



# KAKEHASHI Project (United States of America)

## Inbound program for Asian American Leadership

### Program Report

#### 1. Program Overview

Under the “KAKEHASHI Project” of Japan’s Friendship Ties Program, 10 participants from the U.S. visited Japan from October 8 to October 15, 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: 10 participants







#### [Prefectures Visited]

Tokyo, Kanagawa, Kyoto, Hiroshima

#### 2. Program Schedule

Oct. 8 (Mon)	[Arrival]
Oct. 9 (Tue)	[Orientation] [Lecture] Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry [Lecture] Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology [Observation] TOYOTA Megaweb
Oct. 10 (Wed)	[Lecture] Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare [Courtesy Call] Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs [Observation] Kanagawa Prefectural Kanagawa Sohgo High School
Oct. 11 (Thu)	[Observation] Senso-ji temple [Observation] Tokyo Stock Exchange Arrows [Observation] NTT Data Inforum Toyosu Innovation Center
Oct. 12 (Fri)	Move to Hiroshima [Observation] Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima [Observation] Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Museum [Lecture] Testimony by Atomic Bomb survivor
Oct. 13 (Sat)	Move from Hiroshima to Kyoto [Observation] Kinkakuji temple [Observation] Myoshin-ji Temple [Cultural Experience] Zazen meditation, Japanese tea (Shunkoin temple)
Oct. 14 (Sun)	[Observation] Murin-an [Observation] Fushimi Inari Taisha-shrine [Observation] Gekkeikan Sake Company, Ltd. Move to Tokyo
Oct. 15 (Mon)	[Departure]

### 3. Program Photos

	
<p>10/9 [Lecture] Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry</p>	<p>10/9 [Observation] TOYOTA Megaweb</p>
	
<p>10/10 [Courtesy Call] Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>10/11 [Observation] Tokyo Stock Exchange Arrows</p>
	
<p>10/12 [Lecture] Testimony by Atomic Bomb Survivor</p>	<p>10/13 [Cultural Experience] Zazen meditation (Shunkoin Temple)</p>

### 4. Voice from Participants (abstract)



◆ I was very impressed with the mannerism, politeness and cleanliness of the Japanese society. I have visited many other countries in the world and particularly coming from the United States, buildings and technology does not impress me much. But what really impressed me is the attention to details, peace and harmony in this society. People drive in their lanes, cross roads at the crossings and most of all, I did not hear any horns on the road, even in a busy city like Tokyo. Anybody can build technology, but anybody cannot build a nation of such polite,

well-mannered and discipline people. I would love to visit Japan again and also love to continue to support Japan and its people wherever I can.

◆ During the lecture, I was very interested in the Japanese aging crisis. I will follow this closely. In the school, I was most impressed with how students get to choose their classes. I am now connected with the teacher at the high school. We will stay in touch so that I can continue to learn about what makes your education system great. Japanese politicians are very happy and passionate about Japan! They are friendly and made great conversation to make us feel welcome. In general, I learned so much about Japan and was very surprised by many things. It was wonderful to learn about my grandfather's country, which is also my heritage. I hope to come back some day. In the meantime, I will positively promote Japan in America!

◆ The ministry visits and school visit helped inform and educate me on structural aspects of Japan's various institutions. The visits to Toyota Megaweb and NTT Data reinforced my impressions of Japan as a leader in innovation and advanced technology. The visits to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry helped me to understand Japan's macro challenges and the nation's attempts to confront its challenges. Above all, the whole program provided me with a deep appreciation for her history, culture, and unique institutions.

## 5. Dissemination by the participants

 <p>Visiting the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science &amp; Technology &amp; they teach their students about creating a disaster preparedness map @eyesoremsling #kakehashi2018 #jice #usa</p>	<p>Continuing on my trip to Japan and the Kakehashi 2018 program...it is a power of compassion by the Hiroshima survivor of the nuclear bomb that struck so many cords on a personal and professional levels. Our meeting was not about politics or military dominance. It was a conversation about the human tragedy and our ability to cope with the loss but persevere regardless of what life brings to us daily.</p>  <p>翻訳を見る</p> <p>いいね! シェアする</p>
<p>About the MEXT visit (Instagram) Visiting the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science &amp; Technology &amp; they teach their students about creating a disaster preparedness map</p>	<p>About the program (Facebook) KAKEHASHI 2018 program...it is a power of compassion by the Hiroshima survivor of the nuclear bomb that struck so many chords on a personal and professional levels. Our meeting was not about politics or military dominance. It was a conversation about the human tragedy and our ability to cope with the loss but persevere regardless of what life brings to us daily.</p>