



JAPANESE AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP DELEGATION

**2020 JAPANESE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DELEGATION TO JAPAN
20TH DELEGATION
March 6 – March 14, 2020**

Sponsored by: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Organized by: U.S.-Japan Council

The 2020 Delegation will be comprised of senior Japanese American leaders who are top leaders in their professions, have had moderate to extensive experience in U.S.-Japan relations, and will be committed to furthering the U.S.-Japan relationship upon their return. The 2020 Delegation seeks senior leaders from local, state or regional government including appointed and elected officials, higher education administration, business, philanthropy, and communications and media. Candidates from areas not represented in previous delegations are highly encouraged to apply. The 2020 Delegation will mark the 20th Anniversary of the JALD program and seeks to select a diverse Delegation of prominent Japanese American leaders nationally.

OVERVIEW

The Japanese American Leadership Delegation (JALD) program provides the opportunity for a select group of Japanese American leaders from across the U.S. to travel to Japan to engage with Japanese leaders in the business, government, academic, non-profit and cultural sectors. The trip also allows Japanese leaders to gain a greater understanding of multi-cultural America through the experiences of a diverse group of Japanese Americans. Upon their return, delegates collaborate with program alumni, the local consulates, the U.S.-Japan Council and local and national community organizations to continue strengthening ties between the U.S. and Japan.

The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) represented in the United States by the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. and seventeen consulate general offices is the sponsor of the program. The U.S.-Japan Council provides administration and organization for this program. The program began in 2000 and 217 delegates have participated to date. This year, the ministry of foreign affairs has placed a high priority on selecting candidates from cities and regions not represented in prior delegations.

GOALS OF THE DELEGATION PROGRAM

- 1. Improve understanding and strengthen long term relations between Japanese Americans and Japan.**

- 2. Develop and implement ongoing strategies to expand the role of Japanese Americans in advancing U.S.-Japan relations.**
- 3. Develop a network of Japanese American leaders that will continue to advance long term U.S.-Japan relations, at the regional, national and international levels.**

BACKGROUND

The relationship between the U.S. and Japan is considered by many as the most important bilateral relationship in the world, and Japanese Americans are uniquely positioned to help shape it. The connections between Japanese and Japanese Americans are complex. While World War II played a major role in severing ties between Japanese Americans and Japan, today's opportunities for collaboration and mutual benefit are great and demand a renewed commitment to involving Japanese Americans in U.S.-Japan relations.

The Japanese American Leadership Delegation provides Japanese American leaders with the opportunity to become acquainted or re-engaged with Japan and participate in discussions related to the role that Japanese Americans can play in addressing key issues that face both countries, now and in the future.

The first delegation was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to visit Japan in 2000. It included third and fourth generation Japanese Americans selected from various professional fields including the educational, cultural, philanthropic, legal and political sectors. Since the initial trip, delegations of Japanese American leaders from throughout the United States have visited Japan every year since 2002.

Participants in this program have created an alumni network to ensure that the commitment to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations is maintained. A commitment to follow-up after the trip is a required part of the program.

2020 SCHEDULE

- The trip to Japan including travel will be from March 6 to March 14, 2020 (except Guam: departing March 7)
- Orientation – January 31 - February 1, 2020 in Los Angeles – This is mandatory for all delegates that will travel to Japan. Non-participation in the orientation will disqualify an individual from traveling with the delegation.
- The itinerary will include travel to Tokyo and Shizuoka.
- Transportation, hotel and meals will be provided.
- Delegates are required to attend all meetings and events during the trip.

As a rule, delegates are not permitted to extend their stay. In exceptional cases, however, they may extend their stays by up to five nights at the conclusion of the official program at their own expense and at the approval of MOFA. Requests will be considered only if the extension supports the general goals of the program. As a rule, spouses and family members are not permitted to accompany delegates during the official trip.

CRITERIA & SELECTION OF THE 2020 DELEGATION

For the 2020 delegation, members will be comprised of senior leaders and executives with moderate to extensive experience in U.S.-Japan relations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will approve the final ten Japanese American leaders for the 2020 delegation. Decisions will be based upon recommendations from the local Japanese consulates and Japanese embassy and recommendations from an advisory committee comprised of selected former delegates. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has placed priority on selecting leaders from geographic areas of the country with little or no presentation in prior delegations. The 2020 delegation will include leaders who have a demonstrated interest and commitment to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations, have interest or experience in the Japanese American community, and will be committed to future efforts to strengthen linkages between the United States and Japan. Selection for the 2020 delegation will give greater consideration to individuals with extensive experience in the following sectors:

- Local, state or regional government including appointed and elected officials
- Senior administrators in higher education
- Senior executives in business
- Communications and media
- Philanthropy

Selection Criteria will include:

- Successful and senior leadership in one's profession
- High level of interest or experience in U.S.-Japan relations
- Commitment to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations in the future
- Interest in expanding the role of Japanese Americans in U.S.-Japan relations
- Representation from geographic areas not included in prior delegations

Three members of the delegation will be selected to speak at a symposium in Tokyo co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the U.S.-Japan Council. In the past, the delegation has participated in symposiums held in Kumamoto, Yamaguchi, Kanazawa, Fukushima, Sendai, Kyoto, Kobe, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Okinawa, Osaka and Tokyo.

In making the final recommendations for the delegation, criteria will also include:

- Regional representation
- Diversity of professional backgrounds
- Gender balance
- Diversity of experience in Japan including first time travelers to Japan and those with moderate to extensive experience in Japan. (Note: Those who previously participated in an invitation program to Japan sponsored by MOFA will not be eligible for consideration.)
- In principle, delegates should be 40 to 55 years of age to enable longer-term

opportunities to build U.S.-Japan relations in their respective professional and community activities. In reflecting the goals of the program, priority will be given to sansei, yonsei and gosei, including Japanese Americans of multi-racial background.

Notwithstanding, candidates who do not meet all of the above criteria may still be considered if they demonstrate extraordinary qualifications.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

Deadline for receipt of applications: September 13, 2019

Applications should be submitted by email, fax, or mail to the local consulate office based upon the applicant's residence (see attached for list of consulate offices). For residents of Washington, D.C., applications should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan. Please note "Application for the Japanese American Leadership Delegation" on the front of the envelope if you mail the application.

For residents of 10 Midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, applications should be sent to:

Attn: Ms. Yuri Kobayashi
Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago
737 North Michigan Ave.,
Suite 1100, Chicago, IL60611

A duplicate copy should also be sent to the U.S.-Japan Council by e-mail to amurata@usjapancouncil.org.

INFORMATION

Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles

Ms. Jennifer Usyak, j.usyak@ls.mofa.go.jp, (213) 617-6700 x166

U.S.-Japan Council

Mr. Kaz Maniwa, kmaniwa@usjapancouncil.org, (415) 230-0886 or

Ms. Allison Murata, amurata@usjapancouncil.org, (310) 500-2873

OVERVIEW OF SPONSOR & PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is one of the eleven ministries of the Government of Japan's Executive Branch, the Prime Minister's Cabinet. The Ministry oversees a network of embassies and consulates throughout the world, managing Japan's foreign relations. The North American Affairs Bureau sponsors a number of programs which facilitate the strengthening of Japan-U.S. relations, with the First North America Division overseeing Japanese American affairs.

U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL

The U.S.-Japan Council is a 501(c) 3 non-profit educational organization that

contributes to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations by bringing together diverse leadership, engaging stakeholders and exploring issues that benefit communities, businesses and government entities on both sides of the Pacific. By promoting people-to-people relationships, the Japanese American-led organization cultivates an international network, and collaborates with other organizations and institutions to develop programs that allow leaders to engage with their counterparts in the United States and Japan. The Council also develops the next generation of leaders committed to a vibrant and dynamic U.S.-Japan relationship.



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APPLICATION FORM

**Individuals selected must be able to travel to Japan from March 6 - 14, 2020 and attend a mandatory orientation in Los Angeles January 31 - February 1, 2020.
Deadline for application submission: September 13, 2019.**

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All materials must be submitted in order for the application to be considered.

1) Resume: Please submit a resume no longer than 3 pages in length. If the following information is not included in your resume, please provide an additional attachment.

- Address – Business and Home (Specify preferred mailing address)
- Telephone – Business, Home, Cell Phone
- Email Address
- Employer
- Job Title
- Job Field
- Professional Affiliations & Leadership Positions
- Community/Volunteer Affiliations & Leadership Positions
- Date of Birth
- Prefecture(s) in Japan where your ancestors originated
- Nikkei ancestry generation in U.S. (sansei, yonsei, shin-nisei, etc.)
- Prior visits to Japan if applicable (Specify year, length of stay and purpose of visit)
- Have you previously applied to the program? (Specify year)
- References (Two): Preferably individuals who are knowledgeable about your experience in U.S.-Japan relations and/or your professional/community/volunteer experience.

2) Biography: Please include a short (150 word) narrative biography highlighting your career, community involvement, and education. Examples from previous classes may be found at www.usjapancouncil.org/jald.

3) Personal Statement: Provide a brief response to the following questions:

Attach separate sheet – no more than TWO pages double-spaced.

1. Why do you wish to participate in this program?
2. Briefly describe any prior experience you have had in U.S.-Japan relations.
3. How did you learn about this program?

4) Letter of recommendation: Please submit a recommendation letter in support of your application (limit two, additional letters will not be considered).

Please send all information by mail to:

1) Your local Consulate General of Japan (see attached list). Residents of Washington, D.C. should send information to the Embassy of Japan.

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2) Applicants are also required to send a copy to the U.S.-Japan Council via e-mail to amurata@usjapancouncil.org.

All applicants will be notified of the results by the consulate general or embassy to which they submitted their application, generally by the end of November.

For more information contact:

Embassy of Japan/Consulate General of Japan in your region
(see attached for list of Embassy of Japan and Consulate offices)

Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles

Ms. Jennifer Usyak, j.usyak@ls.mofa.go.jp, (213) 617-6700 x166
Consul Shigeru Kikuma, shigeru.kikuma@mofa.go.jp, (213) 617-6700 x130

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Embassy and Consulates of Japan in the United States

Consular Office of Japan in Anchorage

Area served: Alaska

3601 C Street, Suite 1300
Anchorage AK 99503-5925

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Website: <http://www.anchorage.us.emb-japan.go.jp>

POC: Mr. Masatoshi Sato, masatoshi.sato@mofa.go.jp, x121

Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta

Area served: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

Phipps Tower, Suite 850

3438 Peachtree Road

Atlanta GA 30326

Telephone: 404-240-4300

Fax: 404-240-4311

Website: <http://www.atlanta.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html>

POC: Ms. Amy Turner amy.turner@aa.mofa.go.jp, x3018

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston

Area served: Connecticut (except zip codes beginning with 068 and 069), Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Federal Reserve Plaza, 22nd Floor

600 Atlantic Avenue

Boston MA 02210-2285

Tel: 617-973-97724

Fax: 617-542-1329

Website: <http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html>

POC: Mr. Yasushi Nakamura, yasushi.nakamura@mofa.go.jp, x130

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago

Areas served: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Olympia Centre, Suite 1100

737 North Michigan Ave.

Chicago IL 60611

Tel: 312-280-0400

Fax: 312-280-9568

Website: <http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Contact: ryoji@cq.mofa.go.jp

Consulate-General of Japan in Denver

Area served: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

1225 17th Street, Suite 3000

Denver CO 80202-5505

Tel: 303-534-1151

Fax: 303-534-3393
Website: <http://www.denver.us.emb-japan.go.jp>
POC: Mr. Junya Inoue, junya.inoue@mofa.go.jp

Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

Area served: Michigan, Ohio
400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600
Detroit MI 48243
Tel: 313-567-0120
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POC: Ms. Mayuko Chashiro, mayuko.chashiro@mofa.go.jp, x204

Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna

Areas served: Guam
Physical address: Suite 604, GITC Bldg
590 South Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, Guam 96913, U.S.A
Tel: 671-646-1290
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Website: <http://www.hagatna.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.htm>
POC: Mr. Osamu Ogata, osamu.ogata@mofa.go.jp

Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu

Area served: Hawaii
1742 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu HI 96817-3294
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POC: Mr. Norimasa Yoshida, norimasa.yoshida@mofa.go.jp, x3105
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Consulate-General of Japan in Houston

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2 Houston Center Building
909 Fannin Street, Suite 3000
Houston TX 77010
Tel: 713-652-2977
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Website: http://www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html
POC: Mr. Ken Komine, ken.komine@mofa.go.jp
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Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles

Area served: Arizona, Southern California (zip codes beginning 900 - 931 and 935)
350 South Grand Ave., Suite 1700
Los Angeles CA 90071-3459
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Consulate-General of Japan in Miami

Area served: Florida

80 SW 8th Street, Suite 3200

Miami FL 33130

Tel: 305-530-9090

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POC: Ms. Miyuki Kubo, miyuki.kubo@mofa.go.jp

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Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville

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1801 West End Avenue, Suite 900

Nashville, TN 37203

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Website: <http://www.nashville.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

POC: Information and Cultural Affairs Section, info@nv.mofa.go.jp

Consulate-General of Japan in New York

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299 Park Ave, 19th Floor

New York NY 10171

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Website: <http://www.ny.us.emb-japan.go.jp>

POC: Mr. Jin Hashimoto, jin.hashimoto@mofa.go.jp

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Consular Office of Japan in Portland

Area served: Oregon, Southern Idaho

Wells Fargo Center, Suite 2700

1300 SW 5th Avenue

Portland OR 97201

Tel: 503-221-1811

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Website: <http://www.portland.us.emb-japan.go.jp/en/index.html>

POC: Ms. Mitsuko Kaneko, mitsuko.kaneko@se.mofa.go.jp

Consular Office of Japan in Saipan

Areas served: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Suite 201, MH1 Building, Puerto Rico, Saipan

P.O. Box 500407, Saipan, MP 96950

Tel: 670-323-7201

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Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco

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275 Battery Street, Suite 2100

San Francisco, CA 94111

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Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

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