



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, 9 participants from the U.S. visited Japan from November 11 to November 18, 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 briefings, observations and interactions with Japanese people etc., the participants enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to improve their understanding of Japan. The participants were able to recognize the connections between their own roots and Japan, and thereby increased the motivation to utilize what they have learned in Japan for their daily life as a bridge between Japan and the U.S.

【Participating Countries and Numbers of Participants】

United States of America: 9 participants

【Prefectures Visited】

Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto

2. Program Schedule

11/11(Mon)	【Arrival】
11/12(Tue)	【Courtesy Call】 Ms. OMI Asako, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs 【Observation】 State Guest House Akasaka Palace 【Briefing】 Office for Housing Policy, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
11/13(Wed)	【Briefing】 Next Generation Mobile Communications Promotion Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications 【Briefing】 Employment Measures for the Persons with Disabilities Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare 【Observation】 Houses of Parliament (The House of Representatives) 【Observation】 docomo Future Station (NTT DOCOMO, INC)
11/14(Thu)	【Observation】 NEC Future Creation Hub (NEC Corporation) 【Observation】 Tokyo Stock Exchange 【Observation】 Senso-ji Temple 【Cultural Experience】 Tea ceremony
11/15(Fri)	Move to Hiroshima from Tokyo

	【Observation】 Radiation Effects Research Foundation 【Briefing】 Health and Welfare Bureau, Hiroshima Prefectural Government 【Observation】 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
11/16(Sat)	【Lecture】 Testimony of the War Survivors Move to Kyoto from Hiroshima 【Observation】 Kinkaku-ji Temple
11/17(Sun)	【Observation, Cultural Experience】 Kodai-ji Temple, Zazen (Zen meditation) 【Observation】 Fushimi Inari Shrine, Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum Move to Tokyo from Kyoto
11/18(Mon)	【Departure】

3. Program Photos



11/12 **【Courtesy Call】**
Ms. OMI Asako, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs



11/12 **【Briefing】** Office for Housing Policy, Housing Planning Department, Bureau of Urban Development of Tokyo Metropolitan Government



11/14 **【Cultural Experience】** Tea ceremony



11/14 **【Observation】** Tokyo Stock Exchange



	
11/15 【Observation】 Radiation Effects Research Foundation	11/16 【Lecture】 Testimony of the War Survivors

4. Voice from Participants

◆ My favorite interactions were the hands-on briefings where we were able to walk around and interact with the people and the new equipment at NEC and NTT Docomo. The RERF has been the most impressive for me because of my grandfather's history and involvement of the program from the beginning. The amount of briefings and observations are amazing. I would love the opportunity to be here longer and have more personal time to explore. The Kakehashi program is very important and gave me many opportunities to learn more about the important partnership and relationship between Japan and the USA, but also my heritage and family. This program has left me with a lasting impression on how important relationships and bridges between countries are. The kindness and willingness of the Japanese people to share their culture and home with our group was amazing. I felt a warmth in the connections with the Japanese people and companies that gave us their time. Another lasting impression that I will always have from this program and Japan in general is how efficient Japan is. I was amazed and surprised by the many things Japan already has implemented in their society and cities to ensure that their people have the best opportunities and chances for success. I could go on about the impressions and long lasting memories from this trip. I will use my excitement and memories to provide education on those experiences through social media and networking.

◆ I'm grateful that I was able to connect with Deputy Director of the Next Generation Mobile Communications Promotions Office in the Ministry of Internal Affairs to discuss 5G implementation in Japan. I also really appreciated the tours at NTT Docomo and NEC. It was an excellent demonstration of 5G use through practical applications. I would be very interested in receiving additional information regarding currently deployed 5G solutions once the 2020 Olympics have been completed. I'm very honored to have been chosen to participate in this Kakehashi program. The experiences I was permitted to partake in and the relationships I have formed with fellow participants have better positioned me to impact my community and my country. I'm excited to be able to serve in a Kakehashi capacity between

5. Dissemination by the participants

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