

## 2017 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
Sept. 4 (Mon.) – Sept. 18 (Mon.), 2017 OR Oct. 2 (Mon.) – Oct. 16 (Mon.), 2017  
(\*These are the four weeks under consideration at this time; candidates must indicate availability in application)
  
- 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 Fri., July 7 to:**

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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)
- Availability to participate during the four weeks currently under consideration: Sept. 4 (Mon.) – Sept. 18 (Mon.), 2017 OR Oct. 2 (Mon.) – Oct. 16 (Mon.), 2017
- 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