

2nd Asian American Leadership Delegation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Purpose

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will sponsor ten Asian American leaders from throughout the U.S. to travel to Japan on the 2nd Asian American Leadership Delegation. This program aims to strengthen U.S.-Japan relations through deepening participants' knowledge of Japan's history, culture, and contemporary society and helping Japanese leaders better understand the Asian American experience.

Itinerary

- 7 nights, 8 days
- Fall/Winter 2015 (exact dates to be determined)

- Itinerary (to be confirmed)
 - Briefing at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Visit to the U.S. Embassy
 - Meetings with various ministries, parliamentarians, opinion leaders, business executives
 - Topics:
 - U.S.-Japan relations, U.S.-Japan security treaty, Asian geopolitics
 - Japan's key strategies: Abenomics, security, women's empowerment
 - Opportunities to learn about:
 - High level technologies
 - Traditional culture
 - "Cool Japan" culture
 - Visit to regional areas

Candidates

- Approximate target age: late 30s – 50s (candidates with extraordinary qualifications will be considered even if they fall outside of the age range)
- Leaders in their respective fields and communities with the ability to engage and communicate on a national and international level
- 10 participants from throughout the U.S.
- Those who have not participated in a similar invitational program in the past

Application Process

Interested candidates from the Los Angeles consulate jurisdiction must send the following by email, fax, or mail by Mon., July 6 to:

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Consulate General of Japan
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NOTE: All applicants must apply through the consulate jurisdiction of their residence or place of employment. To verify consulate jurisdiction or whether to apply through the embassy, please visit: <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/consulate-guide.html>.

- Full name
- Contact information: address, telephone, email
- Resume (including job title and affiliation)
- Professional, Community, and/or Volunteer Affiliations & Leadership Roles
- Topics of interest related to Japan
- Prior visits to Japan (dates and purpose)

- Essay (no more than TWO pages double-spaced) providing answers to the following questions:
 - Why do you wish to participate in this program?
 - How would you continue contributing to U.S.-Japan relations after your participation in the program, if you were chosen as a delegate?
 - How did you learn about this program?

For further information please contact Jennifer Usyak at (213) 617-6700 x166.