes ☐ No ■ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ■ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ■ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ■ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
   As Deputy Chief of Staff and District Director for Congresswoman Houlahan, this study trip pertains to my official duties since she serves on HPSCI and HASC. Additionally, she is the ranking member of the subcommittee on Military Personnel, and the co-founder of the BioTech Caucus. Security, energy development, workforce development, and trade are key issues for our office and broadly speaking, Pennsylvania.
9. **Yes ☐ No ■ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Signature of Employing Member: Chrissy Houlahan **Date:** February 19, 2026

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
   Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See Addendum
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Saturday, March 21, 2026 Date of Return: Saturday, March 28, 2026
7. a. City of departure: See Addendum
   b. Destination(s): Tokyo and Nagasaki, Japan
   c. City of return: See Addendum
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. ***Check only one of the following.***
    a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
    See Addendum
13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:***
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
    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): ~$116.29
       2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
       See Addendum
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: The Hyatt Regency Tokyo City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: $430
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners and central location
    Hotel Name: The Hilton Nagasaki City: Nagasaki Cost Per Night: $160
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners and central location
    Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See Addendum	$1,777.79	$814
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	$1,400	Room Fees, Interpreters, Guide
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

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

Signature: Sabine Schleidt Date: 03/10/2026

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005

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

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

Primary Trip Sponsor Form Addendum

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

7. a. Airport of Departure:

- Matthew Ceccato: Sacramento, CA (SMF)
- Tayler Jackson: Newark, NJ (EWR)
- Karin Kuykendall: Midland, TX (MAF)
- Joshua Lyons: Phoenix, AZ (PHX)
- Matthew Montekio, Newark, NJ (EWR)
- Glorianne Oliveros: Miami, FL (MIA)
- Nicolas Rodriquez: Los Angeles, CA (LAX)
- Sue Walker: Philadelphia, PA (PHL)

7. c. Airport of Return:

- Matthew Ceccato: Sacramento, CA (SMF)
- Tayler Jackson: Newark, NJ (EWR)
- Karin Kuykendall: Houston, TX (IAH)
- Joshua Lyons: Phoenix, AZ (PHX)
- Matthew Montekio: Newark, NJ (EWR)
- Glorianne Oliveros: Miami, FL (MIA)
- Nicolas Rodriquez: Los Angeles, CA (LAX)
- Sue Walker: Philadelphia, PA (PHL)

12. The Congressional Study Group on Japan is among the largest and most active parliamentary exchange programs between the U.S. Congress and the legislative branch of Japan. The Study Group creates constant channels of communication and dialogue between American legislators,

their senior staff, and their counterparts in the Japanese Diet through regular roundtables in Washington, DC throughout the year in addition to trips such as the 2026 District Director Study Tour to Japan. It offers senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to examine issues including the U.S.-Japan security alliance, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and critical issues such as workforce development and demographic change. FMC's Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings, and inviting expert speakers to the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants, as well as the budget for the 2026 District Director Study Tour to Japan.

The Japan U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC), an independent U.S. federal agency, awards grant monies to fund the Congressional Study Group on Japan's District Director Study Tour as a part of their mission of promoting understanding and exchange between the U.S. and Japan.

15. b. 2) Tokyo is the financial and political hub of Japan, and the delegation will meet with high level government officials, journalists and experts on issues ranging from security to energy policies to trade. Additionally, through meetings with cultural figures as well as visits to culturally and historically important locations, participants will gain a holistic understanding of Japan's rich history, culture, and religion.

Nagasaki City, capital of Nagasaki Prefecture, is a historic port city on the island of Kyushu, long known as Japan's gateway to the outside world during the country's period of isolation. The delegation will meet with local government officials and academic experts to learn about Nagasaki's unique role in international trade, its history as one of the two cities devastated by the atomic bomb in World War II, and its continued importance as a hub for shipbuilding and maritime industries. Participants will also gain insight into the city's unique blend of Japanese and Western cultural and historical influences that make Nagasaki stand out within Japan.

18. Total Expenses:

Transportation Expenses:

- Matthew Ceccato: $3,770.73
- Tayler Jackson: $3,764.73
- Karin Kuykendall: $3,552.63
- Joshua Lyons: $3,662.60
- Matthew Montekio: $3,662.60
- Glorianne Oliveros: $3,727.83
- Nicolas Rodriquez: $3,701.13
- Sue Walker: $4,027.83

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April 8, 2026

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) and Former Members of Congress (FMC), we are pleased to invite you to participate in our 5th Annual U.S. District Director Study Tour to Japan.

The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ), a non-partisan, non-advocacy legislative exchange conducted by FMC, 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 and the development of lasting working relationships based on mutual respect and understanding.

The 2026 Study Tour will take place from March 21 - 28 and will visit Tokyo and Nagasaki. Economy airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by FMC, a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in partnership with the generous support from the Japan-US Friendship Commission, created by Congress in 1975. We have funding for eight District Directors, and participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are expected to attend all official meetings and programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. This privately-sponsored travel will be reported to the House Ethics Committee and is not part of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA).

The Study Tour for District Directors provides an exciting opportunity to build U.S.-Japan relationships at the regional and local levels of government and civil society, beyond the traditional Washington-Tokyo relationship. 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, including:

- Japan Overview: The US-Japan relationship, regional security, and the economic ties
- Industry and Innovation: Workforce, trade, and business
- The Future: Aging societies, disaster preparedness, and energy security

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ty Baker, Program Manager, at 202-747-5350 or tbaker@usafmc.org. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours,

Sabine Schleidt
Chief Operating Officer
FMC

Ty Baker
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2026 District Director Study Tour to Japan – Invitee List

1. Nanette Alvarado, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
2. Betsy Bair, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-CO)
3. Tonya Barnes, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA)
4. Michelle Bishop, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Keith Self (R-TX)
5. Jordan Blase, Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)
6. Theresa Brier, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL)
7. Nick Brown, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH)
8. Matthew Ceccato, District Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA)
9. Katie Connolly, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)
10. Katherine Coyle, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL)
11. Erin D'Auria, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Tom Kean (R-NJ)
12. Felicia Goldstein, District Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL)
13. Fritz Graham, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR)
14. Steve Howke, State Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT)
15. Taylor Jackson, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)
16. Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Ed Case (D-HI)
17. Karin Kuykendall, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)
18. Julie Loose, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Jake Ellzey (R-TX)
19. Joshua Lyons, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Abe Hamadeh (R-AZ)
20. Ashton Maloney, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI)
21. Marcia Mejia, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)
22. Cody Mendoza, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Derek Tran (D-CA)
23. Kate Michaud, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Gabe Amo (D-RI)
24. Rachel Milam, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA)
25. Matthew Montekio, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
26. Stacy Morse, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)
27. Jessica Norfleet, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL)
28. Gloria Oliveros, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
29. Malia Paul, Deputy Chief, Office of Rep. Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI)
30. Paige Riegner, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA)

31. Chelsea Rivas, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ)
32. Roman Rodriguez, District Director/ Senior Communications Adviser, Office of Rep. Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS)
33. Nicolas Rodriquez, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
34. Heather Sandberg, District Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)
35. Ross Sevy, Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA)
36. Caroline Spencer, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC)
37. Adam Trombley, State Director, Office of Rep. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
38. Mike Tucker, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA)
39. Sue Walker, Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Chrissie Houlahan (D-PA)
40. Karina Waller, State Director, Office of Rep. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
41. Craig Williams, District Director, Office of Rep. Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL)

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2026 District Director Study Tour to Japan

Tokyo and Nagasaki, Japan

March 21 – 28, 2026

Participants:

1. Mr. Matthew Ceccato, District Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA)
2. Ms. Tayler Jackson, District Director, Office of Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY)
3. Ms. Karin Kuykendall, District Director, Office of Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)
4. Mr. Joshua Lyons, District Director, Office of Rep. Abe Hamadeh (R-AZ)
5. Mr. Matthew Montekio, District Director, Office of Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
6. Ms. Glorianne Oliveros, District Director, Office of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
7. Mr. Nicolas Rodriquez, District Director, Office of Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
8. Ms. Sue Walker, District Director, Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA)

Additional Participants:

9. Mr. Ty Baker, Program Manager, FMC
10. Ms. Caitlin Rissmiller, Program Officer, FMC

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2026 CSGJ District Director Study Tour

Saturday, March 21st - Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Tokyo Hotel:
Hyatt Regency Tokyo
2-7-2 Nishishinjuku
Shinjuku City, Tokyo 160-0023

Nagasaki Hotel:
Hilton Nagasaki
4-2 Onouemachi
Nagasaki City, Nagasaki 850-0058

Saturday, March 21st [TRAVEL DAY]

**See attached spreadsheet for group departures*

Sunday, March 22nd [TRAVEL DAY]

**See attached spreadsheet for group arrivals*

Evening	Check-in to hotel
Evening	Individual dinner

Monday, March 23rd in Tokyo — *Business Casual Attire*

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcome to Japan**

Breakfast discussion with **David Boling**, principal at The Asia Group in Tokyo, welcoming the group to Japan and providing a general overview of the US-Japan relationship, drawing off of his previous experience as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan and Director for Japan and Asian Trade at Eurasia Group.

Hyatt Regency Tokyo

9:25 AM **Depart Hotel for US Embassy**

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM **Understanding Japan's Role in the World**

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

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

11:10 AM **Depart Embassy for Temple University**

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM **Temple University Japan**

Discussion with Dean of Temple University Japan **Matt Wilson** how the Japan campus operates in relation to Temple's main campus in the U.S., how it's different to other Japanese and international universities, and the specific opportunities that U.S. (and international) students have for study abroad/ study between campuses, followed by breakout room-style conversations with students from Temple University. Participants will field student-led questions on topics such as Congress, U.S. domestic issues, and the U.S.'s role in the Indo-Pacific, as well as hear the students' perspective on timely issues relevant to both the US and Japan.

1-14-29 Taishido, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 154-0004

1:30 PM **Depart for Metropolitan Area Underground Discharge Channel**

En Route **Bento lunch on bus**

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM **Visit to the Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Channel**

Guided tour and discussion with an expert guide on the Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Tunnel, the largest flood mitigation project in the world. Participants will learn how this massive infrastructural asset helps keep Tokyo safe during flood conditions, and how similar projects could be developed and utilized in the United States.

720 Kamikanasaki, Kasukabe, Saitama, 344-0111

4:30 PM **Depart for Dinner**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Covering Japan: Journalist Dinner Discussion**

Roundtable breakfast discussion with prominent journalists based in Tokyo on current affairs and perceptions of the US in Japan, preparing participants for the subject matter of subsequent meetings conducted in the Study Tour.

Featuring:

- Gearoid Reidy, Bloomberg
- Noah Sneider, The Economist
- Hisako Ueno, NYT

To Be Confirmed

Tuesday, March 24th in Tokyo

Business Attire

Morning — **Individual Breakfast**

8:30 AM — **Depart Hotel for US Embassy**

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM — **Consular Section Visit at US Embassy**

Tour of the consular services section at the US Embassy, sharing how the daily work of the US Embassy supports US citizens abroad.

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

10:20 AM — **Depart Embassy for Japan Innovation Party Meeting**

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM — **Meeting with Japan Innovation Party Diet Member**

Visit with Japan Innovation Party Diet Members to discuss their perspective on the party's role as a coalition partner with LDP, the outcome of the February elections, and their views on the US-Japan relationship.

2 Chome-2-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8981, Japan

12:10 AM — **Depart for meeting**

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM — **Japan's Neighbor: China, the U.S., and Indopacific Security**

Lunch roundtable discussion with experts on Indopacific Security on China's influence in the region and Japan's perspective on regional defense and cooperation as a result, and how U.S. cooperation with Japan strengthens both nations' security goals.

Featuring:

- **Tetsuo Kotani**, Japan Institute of International Affairs

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2:10 PM — **Return to hotel**

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM — **Executive Time**

5:30 PM — **Depart hotel for dinner**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Japan's Changing Workforce – The American Business Perspective**

Dinner discussion with representatives from the US-Japan Business Council on concerning the current business environment in Japan, both for foreign and domestic companies, the future of work given Japan's shifting demographics, the challenges facing the workplace in Japan, and the role of local and central government in advancing these efforts of economic development.

Featuring:

- **Jun Aketa**, TMI Associates
- **Saori Tsuchiya**, Tokyo Electron

Stellar Works Restaurant & Bar
1-2-3 Aoyama Building 2F, Kita-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0061

Wednesday, March 25th in Tokyo — [Travel] *Business Attire*

7:00 AM — **Check out and leave bags with front desk**

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM — **U.S.-Japan Business Roundtable**
Breakfast roundtable discussion with representatives of CSGJ's Business Advisory Council members on topics including supply chain, tariffs, and the investment environment for Japanese companies doing business in the U.S, as well as how foreign direct investment by Japanese companies contributes to the U.S. economy.

The Hyatt Regency Tokyo

9:25 AM — **Depart hotel for Liberal Democratic Party meeting**

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM — **Meeting with Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Diet Member**
Discussion with LDP Diet member on their experiences as a Diet Member in the LDP, the ruling coalition's priorities after February's election, and how the US Japan relationship makes both Japan and the U.S. more prosperous.

2 Chome-2-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8981, Japan

11:00 AM — **Depart for meeting**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM — **Local Connections: US & Japan Sister Cities**
Roundtable lunch discussion with **Shin Koyamada**, Board Member of the Japan United States Sister City Association (JUSSCA), on the importance of US-Japan Sister City relationships, and how these people to people and local level exchanges strengthen local communities and the US-Japan relationship beyond the national level.

To Be Confirmed

12:40 PM — **Depart for Japan Exchange Group**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM — **Japan Exchange Group Site Visit**
Visit with the Japan Exchange Group and discussion with leadership on the importance of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the role of the Japan Exchange group in facilitating and regulating trading and securities exchanges in Japan, and the exchange's role in the domestic and international financial markets, followed by a visit to the historic trading floor of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Featuring:

- **Hitoshi Izumi**, Head of Global Business Development, Japan Exchange Group

2-1 Nihombashi Kabutocho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8224, Japan

2:40 PM — **Depart for meeting**

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	**The Current Political Atmosphere in Japan** Discussion with **Mieko Nakabayashi**, a former Member of the Diet, Professor at Waseda University, and President of the Tokyo Foundation, on the Japanese political environment, the effects of previous elections on current political dynamics including the general elections held in February, and implications for the future of the US-Japan relationship. *5th floor, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation Bldg. 1-15-16 Toranomon, Minato-ku*
4:30 PM	**Depart for Airport**
30m	**Briefing on Nagasaki Agenda and Logistics** Briefing en-route to Haneda airport led by FMC staff Ty Baker and Caitlin Rissmiller on the departure logistics and transfer to the hotel, and a preview of the Nagasaki portion of the agenda.
7:20 PM	**Depart Tokyo Haneda (HND) for Nagasaki (NGS) via NH669**
9:25 PM	**Arrive in Nagasaki (NGS)**
11:00 PM	**Arrive at Hilton Nagasaki**

Thursday, March 26th in Nagasaki

Business Casual Attire

6:00 AM — **Individual Breakfast**

7:15 AM — **Depart for Sasebo Naval Base**

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM — **U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo**

Meeting with base leadership and tour of US Fleet Activities Sasebo. The naval bases house facilities for the logistic support of forward-deployed units and visiting operating forces of both the United States Pacific Fleet and Japan's Self Defense Fleet, and is the maritime backbone of the U.S.–Japan alliance. As a strategically located deep-water port with historical significance and modern operational relevance, Sasebo plays a critical role in supporting regional security, humanitarian response, and freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific.

Hirasemachi, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0056

12:40 PM — **Depart U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM — **Informal Lunch**

Shiosai
Yumihari No Oka Hotel, 510 Udogoecho, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0069, Japan

2:15 PM — **Return to Nagasaki**

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM — **26 Martyrs Museum**

Guided tour of the 26 Martyrs Museum and discussion of the history and role of Christianity in Japan, focusing on the early propagation of Christianity in Japan, the suppression and banning of Christianity in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the subsequent persistence of Christianity underground during their persecution. The visit will also focus on the impact of Christianity on modern Japan, as well as how Nagasaki's uniquely large Christian population compared to the rest of Japan has influenced the region's unique identity.

7-8 Nishizakamachi, Nagasaki, 850-0051, Japan

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM — **Executive Time**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM — **Dinner Discussion with Principal Officer Virsa Perkins**

Roundtable dinner discussion with Virsa Perkins, Principal Officer of the US Consulate in Fukuoka, on the issues affecting Kyushu and opportunities to bolster the US-Japan bilateral relationship's impact at deeper levels beyond Tokyo.

To Be Confirmed

9:00 PM — **Return to hotel**

Friday, March 27th in Nagasaki

Business Attire

Morning — **Individual Breakfast**

10:00 AM — **Depart for Dejima**

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM — **Dejima: Japan's Historic Trade Gateway**

Guided tour of Dejima with museum staff of the historic Dutch trading post in Nagasaki that served as Japan's sole window to the Western world during its period of national seclusion. offers a unique opportunity to explore the origins of Japan's international trade, diplomacy, and cross-cultural exchange. Participants will learn how Japan's experiences at Dejima shaped Japan's current perspective on international engagement, and how Dejima's historic importance as a hub for international trade and exchange still influences Nagasaki today.

6-1 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki, 850-0862

11:40 AM — **Depart for lunch**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM — **Informal Lunch**

Houraiken
5-23 Hiranomachi, Nagasaki, 852-8117, Japan

1:10 PM — **Depart for meeting with mayor**

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM — **Courtesy Call with Mayor Shiro Suzuki**

Meeting with Mayor Shiro Suzuki to discuss Nagasaki's importance in Japan, as well as its role in US-Japan relations.

4-1 Uonomachi, Nagasaki, 850-0874, Japan

2:10 PM — **Depart for Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM — **Visit to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**

A visit to the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum to reflect on the enduring legacy of nuclear conflict and the role Nagasaki plays in promoting peace, disarmament, and international cooperation. Through guided discussion with local experts, participants will examine how the memory of the atomic bombing shapes Japan's diplomatic posture, public sentiment toward defense and deterrence, and the broader U.S.–Japan alliance. The visit will include a conversation with a survivor of the bombing (*hibakusha*) where they will share their experience and the impact of the bombing on their life.

7-8 Hiranomachi, Nagasaki, 852-8117

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	**Debriefing Discussion on Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Hibakusha** Conversation on the continuing impact of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on the Japanese perspective on nuclear weapons and nuclear power and how it impacts Chief's perspectives on US-Japan relations, Japanese policy in the post war era, and, and international efforts towards nuclear nonproliferation. *To Be Confirmed*
5:10 PM	**Return to hotel**
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	**Executive Time**
6:30 PM	**Depart hotel for dinner**
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	**Closing Dinner and Reflections** A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship. *To Be Confirmed*

Saturday, March 28th [TRAVEL DAY]

Morning	**Breakfast on own at hotel; check out**
Morning	**Depart for airport**

See spreadsheet attached for return travel

March 28 Returns

Name	Leg 1										Leg 2									
	Airport 1		Airport 2		Departure Time		Flight no		Arrival Time	Layover	Airport 1		Airport 2		Departure Time		Flight no		Arrival Time	Layover	Airport 1		Airport 2	
Matthew Ceccato	NGS	to	NRT	departing at	11:45 AM	on	GK 0642	Landing at	1:25 PM	3 H 20 M	NRT	to	SFO	departing at	4:45 PM	on	UA 0838	Landing at	10:15 AM	4 H 55 M	SFO	to	SNF	dep
Tayler Jackson	NGS	to	HND	departing at	1:40 PM	on	NH 0666	Landing at	3:15 PM	3 H 10 M	HND	to	EWR	departing at	6:25 PM	on	UA 0130	Landing at	6:20 PM			to		dep
Karin Kuykendall	NGS	to	NRT	departing at	11:45 AM	on	GK 0642	Landing at	1:25 PM	4 H 20 M	NRT	to	IAH	departing at	5:45 PM	on	UA 0006	Landing at	3:40 PM	4 H 35 M	IAH	to	MAF	dep
Joshua Lyons	NGS	to	NRT	departing at	11:45 AM	on	GK 0642	Landing at	1:25 PM	3 H 20 M	NRT	to	SFO	departing at	4:45 PM	on	UA 0838	Landing at	10:15 AM	1 H 51 M	SFO	to	PHX	dep
Matthew Montekio	NGS	to	HND	departing at	1:40 PM	on	NH 0666	Landing at	3:15 PM	3 H 10 M	HND	to	EWR	departing at	6:25 PM	on	UA 0130	Landing at	6:20 PM			to		dep
Giorianne Oliveros	NGS	to	HND	departing at	1:40 PM	on	NH 0666	Landing at	3:15 PM	3 H 10 M	HND	to	EWR	departing at	6:25 PM	on	UA 0130	Landing at	6:20 PM	2 H 18 M	EWR	to	MIA	dep
Nicolas Rodriquez	NGS	to	NRT	departing at	11:45 AM	on	GK 0642	Landing at	1:25 PM	4 H 5 M	NRT	to	LAX	departing at	5:30 PM	on	UA 0033	Landing at	11:30 AM			to		dep
Sue Walker	NGS	to	HND	departing at	1:40 PM	on	NH 0666	Landing at	3:15 PM	3 H 5 M	HND	to	ORD	departing at	6:20 PM	on	UA 0882	Landing at	4:10 PM	1 H 58 M	ORD	to	PHL	dep

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2026 CSGJ District Director Study Tour

Saturday, March 21st - Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Tokyo Hotel:
Hyatt Regency Tokyo
2-7-2 Nishishinjuku
Shinjuku City, Tokyo 160-0023

Nagasaki Hotel:
Hilton Nagasaki
4-2 Onouemachi
Nagasaki City, Nagasaki 850-0058

Saturday, March 21st [TRAVEL DAY]

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Sunday, March 22nd [TRAVEL DAY]

See addendum for flight information

Afternoon	Arrive in Tokyo
Evening	Check-in to hotel
Evening	Dinner on own

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Monday, March 23rd in Tokyo

Business Attire

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Welcome to Japan**

Breakfast discussion with **David Boling**, principal at The Asia Group in Tokyo, welcoming the group to Japan and providing a general overview of the US-Japan relationship, drawing off of his previous experience as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan and Director for Japan and Asian Trade at Eurasia Group.

Hyatt Regency Tokyo

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM **Understanding Japan's Role in the World**

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

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

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM **Temple University Japan**

Discussion with Dean of Temple University Japan **Matt Wilson** how the Japan campus operates in relation to Temple's main campus in the U.S., how it's different to other Japanese and international universities, and the specific opportunities that U.S. (and international) students have for study abroad/ study between campuses, followed by breakout room-style conversations with students from Temple University. Participants will field student-led questions on topics such as Congress, U.S. domestic issues, and the U.S.'s role in the Indo-Pacific, as well as hear the students' perspective on timely issues relevant to both the US and Japan.

1-14-29 Taishido, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 154-0004

1:30 PM **Depart for Metropolitan Area Underground Discharge Channel**

En Route **Bento Lunch on bus**

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM **Visit to the Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Channel**

Guided tour and discussion with an expert guide on the Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Tunnel, the largest flood mitigation project in the world. Participants will learn how this massive infrastructural asset helps keep Tokyo safe during flood conditions, and how similar projects could be developed and utilized in the United States.

720 Kamikanasaki, Kasukabe, Saitama, 344-0111

4:20 PM **Return to hotel**

5:30 PM **Depart Hotel for Dinner**

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Covering Japan: Journalist Dinner Discussion**

Roundtable breakfast discussion with **Gearoid Reidy**, a journalist with Bloomberg based in Tokyo, on current affairs and perceptions of the US in Japan, preparing participants for the subject matter of subsequent meetings conducted in the Study

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Rainbow Village 9F, 3-5-4 Shinjuku, Tokyo, 160-0022

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Tuesday, March 24th in Tokyo

Business Attire

Morning — **Individual Breakfast**

8:15 AM — **Depart Hotel for US Embassy**

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM — **Consular Section Visit at Embassy**

Tour of the consular services section at the US Embassy, sharing how the daily work of the US Embassy supports US citizens abroad.

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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM — **Meeting with Japan Innovation Party Diet Member**

Visit with Japan Innovation Party Diet Members to discuss their perspective on the party's role as a coalition partner with LDP, the outcome of the February elections, and their views on the US-Japan relationship.

Featuring:

- **Michihito Kaneko,** Director-General, International Bureau and Member of the House of Councillors, Japan Innovation Party
- **Koichiro Ichimura,** Member of the House of Representatives
- **Nobuhiso Ito,** Member of the House of Representatives

2 Chome-2-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8981, Japan

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM — **Japan's Neighbor: China, the U.S., and Indopacific Security**

Lunch roundtable discussion with experts on Indopacific Security on China's influence in the region and Japan's perspective on regional defense and cooperation as a result, and how U.S. cooperation with Japan strengthens both nations' security goals.

Featuring:

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- **Riho Aizawa,** National Institute for Defense Studies

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Koseikaikan 1F,1-5-9 Hirakawacho Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 102-0093 Japan

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM — **Executive Time**

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Wednesday, March 25th in Tokyo — [Travel] *Business Attire*

7:00 AM — **Check out and leave bags with front desk**

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM — **U.S.-Japan Business Roundtable**

Breakfast roundtable discussion with representatives of the Congressional Study Group on Japan's Business Advisory Council, including TMI Associates, Keidanren, Mitsubishi Corporation Americas, Marubeni, Toyota Motor Corporation, NEC Corporation, Nissan, ANA Holdings Inc., Panasonic Corporation, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Suntory Holdings, and Sojitz, on topics including supply chain, tariffs, and the investment environment for Japanese companies doing business in the U.S, as well as how foreign direct investment by Japanese companies contributes to the U.S. economy.

The Hyatt Regency Tokyo
Sky Room

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM — **Meeting with Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Diet Member**

Discussion with Diet member **Taro Kono**, Chief of the International Bureau for the Liberla Democratic Party (LDP). He also previously served as Minister for Digital Reform, Minister for Administrative Reform and Regulatory Reform, and was the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defense under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The group will discuss Representative Kono's experiences as a Diet Member in the LDP, the ruling coalition's priorities after February's election, and how the US Japan relationship makes both Japan and the U.S. more prosperous.

2 Chome-2-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8981, Japan

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM — **Local Connections: US & Japan Sister Cities**

Roundtable lunch discussion with **Shin Koyamada**, Board Member of the Japan United States Sister City Association (JUSSCA), on the importance of US-Japan Sister City relationships, and how these people to people and local level exchanges strengthen local communities and the US-Japan relationship beyond the national level.

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TD Building 1F, 1-2-5 Kyobashi, Chuo City, Tokyo, 104-0031

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- **Yuichiro Yamamoto,** Corporate Strategy, Japan Exchange Group

2-1 Nihombashi Kabutocho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8224, Japan

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **The Current Political Atmosphere in Japan**

Discussion with **Mieko Nakabayashi**, a former Member of the Diet, Professor at Waseda University, and President of the Tokyo Foundation, on the Japanese political environment, the effects of previous elections on current political dynamics including the general elections held in February, and implications for the future of the US-Japan relationship.

5th floor, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation Bldg. 1-15-16 Toranomon, Minato-ku

4:30 PM **Depart for Airport**

30m **Briefing on Nagasaki Agenda and Logistics**

Briefing en-route to Haneda airport led by FMC staff Ty Baker and Caitlin Rissmiller on the departure logistics and transfer to the hotel, and a preview of the Nagasaki portion of the agenda.

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Business Attire

6:00 AM — **Individual Breakfast**

7:15 AM — **Depart for Sasebo Naval Base**

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM — **U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo**

Meeting with base leadership and tour of US Fleet Activities Sasebo. The naval bases house facilities for the logistic support of forward-deployed units and visiting operating forces of both the United States Pacific Fleet and Japan's Self Defense Fleet, and is the maritime backbone of the U.S.–Japan alliance. As a strategically located deep-water port with historical significance and modern operational relevance, Sasebo plays a critical role in supporting regional security, humanitarian response, and freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific.

Hirasemachi, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0056

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM — **Informal Lunch**

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Yumihari No Oka Hotel, 510 Udogoecho, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0069, Japan

2:00 PM — **Return to Nagasaki**

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7-8 Nishizakamachi, Nagasaki, 850-0051, Japan

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM — **Executive Time**

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7-11 Dōzamachi, Nagasaki, 850-0841, Japan

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Friday, March 27th in Nagasaki

Business Attire

8:00 AM **Individual Breakfast**

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Dejima: Japan's Historic Trade Gateway**
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6-1 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki, 850-0862

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Informal Lunch**
Fukukairo
4-2 Onouemachi, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki 850-0058

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Courtesy Call with Mayor Shiro Suzuki**
Meeting with Mayor Shiro Suzuki to discuss Nagasaki's importance in Japan, as well as its role in US-Japan relations.

4-1 Uonomachi, Nagasaki, 850-0874, Japan

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Visit to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**
A visit to the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum to reflect on the enduring legacy of nuclear conflict and the role Nagasaki plays in promoting peace, disarmament, and international cooperation. Through guided discussion with local experts, participants will examine how the memory of the atomic bombing shapes Japan's diplomatic posture, public sentiment toward defense and deterrence, and the broader U.S.–Japan alliance. The discussion will include a conversation with a survivor of the bombing (*hibakusha*) where they will share their experience and the impact of the bombing on their life.

7-8 Hiranomachi, Nagasaki, 852-8117

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Debriefing Discussion on Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Hibakusha**
Conversation on the continuing impact of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on the Japanese perspective on nuclear weapons and nuclear power and how it impacts Chief's perspectives on US-Japan relations, Japanese policy in the post war era, and, and international efforts towards nuclear nonproliferation.

9 Matsuyamamachi, Nagasaki, 852-8118, Japan

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Executive Time**

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

Washoku Steak Yohira
5-7 Funadaikumachi, Nagasaki, 850-0904

Saturday, March 28th [TRAVEL DAY]

Morning **Breakfast on own at hotel; check out**

See addendum for flight information

March 21 Departures

Leg 1

Name	Airport 1		Airport 2		Departure Time		Flight no		Arrival Time	Layover	Airport 1		Airport 2		Departure Time
Matthew Ceccato	SMF	to	SFO	departing at	7:31 AM	on	UA 5460	Landing at	8:40 AM	3 H 0 M	SFO	to	NRT	departing at	11:40 AM
Tayler Jackson	EWR	to	IAD	departing at	6:00 AM	on	UA 3533	Landing at	7:27 AM	4 H 48 M	IAD	to	HND	departing at	12:15 PM
Karin Kuykendall	MAF	to	IAH	departing at	6:50 AM	on	UA 2358	Landing at	8:20 AM	3 H 5 M	IAH	to	NRT	departing at	11:25 AM
Joshua Lyons	PHX	to	SFO	departing at	7:29 AM	on	UA 2209	Landing at	9:45 AM	1 H 55 M	SFO	to	NRT	departing at	11:40 AM
Matthew Montekio	EWR	to	HND	departing at	10:45 AM	on	UA 0131	Landing at	2:20 PM +1	N/A					
Giorianne Oliveros	MIA	to	EWR	departing at	7:00 AM	on	UA 0408	Landing at	10:08 AM	2 H 7 M	EWR	to	NRT	departing at	12:15 PM
Nicolas Rodriquez	LAX	to	HND	departing at	5:00 PM	on	UA 7925	Landing at	9:10 PM +1	N/A					
Sue Walker	PHL	to	ORD	departing at	8:00 AM	on	UA 1834	Landing at	9:33 AM	1 H 57 M	ORD	to	NRT	departing at	11:30 AM

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Japan's Changing Workforce – The American Business Perspective**

Dinner discussion with representatives from the US-Japan Business Council on concerning the current business environment in Japan, both for foreign and domestic companies, the future of work given Japan's shifting demographics, the challenges facing the workplace in Japan, and the role of local and central government in advancing these efforts of economic development.

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Ashley Hinson, Iowa
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Brad Knott, North Carolina

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
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Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia

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Ms. Sue Walker
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Dear Ms. Walker:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Japan,[1] scheduled for March 21 to 28, 2026, sponsored by 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 $525 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 $525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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