

# KAKEHASHI Project Inbound Program (USA, Young Researchers Slot No.4) Program Report

## 1. Program Overview

Under "Japan's Friendship Ties Program", 42 young researchers visited Japan. During the 7 days program from February 24 to March 1, 2016, the participants studied the Japanese government, society, history, culture, foreign policy, and much more. The participants aim to promote Japan through mediums such as SNS.

## 2. Participating Countries and Number of Participants

USA (42 Participants)

## 3. Prefectures Visited

Tokyo and Hiroshima

### 4. Program Schedule

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February 24 (Wed)	Arrival at Narita International Airport
February 25 (Thu)	[Orientation], [Lecture] "Japan's Foreign Policy" by the North
	American Affairs Bureau, MOFA
∗ Group A • B	[Visit] Middle East Research Center, Institute of Energy
	Economics, Japan / JERA Co., Inc
* Group C • D • E	[Visit] Japan Institute of International Affairs
	【Visit】Canon Institute for Global Studies (Group C · D)
	【Ministry Visit】Policy Planning Division, MOFA (Group E)
February 26 (Fri)	
* Group A 【Visit	US Embassy, National Diet Building 【Lecture on Japan】 Meiji
Univ	ersity
* Group B • C • D	E [Ministry Visit] Ministry of Defense
[Visit]	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. / Japan Atomic Energy Agency
(Group	) B)
[Visit]	Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan (Group C $\cdot$ E)
【Obse	rvation】Tokyo Tower (Group D)
February 27 (Sat) N	love to Hiroshima
【Histo	ry and Culture】Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum,
Atomic	c Bomb Dome, Epicenter of Atomic Bomb
February 28 (Sun)	
【Regio	nal Industry】Sake Brewery "KAMOTURU", Saijo Sake Brewery
	Street Walk
<b>[</b> UNES	CO World Heritage Site】Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

[Workshop]

February 29 (Mon) Move to Tokyo

- [Visit] National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Group A)
- [Visit] Japan International Cooperation Agency (Group B)

[Visit] National Security Council (Group C)

- [Visit] Professor Nobumasa Akiyama of Hitotsubashi Univ. (Group D)
- [Visit]] The Tokyo Foundation (Group E)

[Reporting Session]

## March 1 (Tue)

[Visit] Edo Tokyo Museum (Group A • B • E), Yasukuni Shrine and Yushukan (Group C) Japan Platform (Group D)
Departure from Narita International Airport

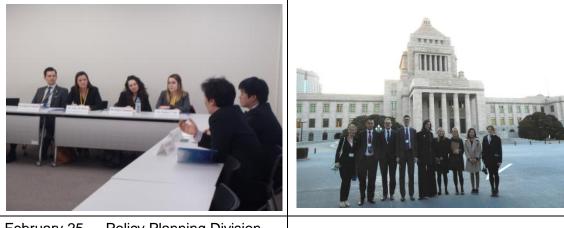
## 5. Young Researchers Slot No.4 Program photo





February 25 Middle East Research Center, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (Tokyo)

February 25 Canon Institute for Global Studies (Tokyo)



February 25 Policy Planning Division, MOFA (Tokyo)

February 26 National Diet Building (Tokyo)



February 26 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. M's Square (Tokyo)



February 26 Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan (Yokosuka-City, Kanagawa Pref.)



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February 27 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum (Hiroshima-City, Hiroshima Pref.)

February 27 Epicenter of Atomic Bomb (Hiroshima-City, Hiroshima Pref.)



February 28 Sake Brewery KAMOTURU (Saijyo-City, Hiroshima Pref.)



February 28 Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima (Hatsukaichi-City, Hiroshima Pref.)





February 29 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Tokyo)

February 29 Reporting Session (Tokyo)

#### 6. Voice from Participants

#### • U.S. Young researcher

This entire trip has been so incredibly informative and through. The Kakehashi Project introduced me and my colleagues to a wide view of Japanese societies as a whole: from foreign policy to industry to history and more. Additionally, I have never felt so comfortable and welcomed while travelling abroad, even in counties where I spoke the Language. Japanese society is very polite and it was an absolute pleasure to be introduced to it during the past week. Japan, like the rest of the world, faces a number of challenges-economic, security, demographic, ecologic and more. Yet it is dealing with these problems in unique and admirable ways.

#### • U.S. Young researcher

As a researcher on international security affairs, I was most interested in our briefings at the ministries of foreign affairs and defense, as well as our discussions at the Japan Institute for International Affairs and the Canon Institute for Global Studies. Most valuable was the substantive exchanges on the particular areas of policy- maritime disputes in the East China Sea and South China Sea. When I return to the United States, I hope to establish further communications on these areas with some of the contacts I made on this trip, as well as incorporate the information I was provided in these briefings into my research. In this way, the Kakehashi program has directly enriched the quality of our projects on Japan security affairs and built networks between officials and researchers across the Pacific.

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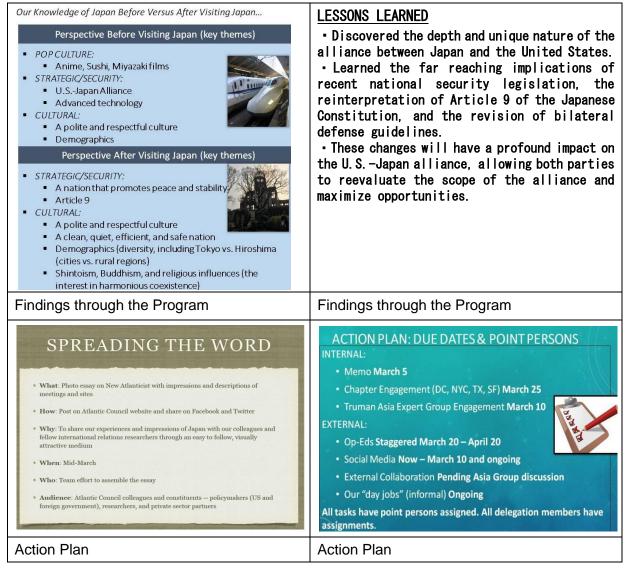
I was most impressed by the security policies of Japan, stemming both from the longer-term implementation of the Constitution and the recent changes through the National Security Strategy and pending legislation. Japan is an example of peaceful self-defense that should be emulated in other countries wherever possible.

Japan also has such a rich heritage and tradition that can be seen both in cultural and historical sites, as well as everyday life. The rich traditions of Japan blend beautifully with the innovation of modern day life here.

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I was most impressed by the resilience of the Japanese people after the bombing in Hiroshima – to rebuild and to focus on peace and nonproliferation for the whole world. It was interesting to understand how this event influences Japan's pacifist foreign policy. I was also struck by how kind and polite Japanese people are – everyone was very gracious towards me. It is interesting to me that the Japanese people don't appear to hold much bitterness towards Americans, and to learn how important and strong US-Japan ties are.

#### 7. Action Plan Presented at the Reporting Session by Participants



<ul> <li><b>Hoving forward</b></li> <li>Several group members are incorporating lessons from this trip into ongoing research on Chinese coercion, maritime domain awareness, military cooperation, Asian economic architecture and Japan-Korea &amp; U.SIndia-Japan relations</li> <li>We will look for further opportunities to collaborate with Japanese experts organizations on future research</li> <li>Beyond specific projects, we will incorporate what we've learned into our ongoing research.</li> <li>We All Hope to Return To Japan!</li> </ul>