



JAPANESE AMERICAN  
LEADERSHIP DELEGATION

**2020 JAPANESE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DELEGATION TO JAPAN  
20<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

A duplicate copy should also be sent to the U.S.-Japan Council by e-mail to [amurata@usjapancouncil.org](mailto:amurata@usjapancouncil.org).

## **INFORMATION**

Embassy of Japan/Consulate General of Japan in your region

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## **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](http://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 email, fax, or 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.**

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

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## **Consular Office of Japan in Anchorage**

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## **Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta**

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3438 Peachtree Road

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### **Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit**

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