



**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, 6 Congressional Leaders from the U.S. visited Japan from November 3 to November 10, 2019 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: 6 participants

**【Prefectures Visited】**

Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki

**2. Program Schedule**

11/3(Sun)	【Arrival】
11/4(Mon)	【Observation】 Asakusa Senso-ji Temple, Ginza
11/5(Tue)	【Lecture】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan 【Lecture】 National Security Secretariat 【Observation】 Imperial palace 【Lecture】 U.S. Embassy in Japan at Yokota Air Base 【Lecture】 U.S. Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base
11/6(Wed)	Move to Kyoto from Tokyo 【Cultural Experience】 Meditation (Shunkoin Temple) 【Observation】 Kiyomizu-dera Temple
11/7(Thu)	【Observation】 Suntory Yamazaki Distillery 【Observation】 Kodai-ji Temple, Gion, Shijō Kawaramachi Move to Nagasaki from Kyoto
11/8(Fri)	【Observation】 U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo 【Observation】 JMSDF Sasebo Base 【Observation】 Nagasaki city
11/9(Sat)	【Observation】 Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum 【Observation】 Nagasaki city

	Move to Tokyo from Nagasaki
11/10(Sun)	【Departure】

### 3. Program Photos



11/4 【 Observation 】 Asakusa Senso-ji Temple



11/5 【Observation】 Imperial Palace



11/5 【Lecture】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



11/7 【Observation】 Suntory Yamazaki Distillery



11/8 【 Observation 】 U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo



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#### **4. Voice from Participants**

- ◆ The historical/cultural programs were very significant.
- ◆ It was a great experience, which helps both sides have a deeper dialogue and relationship.
- ◆ The visit to Sasebo and the meetings with MOFA officials were interesting. The visit to Yokota AFB was helpful. All the cultural activities were interesting and enjoyable.