

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE USA)

Travel Dates:
05/24/2025 to 05/31/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$3,997.94	\$1,676.88	\$408.71	\$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

6/16/25
Date

Jamari Hartley
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

6/16/25
Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	\$3,997.94	The changes are due to final exchange rate and final cost of variable rate transport such as taxis.
Lodging	\$1,676.88	Difference reflects the final exchange rate.
Meals	\$408.71	Original estimate was based on state department rates. Final actual costs were below the rates.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: The breakfast meeting on May 27 featured a guest expert to speak on the same topic due to Diet member schedule conflicts. The speaker was Yoichiro Sato, Public Affairs Consultant and Founder, Wisteria Group Tokyo.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.



March 25, 2025

Mr. Jamari Hartley
Legislative Assistant, Senator Jon Husted
198 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Hartley,

On behalf of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE USA), it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in JCIE's 2025 US Congressional Staff Exchange Program in Japan. This intensive weeklong study program will be held in Japan on May 26-May 30, 2025, and will involve a diverse set of meetings with leaders from government, business, media, and civil society as well as briefings from leading policy experts and practitioners in Japan. We are also excited that, this year, the group will have an opportunity to visit Osaka, host of the 2025 World Expo and one of Japan's largest commercial centers.

We ask that participants arrive in Tokyo by Sunday, May 25, which requires departing from Washington, DC on Saturday, May 24. Participants are expected to depart Japan on Saturday, May 31 and arrive in Washington DC on the same day. JCIE will make all of the necessary travel arrangements. As a program participant, round-trip airfare between the US and Japan, domestic travel in Japan, lodging, meals, and all other program-related expenses will be covered by JCIE.

During the program, please ask a lot of questions and engage actively in conversations with the Japanese speakers. We also request that you follow proper business etiquette. To go over some of these expectations and to provide insights from DC-based Japan experts on current developments in Japan and US-Japan relations, we will bring together all the participants for a pre-departure lunch briefing. Our target date will be sometime between May 12 and May 20, and we will be in touch shortly to decide on the specific time.

JCIE, a US 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the sponsor of the program. The program is made possible by grants from the Japan-US Friendship Commission, a US federal agency. Our Program Assistant, Kevin Bayes (kbayes@jcie.org), will be in touch with you regarding ethics forms, travel arrangements, and other details. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

We are delighted to have you on this program, and look forward to your active participation throughout the trip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kazuyo Kato'.

Kazuyo Kato
Executive Director

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:

Jamari Hartley

Employing Office/Committee

HUSTED, JON

Private Sponsor(s)

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE USA)

Destination(s)

Tokyo, Japan Osaka, Japan Tokyo, Japan

Travel Dates

05/24/2025 to 05/31/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As Legislative Assistant to Senator Husted, I handle the EPW Committee portfolio, including infrastructure, energy environment, and water policy. This program will provide insights into Japan's approaches in these areas, directly informing my legislative work. The experience will help my ability to contribute to policy development and strengthen collaboration with other staffers.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?

No

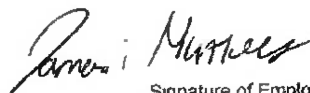
Name and Relationship to Traveler

N/A

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

4/24/25

Date



Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Sen. Jon Husted

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Jamari Hartley

(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate



(signify "yes" by checking box)

4/24/25

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE USA): JCIE US Congressional Staff Exchange Program to Japan

 Jamari Hartley

Title:
Legislative Assistant

Employing Office/Committee:
HUSTED, JON

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Tokyo, Japan
Osaka, Japan
Tokyo, Japan

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE USA)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☒ Yes ☐ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
475 Riverside Dr #731

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
New York, New York 10115 United States

Phone Number
5177556455

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

JCIE has been running its US-Congressional Staff Exchange Program since 1982 on an annual basis. The program brings Staff from both the House and Senate to Japan for a one-week program providing them the opportunity to meet Japanese legislators, policymakers, and experts to deepen their understanding on the Japanese policymaking process as well as political, economic, and societal trends. In addition to our staff exchanges, we regularly facilitate US-Japan legislative exchanges for members of Congress under the umbrella of the US-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program.

Educational Activities

JCIE organizes programs to promote research, analysis and cross-sectoral dialogues on shared challenges facing Japan and the United States such as global health and human security, population aging, and democratic governance.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip is an intensive weeklong study tour in Tokyo and Osaka aiming to deepen the participants' understanding of the Japanese policymaking process as well as political, economic, and societal trends, and exchange views with Japanese policymakers and experts on bilateral, regional, and global issues. Activities will include a series of briefings and meetings with leaders from the national Diet, government ministries, academia, civil society, media and business, as well as site visits to locations with significance to US-Japan relations such as the National Defense Academy (Yokosuka) and World Expo 2025 in Osaka.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

JCIE promotes US-Japan dialogues on foreign policy in areas of common concern, and this program is designed to provide senior staffers with a deeper understanding of the US-Japan relationship and the dynamics of Japanese policymaking to strengthen the foundation of US-Japan collaboration.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- ☒ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
05/24/2025 @ 12:20 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
05/31/2025 @ 03:45 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$4,005.38 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$3,048.21
Note Roundtrip		

Ground Transportation	Coach	\$716.17
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Note
Minibus + taxi *All expenses except international airfare, which is confirmed, are a good faith estimate of final costs.

Train	Coach	\$241.00
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Note
Roundtrip *All expenses except international airfare, which is confirmed, are a good faith estimate of final costs.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,656.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
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Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
05/25/2025	05/29/2025	Hotel New Otani	Tokyo	None	Japan	4	\$288.00	No
05/29/2025	05/30/2025	Hotel Nikko Osaka	Osaka	None	Japan	1	\$216.00	No
05/30/2025	05/31/2025	Hotel New Otani	Tokyo	None	Japan	1	\$288.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$573.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/25/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	Tokyo	None	Japan	No
05/26/2025	\$20.00	\$32.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	Tokyo	None	Japan	No
05/27/2025	\$20.00	\$32.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	Tokyo	None	Japan	No
05/28/2025	\$20.00	\$32.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	Tokyo	None	Japan	No
05/29/2025	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$92.00	Tokyo / Osaka	None	Japan	No
05/30/2025	\$17.00	\$28.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$97.00	Osaka / Tokyo	None	Japan	No
05/31/2025	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Tokyo	None	Japan	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments**Document Name**

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: JCIE US Congressional Staff Exchange Program to Japan
Travel Date(s): 5/24/2025-5/31/2025
Travel Destination(s): Japan: Tokyo, Osaka

Sponsor: Japan Center for International Exchange

Kazuyo Kato

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director

(title)

Kazuyo Kato

(signature of sponsor representative)

Digitally signed by Kazuyo Kato
Date: 2025.04.22 13:10:55 -04'00'

April 22, 2025

(date)



JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (JCIE)
US Congressional Staff Exchange Program

2025 Delegation to Japan
May 24 – May 31 (Tokyo, Osaka)

Senate Participants

Jamari Hartley, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Jon Husted (R-OH)

House of Representatives Participants

Juliana Fleming, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)

Jacob Glasser, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE)

Jackie Olvera, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Morgan Luttrell (R-TX)

Isabel J. Sanchez, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Johnny Olszewski (D-MD)

Lauren Wiegand, Defense Policy Analyst, Office of Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)



JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (JCIE)
US Congressional Staff Exchange Program

2025 Delegation to Japan
May 24 – May 31

ITENERARY (as of April 21)

Friday, May 23

12:20 Jacob Glasser departs Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on UA 803

Saturday, May 24 *Travel day

12:20 Juliana Fleming, Jamari Hartley, Jackie Olvera, Isabel Sanchez, Lauren Wiegand depart Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on UA 803
**Participants to arrange their own transportation from home to airport.*

15:25 Jacob Glasser arrives at Haneda Airport (HND) on UA 803

Sunday, May 25 *Travel day

15:25 Juliana Fleming, Jamari Hartley, Jackie Olvera, Isabel Sanchez, Lauren Wiegand arrive at Haneda Airport (HND) on UA 803

Travel by minibus to Hotel New Otani Main Bldg to check in.

18:30 Meet in the lobby and walk to the dinner restaurant.

18:45-20:00 Welcome Dinner & Orientation

Review of the week's activities and meeting interlocutors with JCIE staff

JCIE staff: Kazuyo Kato, Executive Director, JCIE USA

Kevin Bayes, Program Assistant, JCIE USA

Location: U-25 Sudatsu Uokin Akasaka Restaurant

Accommodation

Hotel New Otani The Main

4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8578, Japan

Tel: 81-3-3265-1111 | Fax: 81-3-3221-2619

<https://www.newotani.co.jp/en/tokyo/>

Monday, May 26

- 08:30 Meet in the lobby of the Main bldg. and travel to Yomiuri HQ by minibus.
- 09:00-10:15 **Japanese media perspectives on key political issues in Japan and foreign affairs** (1.25 hrs.)
Two leading journalists from major news outlets in Japan will help set the scene for the rest of the trip by providing an overview of key domestic political issues and the mood among the Japanese public, as well as their views on the developments in the United States and the rest of the world.
- Location: Yomiuri Headquarters (Tokyo)
Speakers: **Mr. Hiroyuki Akita**, Commentator, *The Nikkei*
Ms. Aya Igarashi, Deputy Vice Chair of the Editorial Board, *The Yomiuri Shimbun*
- 10:15-10:40 Travel to JETRO by minibus.
- 10:40-12:00 **Discussion with Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) on US-Japan trade and investment relations** (1.25 hrs.)
Experts of JETRO, a government-related organization promoting mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world, will discuss Japan's global trade and investment trends including between the United States, and opportunities for greater US-Japan trade and investment.
- Location: JETRO Headquarters
Speakers: Americas Division, Research & Analysis Dept. staff including **Ms. Misako Ito** (Director), **Mr. Shinichi Isobe** (Deputy Director) + others TBD
- 12:00-12:30 Travel to MOFA offices by minibus.
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch Briefing by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA): Japan's Foreign Policy & US-Japan Space Cooperation (TBC)** (1.5 hrs.)
MOFA officials and staff will discuss Japan's foreign policy priorities and challenges and how they relate to US-Japan relations. The meeting will also include a dedicated briefing on US-Japan space cooperation.
- Location: MOFA office
Speakers: **Mr. Naoki Kumagai**, Deputy Director-General of the North American Affairs Bureau, plus others TBD
- 14:00-14:30 Travel to JAMA meeting site by minibus.
- 14:30-15:30 **Meeting w/ Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) (TBC)** (1 hr.)
The group will learn about JAMA's role in addressing the concerns and advancing the interests of its member companies. The discussion is expected to address prominent issues for the Japanese automobile industry such as the impact of US tariffs, supply chain resilience, energy security, and how

they are integrating environmental and sustainability concerns as well as emerging technologies into their business.

Location: TBD

Speakers: Representatives of JAMA and its member companies

15:30-16:30 Travel to Tokyo station by minibus.

16:30-18:00 **Central Japan Railway Company (JR-Central) Briefing** (1.5 hrs.)
The group will visit JR-Central's General Control Center (GCC) at Tokyo Station and receive a briefing from JR-Central staff on the history, activities, and challenges of Japan's major railway company and its bullet trains, and lessons for American cities.

Location: Tokyo Station

Speakers: TBD

18:00 Return to Hotel New Otani by minibus.

Tuesday, May 27

07:45-09:15 **Breakfast Roundtable with a group of Diet members** (1.5 hrs.)
The group will participate in a roundtable discussion with a group of Diet members from multiple parties to exchange views on key domestic, regional and global issues of mutual concern, and share information on the legislative priorities of the two countries.

Location: Room Lapis L (16 Floor), Main building, Hotel New Otani

Participants: TBD

**We expect to have several members out of a pool of members to be invited below including, but not limited to, the following:*

Rep. Keishi Abe (House of Representatives, Japan Innovation Party); **Rep. Yasutaka Nakasone** (House of Councilors, LDP); **Rep. Akihisa Shiozaki** (House of Representatives, LDP); **Rep. Kiyoto Tsuji** (House of Representatives, LDP); **Rep. Katsuo Yakura** (House of Councilors, Komeito), etc.

9:15-10:00 Travel to NTT offices by minibus.

10:00-11:30 **Japan's cybersecurity policy: challenges and international collaboration** (1.5 hrs.)
The Chief Information Security Officer of Nippon Telephone and Telegraph corporation (NTT), one of the leading telecommunications companies in Japan, will brief the group on NTT's cybersecurity, Japan's "active cyber defense" efforts, and US-Japan collaboration in cybersecurity. The group will also have a quick tour of the company's Security Operation Center (SOC).

Location: NTT Security Holdings

Speakers: **Mr. Shinichi Yokohama**, Chief Information Security Officer, NTT (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone) Group & others TBD

- 11:30-12:00 Travel to JIIA offices by minibus.
- 12:00-13:30 **Lunch with Japan Institute for International Affairs (JIIA) on Northeast Asia security (TBC) (1.5 hrs.)**
The group will meet with a couple of representatives and scholars of JIIA, one of Japan's premier private, nonpartisan policy think tanks focused on foreign affairs and security issues, to hear Japanese perspectives on Northeast Asia security including China/Taiwan and the two Koreas.
- Location: JIIA offices
Speakers: TBD
- 13:30-14:00 Travel to US Embassy by minibus.
- 14:00-15:00 **Briefing by the US Embassy in Tokyo on key issues in Japan and for US-Japan relations (1 hr.)**
The group will hear on-the ground perspectives from US Embassy staff on Japanese domestic politics, bilateral relations, and regional and global affairs.
- Location: US Embassy in Tokyo
Speakers: TBD *Request made to have Amb. Glass join.
- 15:00-15:30 Travel to Ministry of Justice/Diet members' bldg by minibus.
- 15:30-16:00 **Meeting with The Honorable Keisuke Suzuki, Japan's Minister of Justice (30 min.)**
Minister Suzuki, a leading politician of the generation born in the 1970s and a member of the Liberal Democratic Party from Yokohama, Kanagawa with extensive experience in the United States, will share his views on US-Japan relations and engage in Q&A about the role of the Ministry of Justice in ensuring the safety of Japanese citizens in Japanese society.
- Location: Ministry of Justice/Diet members' bldg. TBD
- 16:00-16:30 Travel to Ministry of Environment/Diet members' bldg by minibus.
- 16:30-17:00 **Meeting with The Honorable Keiichiro Asao, Japan's Minister of Environment and Minister of State for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (30 min.)**
Minister Asao is a veteran politician from the Kanagawa prefecture and a member of the Liberal Democratic Party. The meeting will be an opportunity to learn about Japan's key initiatives in Japan and globally on environmental issues, and in the context of Japan's energy needs and policy.
- Location: Ministry of Environment/Diet members' bldg. TBD
- 18:00 Return to Hotel New Otani by minibus.
- 18:30 **Dinner meeting (TBC)**

Wednesday, May 28

- 07:45 Travel from Hotel New Otani to Yokosuka in Kanagawa by minibus.
- 09:15-11:15 **Tour & Briefing at the US Navy Yokosuka Base (2 hrs.)**
The group will tour the US Navy Base and receive a briefing on the US Seventh Fleet, the largest of the US Navy's forward-deployed fleets, and the US Naval Forces Japan, including its roles, responsibilities, and collaboration with Japan's Self-Defense Forces (SDF).
- 11:15-12:00 Travel to Japan's National Defense Academy by minibus.
- 12:00-16:00 **Tour & Briefing at Japan's National Defense Academy, a facility of Japan's Ministry of Defense (4 hrs.)**
Lunch with the Academy students (12:00-13:00)
The staffers will directly interact with the academy's students to learn about their motivations to join the SDF.
Welcome & Introduction by Professor Fumiaki Kubo (President), followed by facilities tour (13:00-14:00)
The President of the National Defense Academy, who is also a prominent scholar of American politics and US-Japan relations, will greet the staffers and exchange views on current developments in Japan and the United States as they relate to US-Japan relations.
Briefing on Japan's Defense Policy by Professor Matake Kamiya, Professor of International Relations (14:00-15:00)
The academy will brief and engage in Q&A on the key features of Japan's defense policy in the context of the security environment surrounding Japan.
Briefing on the Academy's Training and Research by Col. Seiichiro Akimitsu (JGSDF), Int'l Exchange Planning Officer (15:00-16:00)
Participants will learn how the academy educates and trains future Self-Defense personnel in the Ground, Maritime, and Air Self-Defense Forces as well as conduct necessary research.
- 16:00-16:15 Travel to Kamakura by minibus.
- 16:15-17:30 **Tour & Briefing: Kotoku-in Temple & Tsurugaoka Hachimangu (1 hr.)**
The group will visit two historical sites in Kamakura: (1) the Kotoku-in temple, where the Great Buddha of Kamakura, the second tallest bronze Buddha statute in Japan, stands, and (2) Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, the most important Shinto shrine in Kamakura. The group will receive briefings about the role of religion in Japanese society and its influence on social philosophy and thought, and the historical significance of these sites.
- 18:00 Group dinner
- 19:30 Return to Hotel New Otani by minibus.

Thursday, May 29

08:00 Depart Hotel New Otani for Tokyo Station by minibus.

08:30-11:00 Travel from Tokyo station to Shin-Osaka station on bullet train (Train #: TBD)

11:00-11:30 Travel to US Consulate Osaka by minibus.

11:30-12:30 **Briefing at the US Consulate in Osaka (TBC)** (1 hr.)

The group will hear about the US Consulate's work and the business and cultural ties between the United States and Japan in the Kansai region.

Location: US Consulate in Osaka

Speaker: **Jennifer Barr**, Acting US Consul General of Osaka

12:30-13:00 Travel to World Expo 2025 by minibus.

13:00-17:00 **Tour & Briefings: The World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, "Designing Future Society for Our Lives" (4 hrs.)**

The group will visit the Expo site which features over 80 Pavilions that showcase the cultures, technologies, and innovations from nations, international organizations, and private sector participants. The group will visit 2-3 Pavilions and receive scheduled briefings at the USA Pavilion and the Pasona Group's Pavilion, and possibly the Japan Pavilion.

Location: Yumeshima ("Dream") Island, Osaka Bay, Osaka, Kansai
<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/expo-map-index/access/>

Tour & Briefing at the USA Pavilion (14:00-15:00)

USA Pavilion representatives will review the history of US-Japan cooperation at the Expo starting with the Osaka Expo 1970 and explain the thinking behind the Pavilion's displays to highlight US leadership in technology, space exploration, education, culture and innovation.

Tour & Briefing at Pasona's "NATUREVERSE" Pavilion (15:00-16:00)

Pasona representatives will discuss the company's vision behind its pavilion and its components including future medicine, human and environment-friendly food, beating heart created by iPS cells, etc. They will also discuss areas for US-Japan collaboration in their business.

Tour of the Japan Pavilion (TBD)

The group will experience the cycle of life represented by the Pavilion's three components including the Planet, Farm, and Factory, and how the Pavilion decomposes the site's garbage and transforming it into biogas.

18:00-20:00 **Group dinner with Youth Ambassadors (YAs) of the USA Pavilion (2 hrs.)**

The group will get an insider view of the Expo from several of the 88 Youth Ambassadors of the USA Pavilion who serve as the "Faces of America" to

help guide the Expo's 28+ million expected visitors. The YAs will share their experiences in US-Japan relations and their observations about the Pavilion's impact on visitors from Japan and other countries.

Location: Osaka Expo

Speakers: **Ms. Nina Udagawa**, and other YAs TBD.

20:00 Travel to Hotel Nikko Osaka

Accommodation

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08:30 Depart hotel and travel to meeting on minibus.

09:00-10:00 **Meeting with Ms. Toshiko Nakano, Member of the Osaka Prefectural Assembly and the Japan Innovation Party (*Ishin no Kai*) (TBC) (1 hr.)**
As a member of the Special Committee to Promote the Osaka Expo and the Health and Welfare Committee, Assemblywoman Nakano is expected to share her expectations for the Osaka Expo, including Japan's emerging medical technologies that are presented there. The group will also learn about the platform of her party, the second largest opposition party in Japan, and her views on local politics.

Location: TBD

10:00-10:15 Travel to Osaka castle by minibus.

10:15-11:00 **Osaka castle tour (TBC) (45min-1 hr.)**
The castle is an important site in the wars that led to the unification of Japan as one country under the Tokugawa Shogunate. Participants will learn about this key turning point and how it leads to Japan's subsequent isolationist foreign policy and development of Japan into a modern nation state.

11:00-11:30 Travel to University of Osaka by minibus.

11:30-14:30 **Lunch discussion with professors and students at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at University of Osaka (2 hrs.)**
The group will visit the Toyonaka campus of Osaka University, a Japanese national university that was founded in 1931 as the sixth imperial university of Japan. The dean/assistant dean of OSIPP will offer an introduction about the university's history and activities, and a couple of professors will present on ESG-related issues including Japan's energy transition and critical minerals.

Location: OSIPP, University of Osaka
Speakers: **Professor Toshiya Hoshino** (former Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations), plus others TBD.

14:30-15:00 Travel to Shin-Osaka station by minibus

15:51-18:21 Depart Shin-Osaka station (Nozomi 416; take Car #16)
Shinkansen cockpit tour and Q&A (Shin-Osaka to Tokyo) (45 min.)

During the train ride back to Tokyo, the group will receive an opportunity to visit the cockpit to learn about the operation of the train behind the scenes and engage in Q&A with Japan Railway (JR) staff.

Survey completion (1 hr.)

Participants will fill out a survey to reflect on the entire trip and provide feedback on individual meetings and activities as well as how the trip has impacted their understanding of and interest in US-Japan relations. The survey will include multiple choice and open-ended questions requiring written responses, and is estimated to take 45 minutes-1 hr. to complete.

18:21-19:00 Travel from Tokyo station to wrap-up dinner by minibus.

19:30-21:00 Wrap-up / Review Dinner (1.5 hrs.)

JCIE USA staff will facilitate a discussion with the participants to reflect on the week's activities. Participants are expected to share key takeaways and findings, how they intend to apply their learning experiences in their work, and ways in which they can contribute to US-Japan relations.

Location: Shibuya area (TBD)

Saturday, May 31 *Travel day

15:45 Juliana Fleming, Jamari Hartley, Isabel Sanchez, Lauren Wiegand depart Haneda Airport (UA 804) arriving in US same day.

Sunday, June 1

15:45 Jackie Olvera departs Haneda Airport (UA 804) arriving in US same day.

Monday, June 2

15:45 Jacob Glasser departs Haneda Airport (UA 804) arriving in US same day.