

YOU ARE INVITED:

“Diversity in Leadership: The Journey of Asian American State Legislators”

- A Panel Discussion with U.S. State Legislators

Monday, December 3, 2018 from 16:00-17:30

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the U.S.-Japan Council are pleased to host a panel discussion with six distinguished Asian American state legislators from diverse backgrounds who are participating in the 2018 Asian American Leadership Delegation (AALD) program. The AALD program is generously funded by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and implemented by the U.S.-Japan Council, with support from the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators.

The AALD program gives selected state-elected Asian American officials the opportunity to visit Japan for one week to meet and exchange ideas with Japanese political, governmental, business and community leaders at both the national and local levels. It aims to enhance mutual understanding and network building between Japan and the United States.

During the panel discussion, moderated by Karen Kelley, Consul General – U.S. Consulate General, Osaka-Kobe, delegates will talk about their respective political and personal journeys in the United States. Many of the delegates this year have followed non-traditional paths, choosing to become a politician after pursuing different careers. The audience will have the opportunity to learn about their personal choices, as well as the important role Asian American politicians play in their political arenas, especially in light of current events. The speakers will also reflect upon their week-long experience in Japan. Details are as follows:

Date & Time: Monday, December 3, 2018, 16:00-17:30 (Doors open at 15:30)

Venue: The Garden Oriental Osaka, The Ballroom
10-35 Amijimacho, Miyakojima Ward, Osaka, Osaka Prefecture 534-0026
Access: <https://www.gardenoriental.com/access/>
* Please kindly be noted that we do not offer parking

Panelists:



Irene Hirano
Inouye
President,
U.S.-Japan Council

State Delegate
Mark Chang
Maryland
General
Assembly

State
Assemblyman
Steven Choi
California State
Assembly

State Senator
Michelle
Kidani
Hawaii State
Senate

State
Representative
Fue Lee
Minnesota
House of
Representatives

State
Representative
Theresa Mah
Illinois
House of
Representatives

State
Assemblymember
Yuh-Line Niou
New York State
Assembly

Moderator: Karen Kelley, Consul General – U.S. Consulate General, Osaka–Kobe

Language: English (Simultaneous interpretation in Japanese will be provided)

Registration: Admission is free. Registration is required

Contact: WLS LLC (Program implementer)

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All attendees are welcome to meet the state legislators over an informal light meal immediately following the symposium in the same venue (17:45 – 19:30).

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 2018 AT:

<https://goo.gl/forms/jii1qPnFjvGTTSgN2>