

2023 USJC Annual Conference Returns to Washington, DC to Strengthen Bilateral Ties

*Environmental Sustainability,
Geostrategic Alliances and Diverse
Leadership at the Forefront of Future-
focused Dialogues*



WASHINGTON, DC, USA, October 23,
2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [U.S.-
Japan Council](#), together with the U.S.-

Japan Council (Japan), is pleased to

present its 2023 Annual Conference from November 8-9 in Washington, DC. The U.S.-Japan partnership has gotten even stronger, opening with the January 2023 Biden-Kishida joint statement emphasizing the need to address critical issues in the Pacific region. The nation's capital is therefore a fitting location for the theme "Building a Sustainable, Secure and Inclusive Future," where government leaders will take the stage to discuss key issues critical to the greater U.S.-Japan partnership.

USJC's Annual Conference brings together attendees from across the United States and Japan representing diverse sectors, backgrounds and age groups. With programming centered on sustainability, technology, diversity, Japanese American cultural identity and next generation leadership, all friends of the U.S.-Japan partnership are invited to convene for this important bilateral dialogue featuring a lineup of prominent and diverse speakers including:

U.S. Government Speakers

- Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative Ambassador
- Mark Takano, U.S. House of Representatives, State of California
- John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation, The White House
- Bruce Harrell, Mayor of Seattle, State of Washington
- Erika L. Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to the President & Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison, Office of the Chief of Staff, The White House

Japanese Government Speakers

- TOMITA Koji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America

- SHIKATA Noriyuki, Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs, Prime Minister's Office of Japan
- YUZAKI Hidehiko, Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture

Corporate and Nonprofit Speakers

- Christine Chen, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Asian Pacific Islander American Vote
- Carmine Di Sibio, Global Chairman and CEO, EY
- Hisayuki "Deko" Idekoba, Representative Director, President and CEO, Recruit Holdings
- Sachiko Kuno, President and CEO, S&R Evermay
- Reta Jo Lewis, President and Chair of the Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States
- Kathy Matsui, Co-Founder & General Partner, MPower Partners
- Takayuki Morita, President and CEO (Representative Director), NEC Corporation
- Gayle E. Smith, CEO, ONE Campaign
- TAKAMIZAWA Nobushige, Visiting Fellow, Fujitsu Future Studies Center | Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

The many dimensions of the U.S.-Japan relationship will be reflected in the Annual Conference's plenary and breakout sessions on topics that include:

- U.S.-Japan Geostrategic Alliance - Key for the Future of the Indo-Pacific
- U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Cooperation
- Next Gen's Vision of What's Next
- Leadership Addressing Anti-Asian Hate
- Climate Tech & Innovation Showcase
- Not Madame Butterfly: Lives and Legacies of Japanese 'War Brides'
- Why is the Japanese American Incarceration Story Important to the Japanese?
- Technology & Education: Potential Opportunities & Pitfalls with Language Acquisition
- Building Climate-Resilient & Sustainable Health Systems through U.S.-Japan Leadership
- Sustaining Japanese American Nonprofit Organizations for the Future
- Art as Currency: Japanese Culture in Contemporary America

The full agenda, including a list of speakers, [can be found here](#). Additional speakers will be announced closer to the date of the conference.

Media Information

Date: November 8-9

Time: 9 am – 7 pm

Location: Westin Washington, DC Downtown Hotel (formerly Renaissance)

[Press registration](#) is complimentary: <https://www.usjapancouncil.org/2023ac-press/>

About the U.S.-Japan Council (USJC)

The U.S.-Japan Council develops and connects global leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship. Its members believe people-to-people relationships are a powerful way to bring together leaders in the United States and Japan to address and create solutions to mutual

concerns. The Council is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit educational organization that was founded by a group of Japanese American leaders in 2008 and is headquartered in Washington, DC with staff in California, Hawaii and Tokyo. In 2012, the U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) was created and in 2013, it became a Public Interest Corporation (koeki zaidan hojin). The U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) maintains an office in Tokyo, Japan.

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