

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.

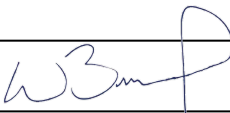
1. Name of Traveler: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____

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: _____  Date: _____

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: _____  Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature: Solmie Schlicht Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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: Whitley O'Neal
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, Fukuoka, Kumamoto (Japan)
4. a. Date of Departure: June 13, 2026 Date of Return: June 21, 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.**
I am Chief of Staff for Congressman Wesley Bell, a member of the House Armed Services Committee. This trip will be an education opportunity for me and provide valuable information to help me advise the Congressman on bilateral and trade relations with Japan, as well as policy issues related to defense, emerging technologies and manufacturing.

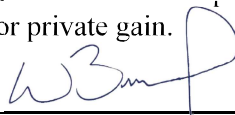
9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Signature of Employing Member: _____



Date: 05/13/2026

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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: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

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

6. Date of Departure: June 13, 2026 Date of Return: June 24, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kumamoto

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

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

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

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

- b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): ~\$116/day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

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

Hotel Name: The Okura Hotel City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: \$319

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to U.S. Embassy and to meeting partners

Hotel Name: Miyako Hotel Hakata City: Fukuoka Cost Per Night: \$300

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners and U.S. Consulate

Hotel Name: The Blossom Kumamoto City: Kumamoto Cost Per Night: \$160

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners as well as the main train station

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	\$1,577	\$675
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	\$1,500	Interpreter, Guide, Meeting Rooms
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: June 8, 2026
Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer
Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901
Email: sschleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: 202-222-5047

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

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June 11, 2026

Ms. Whitley O'Neal
Office of the Honorable Wesley Bell
1429 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. O'Neal:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Japan,¹ scheduled for June 13 to 21, 2026, sponsored by Former Members of Congress and 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 \$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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

MG/MD:amr

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member



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2026 U.S. Chief of Staff Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, June 13th - Saturday, June 20th, 2026 | Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kumamoto

Tokyo Hotel:

The Okura Tokyo
2-Chome 10-4 Toranomom
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001

Fukuoka Hotel:

Miyako Hotel Hakata
2 Chome-1-1 Hakataekihigashi
Hakata Ward, Fukuoka
812-0013

Kumamoto Hotel:

The Blossom Kumamoto
3-Chome 15-26 Kasuga
Nishi-ku, Kumamoto
860-0047

Saturday, June 13th

[TRAVEL DAY]

8:15 AM **Group 1 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Newark (EWR) via UA2396**

- Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL)
- David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)

9:10 AM **Group 2 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Los Angeles (LAX) via UA1868**

- Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)
- Shana Teehan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
- Jeanette Whitener, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)
- Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)

9:42 AM **Group 1 Arrival in Newark (EWR)**

11:39 AM **Group 2 Arrival in Los Angeles (HND)**

11:40 AM **Group 1 Departure from Newark (EWR) for Tokyo (NRT) via UA79**

5:15 PM **Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) for Tokyo (HND) via NH125**

Sunday, June 14th

[TRAVEL DAY]

2:30 PM (JST) **Group 1 Arrival in Tokyo (NRT)**

9:00 PM (JST) **Group 2 Arrival in Tokyo (HND)**

Evening (JST) **Group Arrival to Hotel**

Evening (JST) **Individual Dinner** (*Room Service – up to 8,000 yen per person, approx. \$50 USD*)



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Monday, June 15th in Tokyo

Business Formal Attire

8:00 AM – 9:20 AM Japan in an Hour

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

Breakfast roundtable discussion diving deep into the political, economic, and societal particulars of Japan with domestic and international journalists.

- Jason Douglas, Wall Street Journal
- Javier Hernandez, New York Times
- Leo Lewis, Financial Times

The Okura, L'etoile Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

9:45 AM – 11:00 PM U.S. Country Team Briefing

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

Briefing led by 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.

- Eric M. Jacobs, Chief of Staff to the Ambassador

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

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

Ginza Sushi Tempura Iwai

7-chome-10-8 Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo, Japan 104-0061 (5th floor)

1:35 PM – 1:50 PM Bus Briefing on Japan's Major Political Parties

Briefing by Dr. Satoshiro Akimoto (Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA) on Japan's political parties and ministerial appointment system and background discussion on Korea-Japan relationship tensions and impact on U.S.-Japan-ROK trilateral cooperation with Dr. Akimoto and Olivia Truesdale-Rod (FMC).

1:50 PM – 2:45 PM Meeting with State Minister Iwao Horii

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Roundtable discussion with Iwao Horii (Liberal Democratic Party), Member of the House of Councillors, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Member of the Japan-US Parliamentary Association, exchanging views on opportunities for the U.S. and Japan to expand their partnership.

- The Hon. State Minister Iwao Horii, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8919



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3:10 PM – 3:45 PM Meeting with LDP Leadership

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

Roundtable discussion with Members of the LDP in the National Diet who are actively attuned to the U.S.-Japan relationship, exchanging views on opportunities for the U.S. and Japan to expand their partnership.

- The Hon. Karen Makishima, Acting Director, International Bureau, LDP
- The Hon. Taro Honda, Deputy Director-General, International Bureau, LDP

Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters

1-11-23 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8910

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Executive Time

5:30 PM – 7:15 PM Sake and Soft Power

Dinner and lecture from a licensed sake sommelier on the history and productions methods of Japan's national drink, its growing popularity overseas (especially in the United States), and its role in Japan's soft power. Attendees will learn how traditional cultural products such as sake are essential in establishing both a robust economic relationship and a wider cultural rapport between nations, such as with American sake breweries and import companies meeting the growing US demand for sake.

Premium Sake Pub Gashue

2 Chome-13-5 Higashiueno, Taito City, Tokyo, Japan 110-0015



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Tuesday, June 16th in Tokyo

Business Formal Attire

7:50 AM – 9:20 AM U.S.-Japan Business Roundtable

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

Breakfast roundtable discussion with executives 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.

The Okura, La Lune Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Meeting with Nippon Ishin No Kai Members

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Roundtable discussion with Members of Nippon Ishin no Kai in the National Diet to exchange views on the party's priorities as well as opportunities for the United States and Japan to strengthen cooperation on regional security, innovation, and economic competitiveness.

- The Hon. Fumitake Fujita, Ishin no Kai
- The Hon. Seiji Maehara, Ishin no Kai
- The Hon. Alex Saito, Ishin no Kai

2-2-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-0014

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM The Bilateral Relationship

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Roundtable discussion with experts from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** to gain insight the ministry's priorities and conversely presenting the delegation an opportunity to share their thoughts on the direction of Congress.

- Sawago Nagamori, Principal Senior Foreign Policy Coordinator, Policy Coordination Division
- Kaitaro Nonomura, Director, First China and Mongolia Division

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8919

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM An Aging Society: Impact on Japan's Economy

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Lunch roundtable discussion with experts to gain deeper insight into Japan's aging society and the demographic and workforce-related challenges affecting the country's economic outlook.

- Dr. Sagiri Kitao, Senior Research Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- Dr. Tomoaki Yamada, Professor, School of Commerce, Meiji University

Le Pristine

2-6-4, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

2:30 PM

Group Returns to Hotel



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3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Executive Time

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner with Indo-Pacific Allies

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

A roundtable discussion featuring DCMs from the Philippines, Australia, and South Korea in addressing shared regional challenges as it relates to security, trade, and energy.

- Una Bazdar, Counsellor (Political), Embassy of Australia in Tokyo
- Christian De Jesus, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Japan
- Sangryol Lee, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister, Embassy of the Republic of Korea

The Tavern Grill & Lounge, Andaz Tokyo

1-23-4, Toranomon Hills Mori Tower 51F, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001



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Wednesday, June 17th in Tokyo

[Travel] Business Formal Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM Checkout Complete & Bag Drop

8:50 AM Departure from Hotel

9:20 AM – 10:35 AM The Future of Energy at The Institute of Energy Economics (IEEJ)

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

A roundtable discussion on Japan's energy situation with Chairman and CEO, **Tatsuya Terazawa**, in regard to the transition from fossil fuels, and the role of nuclear energy and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a bridge fuel in that transition. The conversation will also explore how the U.S. and Japan can deepen cooperation to stabilize energy.

- Tatsuya Terazawa, Chairman and CEO
- Yukari Yamashita, Managing Director, Energy Data and Modelling Center (EDMC)
- Yoshihiko Omori, Board Member, Director, Clean Energy Unit
- Ichiro Kutani, Senior Research Director and Manager, Global Energy Group 1, Director, Energy Security Unit
- Hiroshi Hashimoto, Senior Fellow, Energy Security Unit
- Yoshiaki Shibata, Senior Research Director, Manager, New Energy System Group, Assistant Director, Clean Energy Unit
- Sachi Sakanashi, Senior Research Director, Director, Japan Institute for Middle Eastern Economics Center
- Dr. Kenji Kimura, Senior Researcher, Nuclear Energy Group, Electric Power Industry Unit, Research Strategy Group, Research Strategy Unit
- Harumi Ishida, Manager, Management Planning and Public Relations Group, Research Strategy Unit

1-13-1 Kachidoki, Chuo City, Tokyo, Japan 104-0054

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Transpacific Town Hall at Temple University Japan Campus

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

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

- Dr. May-yi Shaw, Chief of Staff

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



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1:20 PM – 3:10 PM Indo-Pacific Security Briefing with National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) Experts

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Lunch briefing with experts from the National Institute for Defense Studies on the evolving security environment in the Indo-Pacific, including China's growing regional influence, maritime security challenges, and the broader strategic implications for regional stability and the U.S.-Japan alliance.

- Shigeo Kikuchi, Director, Department for Policy Studies
- Dr. Shinji Yamaguchi, Senior Research Fellow
- Takashi Seto, Research Fellow, Cyber Security Division, Department of Advanced Studies

Stellar Works Restaurant & Bar

1-2-3 Aoyama Building 2F, Kita-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 107-0061

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM Edo-Tokyo Museum

The Edo-Tokyo Museum is a major cultural institution that explores the transformation of Tokyo from a small fishing village known as Edo into one of the world's largest modern cities. Through a guide-led tour, the delegation will learn about key moments such as the Edo period, the modernization of Japan during the Meiji era, and Tokyo's recovery after World War II, making it an essential destination for understanding the social, political, and cultural evolution of Japan's capital.

1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida City, Tokyo, Japan 130-0015

5:00 PM Depart Museum for Haneda Airport

7:35 PM Depart Haneda for Fukuoka via NH273

9:30 PM Arrive in Fukuoka

10:00 PM Arrive at The Miyako Hotel Hakata



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Thursday, June 18th in Fukuoka

Business Casual Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

7:55 AM Checkout Complete & Bag Drop

8:15 AM Meet to Depart Hotel

9:10 AM – 10:40 AM Hydrogen Energy Test and Research Center (HyTReC) Site Visit

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

The Hydrogen Energy Test and Research Center (HyTReC) is a leading Japanese research facility dedicated to the testing, safety verification, and commercialization of hydrogen-energy technologies. The site visit will provide insight into how Japan is advancing clean-energy innovation, strengthening supply-chain resilience, and fostering public-private cooperation in emerging energy sectors.

- Dr. Shogo Watanabe, President and Director

915-1 Tomi, Itoshima, Fukuoka, Japan 819-1133

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Kyushu Economic Research Center

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

A meeting with experts from the Kyushu Economic Center serves as an important opportunity for the delegation to gain insight into the economic priorities, industrial strengths, and regional development strategies shaping Kyushu's role within Japan's broader economy. As a major center for manufacturing, energy, technology, and international trade, Kyushu provides a valuable perspective on regional competitiveness and economic innovation beyond Tokyo.

- Hideyuki Okano, Vice President and Director, Research Department
- Tomoko Hiramatsu, Chief Researcher

2 Chome-1-1-82 Watanabedori, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0004

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM Japanese Cuisine: From Regional Traditions to Global Tables

Overview led by expert guide of traditional Japanese food and cultural practices surrounding food, discussing and exploring how Japanese food plays an important role in building relationships in Japanese culture. Discussion of Japanese soft power with relation of the food trend worldwide.

🍣 sushi (ICHI SUSHI)

El Village 102, 4-27-18 Sumiyoshi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 812-0018

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM Meeting with U.S. Consulate Principal Officer Virsa Perkins

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Roundtable 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.

- Virsa Perkins, Principal Officer

2-5-26 Ohori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0052



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4:30 PM – 5:30 PM teamLab Forest Fukuoka

teamLab Forest Fukuoka is an immersive digital art space that blends technology and nature to create interactive environments where visitors help shape the artwork through movement and presence. During the teamLab visit, participants will tour the facility and learn how Japan has been at the forefront of interactive art installations and how these experiences provide a new medium for cultural exchange and understanding.

2-2-6 Jigyohama, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0065

5:30 PM Depart teamLab Forest Fukuoka for Hakata Station

6:36 PM Depart Hakata Station for Kumamoto Station via Tsubame 335-Go

7:25 PM Arrive at Kumamoto Station

7:45 PM Check-In at The Blossom Kumamoto



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Friday, June 19th in Kumamoto

Business Casual Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM Departure from Hotel

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Tour of Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle is one of the three most significant historic castles in Japan, with roots in the 15th century. The castle provides a window into Japan's feudal period, helping better understand the regional character of Kyushu and historic conflict in the region. Following a severe 2016 earthquake, Kumamoto Castle has also become a site for understanding historic preservation as well as the impact of national disasters in Japan.

1-1 Honmaru, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto, Japan 860-0002

10:20 AM – 11:00 AM Courtesy Call with Governor Takashi Kimura

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

Meeting with Governor Takashi Kimura to discuss Kumamoto's importance in Japan, as well as its role in US-Japan relations.

- Takashi Kimura, Governor of, Kumamoto Prefecture

6-18 Suizenji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto, Japan 862-8570

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch en route to Honda Motor Kumamoto Factory

Felice, ANA Crowne Plaza New Sky

2 Higashiamidaji-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto, Japan 860-8575

1:30 PM – 3:25 PM Site Visit at Honda Motor Co. Kumamoto Factory

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

The Honda Kumamoto Factory serves as a key hub for Honda's two-wheeled vehicle operations, research, development, and quality control. The visit would provide insight into Japan's advanced manufacturing capabilities and broader trends in innovation, and high-value industrial production within the global automotive sector.

1500 Hirakawa, Ozu-machi, Kikuchi-gun, Kumamoto, Japan 869-1293



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3:40 PM – 5:00 PM Tokyo Electron (TEL) Kyushu Head Office

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

Tokyo Electron's Kumamoto operations serve as an important regional hub supporting the company's semiconductor equipment manufacturing, technical development, and after-sales service functions. The site plays a key role in producing and maintaining advanced fabrication tools used in critical processes such as wafer processing, deposition, and etching, which are essential to global semiconductor production.

- Qais Roshan, Senior Manager, Government Affairs
- Saori Tsuchiya, Director, Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy
Corporate Strategy Division
- Yoko Yanagimoto, Analyst, Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy

1-1 Fukuhara, Koshi City, Kumamoto, Japan 861-1116

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Executive Time

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM Closing Dinner

A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship led by FMC staff.

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7-2 Minamisendanbatamachi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, Japan 860-0842



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Saturday, June 20th

[TRAVEL DAY] *Casual Attire*

Morning (JST)	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 AM (JST)	Checkout Complete & Bag Drop
8:00 AM (JST)	Depart The Blossom Kumamoto
8:40 AM (JST)	Arrival at Kumamoto Airport
10:40 AM (JST)	Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, and Group 4 Departure from Kumamoto to Tokyo (HND) via NH644
12:20 PM (JST)	Group 1 Arrive in Tokyo (HND); Group 2, Group 3, and Group 4 Transfer to Narita (NRT)
3:45 PM (JST)	Group 1 Departure from Tokyo (HND) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA804 • Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL) • David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
5:00 PM (JST)	Group 2 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Los Angeles (LAX) via NH6 • Jeanette Whitener, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)
5:00 PM (JST)	Group 3 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Los Angeles (LAX) via NH6 • Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN) • Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)
5:00 PM (JST)	Group 4 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Chicago (ORD) via NH12 • Shana Teehan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
11:00 AM (PST)	Group 2 and Group 3 Arrive in Los Angeles (LAX)
12:15 PM (PST)	Group 3 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) to Washington D.C. (DCA) via AA591
2:55 PM (CDT)	Group 4 Arrive in Chicago (ORD)
3:50 PM (EST)	Group 1 Arrive in Washington D.C. (IAD)
4:49 PM (PST)	Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA1573
6:12 PM (CDT)	Group 4 Departure from Chicago (ORD) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA2202
8:15 PM (EST)	Group 3 Arrival in Washington D.C. (DCA)



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9:22 PM (EST) Group 4 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD)

12:55 AM (EST) Group 2 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD)



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

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 and their counterparts in the Japanese Diet through regular roundtables in Washington, DC throughout the year in addition to trips such as the 2026 Chief of Staff 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 Chief of Staff Study Tour to Japan. Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA) awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Japan as a part of their mission of promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan. Sasakawa USA staff assists FMC in securing meetings in Tokyo.

15. b. 2) Tokyo is the financial and political hub of Japan, and the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, journalists, and experts on issues ranging from security and energy policy to trade. Additionally, through meetings with cultural figures, as well as a visit to Meiji Shrine, participants will gain a holistic understanding of Japan’s rich history, culture, and religion. Fukuoka is a key gateway between Japan and the rest of Asia, playing a central role in regional trade, innovation, and diplomacy. The delegation will engage with officials from the U.S. Consulate Fukuoka, as well as local leaders and experts, on issues ranging from economic connectivity to startup development and regional security. Kumamoto is an emerging hub for advanced manufacturing and a key player in Japan’s economic security strategy. The delegation will meet with government officials and experts to discuss semiconductor production, supply chain resilience, and regional revitalization projects to boost local industries and tourism.

18. Total Transportation Expenses Per Participant

- Yuri Beckelman: \$6,831.96
- Caroline Bender: \$5,881.46
- Marcus Garza: \$5,881.46
- Nick Hawatmeh: \$5,881.46
- Whitley O’Neal: \$5,881.46
- David Silberberg: \$6,831.96
- Shana Teehan: \$5,881.46
- Jeanette Whitener: \$5,881.46

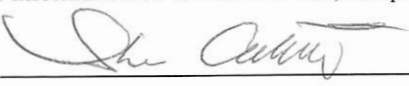
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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☒ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
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that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: April 23, 2026

Name: Satohiro Akimoto Title: President

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Address: 1819 L St NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C., 20036

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

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

Additional Sponsor Form Addendum: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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



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Tokyo, Fukuoka, and Kumamoto, Japan | June 13 – 20, 2026

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April 30, 2026

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) and Former Members of Congress (FMC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our Twelfth Annual U.S. Congressional Chief of Staff Study Tour to Japan.

The 2026 Study Tour will take place from **June 13 – 20** and will visit Tokyo and a second city. Premium 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 Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. We have funding for approximately six to eight Chiefs of Staff from the House. Participants are expected to attend all official meetings/programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. Please note that participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse and bipartisan delegation. This program constitutes privately sponsored travel and will be approved by the House Ethics Committee.

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

- The U.S.-Japan security alliance
- Transpacific economic ties
- Multilateral cooperation

During the trip, you will also have an opportunity to learn about other topics including issues surrounding Japan's international diplomacy, military cooperation, and Japan's rich cultural history.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Nanako Kondo, Program Officer for the Congressional Study Group on Japan at nkondo@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Peter Weichlein Esq., *Chief Executive Officer* | **Sabine Schleidt**, *Chief Operating Officer*
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Saturday, June 13th - Saturday, June 20th, 2026 | Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kumamoto

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The Okura Tokyo
2-Chome 10-4 Toranomom
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001

Fukuoka Hotel:

Miyako Hotel Hakata
2 Chome-1-1 Hakataekihigashi
Hakata Ward, Fukuoka
812-0013

Kumamoto Hotel:

The Blossom Kumamoto
3-Chome 15-26 Kasuga
Nishi-ku, Kumamoto
860-0047

Saturday, June 13th

[TRAVEL DAY]

- 8:15 AM **Group 1 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Newark (EWR) via UA2396**
- Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL)
 - David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
- 9:10 AM **Group 2 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Los Angeles (LAX) via UA1868**
- Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)
 - Shana Teehan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
 - Jeanette Whitener, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)
 - Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)
- 9:42 AM **Group 1 Arrival in Newark (EWR)**
- 11:39 AM **Group 2 Arrival in Los Angeles (HND)**
- 11:40 AM **Group 1 Departure from Newark (EWR) for Tokyo (NRT) via UA79**
- 5:15 PM **Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) for Tokyo (HND) via NH125**

Sunday, June 14th

[TRAVEL DAY]

- 2:30 PM (JST) **Group 1 Arrival in Tokyo (NRT)**
- 9:00 PM (JST) **Group 2 Arrival in Tokyo (HND)**
- Evening (JST) **Group Arrival to Hotel**
- Evening (JST) **Individual Dinner** (*Room Service – up to 8,000 yen per person*)



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Monday, June 15th in Tokyo

Business Formal Attire

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM Japan in an Hour

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

Breakfast roundtable discussion diving deep into the political, economic, and societal particulars of Japan with domestic and international journalists.

- Jason Douglas, Wall Street Journal
- Javier Hernandez, New York Times
- Leo Lewis, Financial Times

The Okura, L'etoile Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM U.S. Country Team Briefing

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

Briefing led by 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.

- Aaron D. Snipe, Deputy Chief of Mission
- Eric M. Jacobs, Chief of Staff to the Ambassador

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

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

Ginza Sushi Tempura Iwai

7-chome-10-8 Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo, Japan 104-0061 (5th floor)

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM Meeting with State Minister Iwao Horii

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Roundtable discussion with Iwao Horii (Liberal Democratic Party), Member of the House of Councillors, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Member of the Japan-US Parliamentary Association, exchanging views on opportunities for the U.S. and Japan to expand their partnership.

- The Hon. State Minister Iwao Horii, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8919

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Meeting with LDP Leadership

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

Roundtable discussion with Members of the LDP in the National Diet who are actively attuned to the U.S.-Japan relationship, exchanging views on opportunities for the U.S. and Japan to expand their partnership.

- The Hon. Karen Makishima, Acting Director, International Bureau, LDP

Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters

1-11-23 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8910

(Block 5 Conference Room, 5th Floor)



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4:15 PM – 5:00 PM **Executive Time**

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Sake and Soft Power**

Dinner and lecture from a licensed sake sommelier on the history and productions methods of Japan's national drink, it's growing popularity overseas (especially in the United States), and its role in Japan's soft power. Attendees will learn how traditional cultural products such as sake are essential in establishing both a robust economic relationship and a wider cultural rapport between nations, such as with American sake breweries and import companies meeting the growing US demand for sake.

Premium Sake Pub Gashue

2 Chome-13-5 Higashineno, Taito City, Tokyo, Japan 110-0015



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Tuesday, June 16th in Tokyo

Business Formal Attire

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

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

Breakfast roundtable discussion with executives 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.

The Okura, La Lune Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Meeting with Nippon Ishin No Kai Members

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Roundtable discussion with Members of Nippon Ishin no Kai in the National Diet to exchange views on the party's priorities as well as opportunities for the United States and Japan to strengthen cooperation on regional security, innovation, and economic competitiveness.

- The Hon. Fumitake Fujita, Ishin no Kai
- The Hon. Seiji Maehara, Ishin no Kai
- The Hon. Alex Saito, Ishin no Kai

2-2-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-0014

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM The Bilateral Relationship

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Roundtable discussion with experts from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** to gain insight the ministry's priorities and conversely presenting the delegation an opportunity to share their thoughts on the direction of Congress.

- Sawago Nagamori, Principal Senior Foreign Policy Coordinator, Policy Coordination Division
- Kaitaro Nonomura, Director, First China and Mongolia Division

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8919

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM An Aging Society: Impact on Japan's Economy

Meeting Lead: Caroline Bender

Lunch roundtable discussion with experts to gain deeper insight into Japan's aging society and the demographic and workforce-related challenges affecting the country's economic outlook.

- Dr. Sagiri Kitao, Senior Research Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- Dr. Tomoaki Yamada, Professor, School of Commerce, Meiji University

Le Pristine

2-6-4, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001

2:30 PM

Group Returns to Hotel



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3:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Executive Time**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **Dinner with Indo-Pacific Allies**

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

A roundtable discussion featuring DCMs from the Philippines, Australia, and South Korea in addressing shared regional challenges as it relates to security, trade, and energy.

- Christian De Jesus, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Japan
- Sangryol Lee, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister, Embassy of the Republic of Korea
- Helen Stylianou, Deputy Ambassador to Japan, Embassy of Australia in Japan

The Tavern Grill & Lounge, Andaz Tokyo

1-23-4, Toranomon Hills Mori Tower 51F, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0001



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Wednesday, June 17th in Tokyo

[Travel] Business Formal Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM Checkout Complete & Bag Drop

8:50 AM Departure from Hotel

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM The Future of Energy at The Institute of Energy Economics (IEEJ)

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

A roundtable discussion on Japan's energy situation with Chairman and CEO, **Tatsuya Terazawa**, in regard to the transition from fossil fuels, and the role of nuclear energy and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a bridge fuel in that transition. The conversation will also explore how the U.S. and Japan can deepen cooperation to stabilize energy.

- Tatsuya Terazawa, Chairman and CEO
- Yukari Yamashita, Managing Director, Energy Data and Modelling Center (EDMC)
- Yoshihiko Omori, Board Member, Director, Clean Energy Unit
- Ichiro Kutani, Senior Research Director and Manager, Global Energy Group 1, Director, Energy Security Unit
- Hiroshi Hashimoto, Senior Fellow, Energy Security Unit
- Yoshiaki Shibata, Senior Research Director, Manager, New Energy System Group, Assistant Director, Clean Energy Unit
- Sachi Sakanashi, Senior Research Director, Director, Japan Institute for Middle Eastern Economics Center
- Dr. Kenji Kimura, Senior Researcher, Nuclear Energy Group, Electric Power Industry Unit, Research Strategy Group, Research Strategy Unit
- Harumi Ishida, Manager, Management Planning and Public Relations Group, Research Strategy Unit

1-13-1 Kachidoki, Chuo City, Tokyo, Japan 104-0054

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Transpacific Town Hall at Temple University Japan Campus

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

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

- Dr. May-yi Shaw, Chief of Staff

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



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1:30 PM – 2:45 PM Indo-Pacific Security Briefing with National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) Experts

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Lunch briefing with experts from the National Institute for Defense Studies on the evolving security environment in the Indo-Pacific, including China's growing regional influence, maritime security challenges, and the broader strategic implications for regional stability and the U.S.-Japan alliance.

- Shigeo Kikuchi, Director, Department for Policy Studies
- Dr. Shinji Yamaguchi, Senior Research Fellow
- Takashi Seto, Research Fellow, Cyber Security Division, Department of Advanced Studies

Stellar Works Restaurant & Bar

1-2-3 Aoyama Building 2F, Kita-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 107-0061

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM Edo-Tokyo Museum

The Edo-Tokyo Museum is a major cultural institution that explores the transformation of Tokyo from a small fishing village known as Edo into one of the world's largest modern cities. Through a guide-led tour, the delegation will learn about key moments such as the Edo period, the modernization of Japan during the Meiji era, and Tokyo's recovery after World War II, making it an essential destination for understanding the social, political, and cultural evolution of Japan's capital.

1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida City, Tokyo, Japan 130-0015

5:00 PM Depart Museum for Haneda Airport

5:15 PM – 5:45 PM FMC Bus Briefing on Fukuoka and Logistics

Briefing on bus led by FMC staff Olivia Truesdale-Rod and Nanako Kondo on Fukuoka Prefecture, logistical procedures for the transfer, transportation to the hotel, and a review of Thursday's agenda.

7:35 PM Depart Haneda for Fukuoka via NH273

9:30 PM Arrive in Fukuoka

10:00 PM Arrive at The Miyako Hotel Hakata



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Thursday, June 18th in Fukuoka

Business Casual Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

7:55 AM Checkout Complete & Bag Drop

8:15 AM Meet to Depart Hotel

9:10 AM – 10:40 AM Hydrogen Energy Test and Research Center (HyTReC) Site Visit

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

The Hydrogen Energy Test and Research Center (HyTReC) is a leading Japanese research facility dedicated to the testing, safety verification, and commercialization of hydrogen-energy technologies. The site visit will provide insight into how Japan is advancing clean-energy innovation, strengthening supply-chain resilience, and fostering public-private cooperation in emerging energy sectors.

- Dr. Shogo Watanabe, President and Director

915-1 Tomi, Itoshima, Fukuoka, Japan 819-1133

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Kyushu Economic Research Center

Meeting Lead: David Silberberg

A meeting with experts from the Kyushu Economic Center serves as an important opportunity for the delegation to gain insight into the economic priorities, industrial strengths, and regional development strategies shaping Kyushu's role within Japan's broader economy. As a major center for manufacturing, energy, technology, and international trade, Kyushu provides a valuable perspective on regional competitiveness and economic innovation beyond Tokyo.

- Hideyuki Okano, Vice President and Director, Research Department
- Tomoko Hiramatsu, Chief Researcher

2 Chome-1-1-82 Watanabedori, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0004

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM Japanese Cuisine: From Regional Traditions to Global Tables

Overview led by expert guide of traditional Japanese food and cultural practices surrounding food, discussing and exploring how Japanese food plays an important role in building relationships in Japanese culture. Discussion of Japanese soft power with relation of the food trend worldwide.

🍣 sushi (ICHI SUSHI)

El Village 102, 4-27-18 Sumiyoshi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 812-0018

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM Meeting with U.S. Consulate Principal Officer Virsa Perkins

Meeting Lead: Whitley O'Neal

Roundtable 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.

- Virsa Perkins, Principal Officer

2-5-26 Obori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0052



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- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM teamLab Forest Fukuoka**
teamLab Forest Fukuoka is an immersive digital art space that blends technology and nature to create interactive environments where visitors help shape the artwork through movement and presence. During the teamLab visit, participants will tour the facility and learn how Japan has been at the forefront of interactive art installations and how these experiences provide a new medium for cultural exchange and understanding.
- 2-2-6 Jigyohama, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka, Japan 810-0065*
- 5:30 PM Depart teamLab Forest Fukuoka for Hakata Station**
- 6:36 PM Depart Hakata Station for Kumamoto Station via Tsubame 335-Go**
- 6:45 PM – 7:15 PM FMC Bullet Train Briefing on Kumamoto and Logistics**
30-minute briefing on bullet train led by FMC staff Olivia Truesdale-Rod and Nanako Kondo on Kumamoto Prefecture, logistical procedures for the transportation to the hotel, and a review of Friday's agenda.
- 7:25 PM Arrive at Kumamoto Station**
- 7:45 PM Check-In at The Blossom Kumamoto**



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Friday, June 19th in Kumamoto

Business Casual Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM Departure from Hotel

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Tour of Kumamoto Castle

Kumamoto Castle is one of the three most significant historic castles in Japan, with roots in the 15th century. The castle provides a window into Japan's feudal period, helping better understand the regional character of Kyushu and historic conflict in the region. Following a severe 2016 earthquake, Kumamoto Castle has also become a site for understanding historic preservation as well as the impact of national disasters in Japan.

1-1 Honmaru, Chuo Ward, Kumamoto, Japan 860-0002

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Courtesy Call with Governor Takashi Kimura

Meeting Lead: Yuri Beckelman

Meeting with Governor Takashi Kimura to discuss Kumamoto's importance in Japan, as well as its role in US-Japan relations.

- Takashi Kimura, Governor of, Kumamoto Prefecture

**Please do not wear jackets/ ties/ jeans for this meeting.*

6-18 Suizenji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto, Japan 862-8570

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch en route to Honda Motor Kumamoto Factory

Felice, ANA Crowne Plaza New Sky

2 Higashiamidaji-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto, Japan 860-8575

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM Site Visit at Honda Motor Co. Kumamoto Factory

Meeting Lead: Shana Teehan

The Honda Kumamoto Factory serves as a key hub for Honda's two-wheeled vehicle operations, research, development, and quality control. The visit would provide insight into Japan's advanced manufacturing capabilities and broader trends in innovation, and high-value industrial production within the global automotive sector.

1500 Hirakawa, Ozu-machi, Kikuchi-gun, Kumamoto, Japan 869-1293



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3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Tokyo Electron (TEL) Kyushu Head Office

Meeting Lead: Jeanette Whitener

Tokyo Electron's Kumamoto operations serve as an important regional hub supporting the company's semiconductor equipment manufacturing, technical development, and after-sales service functions. The site plays a key role in producing and maintaining advanced fabrication tools used in critical processes such as wafer processing, deposition, and etching, which are essential to global semiconductor production.

- Qais Roshan, Senior Manager, Government Affairs
- Saori Tsuchiya, Director, Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy Corporate Strategy Division
- Yoko Yanagimoto, Analyst, Office of Government Affairs and Public Policy

1-1 Fukuhara, Koshi City, Kumamoto, Japan 861-1116

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Executive Time

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Closing Dinner

A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship led by FMC staff.

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7-2 Minamisendanbatamachi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, Japan 860-0842



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Saturday, June 20th

[TRAVEL DAY] *Casual Attire*

Morning (JST)	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
7:10 AM (JST)	Checkout Complete & Bag Drop
7:30 AM (JST)	Depart The Blossom Kumamoto
8:40 AM (JST)	Arrival at Kumamoto Airport
10:40 AM (JST)	Group 1, Group 2, and Group 3 Departure from Kumamoto to Tokyo (HND) via NH644
12:20 PM (JST)	Group 1 Arrive in Tokyo (HND); Group 2 and Group 3 Transfer to Narita (NRT)
3:45 PM (JST)	Group 1 Departure from Tokyo (HND) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA804 • Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL) • David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
5:00 PM (JST)	Group 2 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Los Angeles (LAX) via NH6 • Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN) • Jeanette Whitener, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX) • Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)
5:00 PM (JST)	Group 3 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Chicago (ORD) via NH12 • Shana Teehan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
11:00 AM (PST)	Group 2 Arrive in Los Angeles (LAX)
2:55 PM (CDT)	Group 3 Arrive in Chicago (ORD)
3:50 PM (EST)	Group 1 Arrive in Washington D.C. (IAD)
4:49 PM (PST)	Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA1573
6:12 PM (CDT)	Group 3 Departure from Chicago (ORD) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA2202
9:22 PM (EST)	Group 3 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD)
12:55 AM (EST)	Group 2 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD)

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Former Members of Congress (FMC)

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

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

6. Date of Departure: June 13, 2026 Date of Return: June 20, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kumamoto

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

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

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): ~\$116/day

- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

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

Hotel Name: The Okura Hotel City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: \$319

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to U.S. Embassy and to meeting partners

Hotel Name: Miyako Hotel Hakata City: Fukuoka Cost Per Night: \$300

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners and U.S. Consulate

Hotel Name: The Blossom Kumamoto City: Kumamoto Cost Per Night: \$160

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meeting partners as well as the main train station

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	\$1,577	\$675
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	\$1,500	Interpreter, Guide, Meeting Rooms
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: May 11, 2026
Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer
Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901
Email: sschleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: 202-222-5047

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form Addendum

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

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 and their counterparts in the Japanese Diet through regular roundtables in Washington, DC throughout the year in addition to trips such as the 2026 Chief of Staff 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 Chief of Staff Study Tour to Japan. Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (SPFUSA) awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Japan as a part of their mission of promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan. Sasakawa USA staff assists FMC in securing meetings in Tokyo.

15. b. 2) Tokyo is the financial and political hub of Japan, and the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, journalists, and experts on issues ranging from security and energy policy to trade. Additionally, through meetings with cultural figures, as well as a visit to Meiji Shrine, participants will gain a holistic understanding of Japan’s rich history, culture, and religion. Fukuoka is a key gateway between Japan and the rest of Asia, playing a central role in regional trade, innovation, and diplomacy. The delegation will engage with officials from the U.S. Consulate Fukuoka, as well as local leaders and experts, on issues ranging from economic connectivity to startup development and regional security. Kumamoto is an emerging hub for advanced manufacturing and a key player in Japan’s economic security strategy. The delegation will meet with government officials and experts to discuss semiconductor production, supply chain resilience, and regional revitalization projects to boost local industries and tourism.

18. Total Transportation Expenses Per Participant

- Yuri Beckelman: \$6,831.96
- Caroline Bender: \$5,881.46
- Marcus Garza: \$5,881.46
- Nick Hawatmeh: \$5,881.46
- Whitley O’Neal: \$5,881.46
- David Silberberg: \$6,831.96
- Shana Teehan: \$5,881.46
- Jeanette Whitener: \$5,881.46

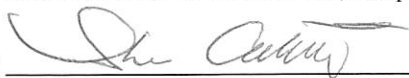
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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☒ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: April 23, 2026

Name: Satohiro Akimoto Title: President

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Address: 1819 L St NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C., 20036

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

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Tokyo, Fukuoka, and Kumamoto, Japan | June 13 – 20, 2026

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April 30, 2026

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) and Former Members of Congress (FMC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our Twelfth Annual U.S. Congressional Chief of Staff Study Tour to Japan.

The 2026 Study Tour will take place from **June 13 – 20** and will visit Tokyo and a second city. Premium 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 Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA. We have funding for approximately six to eight Chiefs of Staff from the House. Participants are expected to attend all official meetings/programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. Please note that participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse and bipartisan delegation. This program constitutes privately sponsored travel and will be approved by the House Ethics Committee.

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

- The U.S.-Japan security alliance
- Transpacific economic ties
- Multilateral cooperation

During the trip, you will also have an opportunity to learn about other topics including issues surrounding Japan's international diplomacy, military cooperation, and Japan's rich cultural history.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Nanako Kondo, Program Officer for the Congressional Study Group on Japan at nkondo@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

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Saturday, June 13th - Saturday, June 20th, 2026 | Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kumamoto

Tokyo Hotel:

The Okura Tokyo
2-Chome 10-4 Toranomom
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001

Fukuoka Hotel:

Miyako Hotel Hakata
2 Chome-1-1 Hakataekihigashi
Hakata Ward, Fukuoka
812-0013

Kumamoto Hotel:

The Blossom Kumamoto
3-Chome 15-26 Kasuga
Nishi-ku, Kumamoto
860-0047

Saturday, June 13th

[TRAVEL DAY]

- 8:15 AM **Group 1 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Newark (EWR) via UA2396**
- Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL)
 - David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
- 9:10 AM **Group 2 Departure from Washington, D.C. (IAD) for Los Angeles (LAX) via UA1868**
- Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)
 - Marcus Garza, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA)
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 - Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO)
- 9:42 AM **Group 1 Arrival in Newark (EWR)**
- 11:39 AM **Group 2 Arrival in Los Angeles (HND)**
- 11:40 AM **Group 1 Departure from Newark (EWR) for Tokyo (NRT) via UA79**
- 5:15 PM **Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) for Tokyo (HND) via NH125**

Sunday, June 14th

[TRAVEL DAY]

- 2:30 PM (JST) **Group 1 Arrival in Tokyo (NRT)**
- 9:00 PM (JST) **Group 2 Arrival in Tokyo (HND)**
- Evening (JST) **Group Arrival to Hotel**
- Evening (JST) **Individual Dinner**



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Monday, June 15th in Tokyo

Business Attire

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Japan in an Hour

Breakfast roundtable discussion diving deep into the political, economic, and societal particulars of Japan with domestic and international journalists.

The Okura, L'etoile Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM A Welcome to Japan

Roundtable discussion with **Dr. Satohiro Akimoto** President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA and **Jumpei Sasakawa**, President of Nippon Foundation, on the Foundation's work in Japan and around the world.

The Okura, L'etoile Room

2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM U.S. Country Team Briefing

Briefing led by 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

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Informal Lunch

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting with LDP Leadership

Roundtable discussion with Members of the LDP in the National Diet who are actively attuned to the U.S.-Japan relationship, exchanging views on opportunities for the U.S. and Japan to expand their partnership.

- The Hon. Karen Makishima, LDP

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Meiji Shrine

Completed in 1920, the Shinto shrine honors Emperor Meiji, who presided over the Meiji Restoration, a pivotal era of Japan's rapid modernization after opening to the West after centuries of isolation. Emperor Meiji is associated with adopting Western political, industrial, and military systems, fundamentally reshaping Japan into a modern nation-state.

1-1 Yoyogikamizonocho, Shibuya, Tokyo 151-8557, Japan



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5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Sake and Soft Power

Dinner and lecture from a licensed sake sommelier on the history and productions methods of Japan's national drink, it's growing popularity overseas (especially in the United States), and its role in Japan's soft power. Attendees will learn how traditional cultural products such as sake are essential in establishing both a robust economic relationship and a wider cultural rapport between nations, such as with American sake breweries and import companies meeting the growing US demand for sake.

Premium Sake Pub Gashue, 2 Chome-13-5 Higashiueno, Taito City, Tokyo 110-0015



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Tuesday, June 16th in Tokyo

Business Attire

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM U.S.-Japan Business Roundtable

Breakfast roundtable discussion with executives 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.

*The Okura, La Lune Room
2 Chome-10-4 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan*

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Meeting with Ishin-No-Kai Members

Roundtable discussion with Members of Nippon Ishin no Kai in the National Diet to exchange views on the party's priorities as well as opportunities for the United States and Japan to strengthen cooperation on regional security, innovation, and economic competitiveness.

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM The Bilateral Relationship

Roundtable discussion with experts from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** to gain insight the ministry's priorities and conversely presenting the delegation an opportunity to share their thoughts on the direction of Congress.

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8919

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM An Aging Society: Impact on Japan's Economy

Lunch roundtable discussion with experts to gain deeper insight into Japan's aging society and the demographic and workforce-related challenges affecting the country's economic outlook.

- Dr. Sagiri Kitao, GRIPS

2:30 PM Group Returns to Hotel

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Executive Time

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner with Indo-Pacific Allies

A roundtable discussion featuring DCMs from the Philippines, Australia, and South Korea in addressing shared regional challenges as it relates to security, trade, and energy.



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Wednesday, June 17th in Tokyo

[Travel] Business Attire

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM The Future of Energy at The Institute of Energy Economics (IEEJ)

A roundtable discussion on Japan's energy situation with Chairman and CEO, **Tatsuya Terazawa**, in regards to the transition from fossil fuels, and the role of nuclear energy and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a bridge fuel in that transition. The conversation will also explore how the U.S. and Japan can deepen cooperation to stabilize energy.

1-chōme-13-1 Kachidoki, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0054, Japan

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Transpacific Town Hall at Sophia University

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

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM Indo-Pacific Security Briefing with NIDS Experts

Lunch briefing with experts from the National Institute for Defense Studies on the evolving security environment in the Indo-Pacific, including China's growing regional influence, maritime security challenges, and the broader strategic implications for regional stability and the U.S.-Japan alliance.

Stellar Works Restaurant & Bar

1-2-3 Aoyama Building 2F, Kita-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0061

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM Edo-Tokyo Museum

The Edo-Tokyo Museum is a major cultural institution that explores the transformation of Tokyo from a small fishing village known as Edo into one of the world's largest modern cities. At this museum, the delegation will learn about key moments such as the Edo period, the modernization of Japan during the Meiji era, and Tokyo's recovery after World War II, making it an essential destination for understanding the social, political, and cultural evolution of Japan's capital.

1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida City, Tokyo 130-0015, Japan

5:00 PM Depart Museum for Haneda Airport

5:15 PM – 5:45 PM FMC Bus Briefing on Fukuoka and Logistics

Briefing on bus led by FMC staff Olivia Truesdale-Rod and Nanako Kondo on Fukuoka Prefecture, logistical procedures for the transfer, transportation to the hotel, and a review of Thursday's agenda.

7:35 PM Depart Haneda for Fukuoka via NH273

9:30 PM Arrive in Fukuoka

10:00 PM Arrive at The Miyako Hotel Hakata



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Thursday, June 18th in Fukuoka

Business Casual

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| 8:00 AM | Depart Hotel for Hakata Station |
| 8:40 AM | Depart Hakata Station for Kokura Station via Nozomi 14-Go |
| 9:00 AM | Arrive at Kokura Station |
| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Briefing on shuttle to OCC Submarine Cable Facility |
| 9:45 AM – 11:45 AM | Site Tour at OCC Submarine Cable Facility
Site visit to the NEC OCC Submarine Cable facility will focus on the strategic importance of submarine cables to economic security, data transmission, supply chain resilience, and broader efforts to strengthen critical infrastructure and connectivity across the Indo-Pacific region. |
| 12:30 PM | Depart Kokura Station for Hakata Station |
| 12:45 PM | Arrive in Fukuoka |
| 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM | Hakata Ramen: From Regional Cuisine to Worldwide Renown
Working lunch at Ichiran Ramen, a Hakata-style ramen restaurant, discussing with staff the creation of ramen, what makes Hakata-style unique, and how the style achieved popularity both domestically and abroad. Participants will gain important insight into the role of culinary diplomacy in a nation's soft power projection, especially the potential to boost regional cuisine as part of a nation's overall identity abroad.

<i>5-3-2 Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka</i> |
| 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM | Meeting with the U.S. Consul General or Principal Officer Virsa Perkins
Roundtable 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. |
| 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM | teamLab Forest Fukuoka
teamLab Forest Fukuoka is an immersive digital art space that blends technology and nature to create interactive environments where visitors help shape the artwork through movement and presence. teamLab showcases how Japan exports innovative, experiential art that combines cutting-edge technology with art. |
| 5:30 PM | Depart teamLab Forest Fukuoka for Hakata Station |
| 6:36 PM | Depart Hakata Station for Kumamoto Station via Tsubame 335-Go |



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- 6:45 PM – 7:15 PM FMC Bullet Train Briefing on Kumamoto and Logistics**
30-minute briefing on bullet train led by FMC staff Olivia Truesdale-Rod and Nanako Kondo on Kumamoto Prefecture, logistical procedures for the transportation to the hotel, and a review of Friday’s agenda.
- 7:25 PM Arrive at Kumamoto Station**
- 7:45 PM Check-In at The Blossom Kumamoto**



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Friday, June 19th in Kumamoto

Business Attire

Morning Individual Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 AM Departure from Hotel

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Site Visit at Honda Motor Co. Kumamoto Factory

The Honda Kumamoto Factory serves as a key hub for Honda's two-wheeled vehicle operations, research, development, and quality control. The visit would provide insight into Japan's advanced manufacturing capabilities and broader trends in innovation, and high-value industrial production within the global automotive sector.

1500 Hirakawa, Ozu-machi, Kikuchi-gun, Kumamoto, 869-1293

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Kumamoto Site Visit

The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) Kumamoto Facility, operated through Japan Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing (JASM), represents a major expansion of advanced semiconductor production in Japan and a significant investment in regional chip manufacturing capacity. This site visit aims to provide insight into the growing strategic importance of semiconductors to economic and regional security.

1500 Hirakawa, Ozu-machi, Kikuchi-gun, Kumamoto, 869-1293

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Informal Lunch

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Courtesy Call with Governor Takashi Kimura

Meeting with Governor Takashi Kimura to discuss Kumamoto's importance in Japan, as well as its role in US-Japan relations.

6-18 Suizenji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City 862-8570

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Executive Time

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Closing Dinner

A debriefing dinner discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on various dimensions of the U.S. – Japan relationship led by FMC staff.



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Saturday, June 20th

[TRAVEL DAY] *Casual Attire*

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| 10:40 AM (JST) | Group 1, Group 2, and Group 3 Departure from Kumamoto to Tokyo (HND) via NH644 |
| 12:20 PM (JST) | Group 1 Arrive in Tokyo (HND); Group 2 and Group 3 Transfer to Narita (NRT) |
| 3:45 PM (JST) | Group 1 Departure from Tokyo (HND) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA804 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yuri Beckelman, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL)• David Silberberg, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) |
| 5:00 PM (JST) | Group 2 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Los Angeles (LAX) via NH6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caroline Bender, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)• Marcus Garza, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA)• Nick Hawatmeh, Chief of Staff, House Republican Conference• Jeanette Whitener, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)• Whitley O'Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO) |
| 5:00 PM (JST) | Group 3 Departure from Tokyo (NRT) to Chicago (ORD) via NH12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shana Teehan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND) |
| 11:00 AM (PST) | Group 2 Arrive in Los Angeles (LAX) |
| 2:55 PM (CDT) | Group 3 Arrive in Chicago (ORD) |
| 3:50 PM (EST) | Group 1 Arrive in Washington D.C. (IAD) |
| 4:49 PM (PST) | Group 2 Departure from Los Angeles (LAX) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA1573 |
| 6:12 PM (CDT) | Group 3 Departure from Chicago (ORD) to Washington D.C. (IAD) via UA2202 |
| 9:22 PM (EST) | Group 3 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD) |
| 12:55 AM (EST) | Group 2 Arrival in Washington D.C. (IAD) |