



KAKEHASHI Project (United States)

Invitation Program for Congressional Leaders the 1st Slot Report

1. Program Overview

【Objectives】 The main objective of the program was to deepen Japan-U.S. relations by strengthening networks with U.S. congressional members, who are future leaders and are capable of disseminating information to the international community, by having them deepen their understanding of Japanese politics, economy, society, culture, history, and foreign policy through visits to and exchanges at relevant locations in Tokyo and Nagasaki.

【Participants】 6 U.S. Congressional member aides

【Locations】 Tokyo, Nagasaki

【Program Schedule】

Sunday, June 25	Arrival to Haneda Airport
Monday, June 26	【Exchange of Opinions】 MOFA (North American Affairs Bureau, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Foreign Policy Bureau)
Tuesday, June 27	【Courtesy Call】 Ambassador Rahm Emanuel, U.S. Embassy in Japan 【Exchange of Opinions】 U.S. Embassy in Japan Travel from Tokyo to Nagasaki 【Observation】 Nagasaki A Bomb Museum 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. SUZUKI Shiro, Mayor of Nagasaki City Travel from Nagasaki City to Sasebo City
Wednesday, June 28	【Observation】 Visit to JGSDF (Japan Ground Self-Defense Force) (Ainoura) 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. MIYAJIMA Daisuke, Mayor of Sasebo City 【Observation】 Visit to JMSDF (Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force) (Sasebo)
Thursday, June 29	Travel from Nagasaki to Tokyo 【Company Visit】 IHI Corporation 【Observation】 JR Central Shinkansen Control Room 【Company Visit】 Tokyo Electron Ltd.
Friday, June 30	【Company Visit】 NEC Corporation 【Japanese Cultural Experience】 Tea ceremony 【Observation】 Asakusa, Senso-ji Temple, Ginza
Saturday, July 1	【Observation】 Sites in Tokyo
Sunday, July 2	【Observation】 Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku, Omotesando (Japanese pop culture) Departure from Haneda Airport

2. Program Photos



June 26 【Exchange of Opinions】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs



June 27 【Observation】 Nagasaki A Bomb Museum



June 27 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. SUZUKI Shiro, Mayor of Nagasaki City



June 28 【Observation】 Visit to JGSDF (Ainoura)



June 28 【Courtesy Call】 Mr. MIYAJIMA Daisuke, Mayor of Sasebo City



June 29 【Company Visit】 IHI Corporation



June 29 【Observation】 JR Central Shinkansen Control Room



June 30 【Company Visit】 NEC Corporation



June 30 【Cultural Experience】 Tea ceremony



July 2 【Observation】 Meiji Jingu Shrine

3. Media Coverage



June 28, 2023 (Television Nagasaki)

Aides to U.S. Congressional members visited city hall in Sasebo City and exchanged opinions on “citizens' understanding toward the U.S. Navy base.”

Implementation agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)