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

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<th>Nov. 18 (Sun)</th>
<th>[Arrival]</th>
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| 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  
[Exchange] Ms. Rui Matsukawa, Member, House of Councillors  
Move to Yamaguchi from Tokyo |
| Nov. 21 (Wed) | [ Courtesy Call] Iwakuni City  
[Observation] Kintaikyo Bridge  
[Observation] Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan  
Move to Hiroshima from Yamaguchi |
| Nov. 22 (Thu) | [Observation] Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Park  
[Lecture] Testimony by Atomic Bomb Survivor  
Move to Kyoto from Hiroshima |
| Nov. 23 (Fri) | [Observation] Kinkakuji Temple  
[Observation] Heian Jingu Shrine  
[Observation] Kinsh 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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<td>Thankful to have had the opportunity to explore our countries’ relationship.</td>
<td>“I’m [stayin’] on the rails on a [bullet] train”</td>
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