



KAKEHASHI Project (United States of America)

Inbound program for Congressional Leaders the 2nd Slot

Program Report

1. Program Overview

Under the “KAKEHASHI Project” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 8 Congressional Leaders from the U.S. visited Japan from November 18 to November 24, 2018 to participate in the program aimed at promoting their understanding of Japan with regard to Japanese politics, economy, society, culture, history, and foreign policy. Through the lectures, observations and interactions with Japanese people, etc., the participants enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to improve their understanding of Japan.

[Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants]

United States of America: 8 participants

[Prefectures Visited]

Tokyo, Yamaguchi, Hiroshima, Kyoto

2. Program Schedule

Nov. 18 (Sun)	[Arrival]
Nov.19 (Mon)	[Lecture] Cabinet Office [Lecture] Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs [Lecture] Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry [Lecture] National Security Agency [Observation] National Diet Building
Nov. 20 (Tue)	[Observation] The United States Air Force, Yokota [Lecture] Ministry of Defense [Exchange] Ms. Rui Matsukawa, Member, House of Counsellors Move to Yamaguchi from Tokyo
Nov. 21 (Wed)	[Courtesy Call] Iwakuni City [Observation] Kintai-kyo Bridge [Observation] Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan [Observation] Maritime Self-Defense Force Iwakuni Air Station Move to Hiroshima from Yamaguchi
Nov. 22 (Thu)	[Observation] Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Park [Lecture] Testimony by Atomic Bomb Survivor [Observation] First Service School, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force Move to Kyoto from Hiroshima
Nov. 23 (Fri)	[Observation] Kinkakuji Temple [Observation] Heian Jingu Shrine [Observation] Kinshi Masamune Co.,Ltd [Observation] Nishiki Market Move to Tokyo from Kyoto
Nov. 24 (Sat)	[Departure]

3. Program Photos



11/19 【Lecture】 Cabinet Office



11/19 【Lecture】 Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



11/19 【Lecture】 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry



11/19 【Observation】 National Diet Building



11/21 【Courtesy Call】 Iwakuni City





11/21 【Observation】 Kintaikyo Bridge

4. Voice from Participants (abstract)

Thank you so much for helping us navigate through this delegation trip. Everyone really enjoyed it and learned a lot! I wish the KAKEHASHI Project a long and prosperous future.

5. Dissemination by the participants

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