



U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL

2020 Annual Report



U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS IN THE CORONAVIRUS ERA:
LEADERSHIP FOR RECOVERY, RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY

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Dear Friends,



None of us could have known at the start of 2020 that the world would be devastated by the worst pandemic in a century, with sweeping societal and economic consequences. For the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Japan Council (USJC), it also would be our final months partnering with USJC's incomparable founding president, Irene Hirano Inouye, who had decided to step down after leading the organization through its first decade. Though we were all shocked and saddened by Irene's passing, we resolved to honor her considerable legacy by making USJC even stronger. This 2020 Annual Report includes a tribute to this remarkable, visionary woman, and the title, "U.S.-Japan Relations in the Coronavirus Era: Leadership for Recovery, Resilience and Community," reflects her indomitable spirit.

Our new president and CEO, Suzanne Basalla, brought invaluable experience from her time working closely with Irene as USJC's first chief operating officer, and a steady hand in crisis management forged at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Since returning to USJC last May, Suzanne has kept the Council on course, tirelessly meeting with donors and members, while repositioning support for key programs despite significant budget shortfalls. Indeed, our commitment to these programs and platforms to deepen ties between our two countries remains undiminished.

Although I completed my term as chair at the end of 2020, I will serve on the Board through 2021 and am highly optimistic about USJC's future, fueled by the generosity of our donors and the engagement of Board members, Council Leaders, Associates and Friends. Under Suzanne's leadership and Paul Yonamine's chairmanship, I believe USJC will emerge from these turbulent times in a position of strength to take on the enormous challenges and possibilities of this new decade.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Campbell, *Chair of the Board*



As president and CEO of USJC, I am extremely grateful to the USJC Board of Directors, donors, members, and USJC staff for standing together in the darkest days of 2020. I believe Irene would have been proud of what we've accomplished to protect and sustain USJC, successfully reimagining our work and adapting to new ways of operating and connecting.

One of the best examples is our reinvention of the in-person 2020 Annual Conference into a "Signature Series" of virtual events, which we launched with our well-received "Bilateral Boardroom" of top government, business and nonprofit leaders. Throughout 2020, we tapped our exceptional, high-level networks from Tokyo to Washington, DC, for exclusive donor briefings and webinars on topics ranging from health and medicine to Japanese-inspired comfort foods during the pandemic. In addition, through our TOMODACHI Initiative, next-generation leaders hosted discussions on the impact of Black Lives Matter, the Japanese American experience and allyship, and critical conversations with peers in both the United States and Japan.

Important dialogues like these are continuing in 2021 across our programs, including the Japanese Perspectives Webinar series, the Emerging Leaders Program and our next Bilateral Boardroom. Whether it's the evolving response to the pandemic or the shaping of policies on other major issues such as climate change by the new administrations in the U.S. and Japan, USJC is providing opportunities for a meaningful sharing of perspectives and potential partnerships.

When I look back at my time at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo ten years ago, I could not have imagined that this extraordinary collaboration and development of leaders would be possible or that I would have the privilege of leading the U.S.-Japan Council. Working together, we have shown the true measure of our commitment and people-to-people connections, and I look forward to brighter days of continued innovation and resilience.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Basalla, *President & CEO*

IN MEMORY OF IRENE HIRANO INOUE

OCTOBER 7, 1948 – APRIL 7, 2020



THE COUNCIL MOURNS USJC FOUNDING PRESIDENT IRENE HIRANO INOUE, who passed away in April. Prior to her passing, Irene expressed that serving as president of the U.S.-Japan Council “has been an honor of a lifetime” and hoped her leadership of USJC will have made a lasting contribution to the U.S.-Japan relationship.

USJC Board Chair Phyllis Campbell wrote to members, “I know we are all devastated by this news. Irene was a singular figure in U.S.-Japan relations, respected by leaders on both sides of the Pacific as she carried out the mission of USJC. Since the founding of the Council, she infused the organization with her wisdom and entrepreneurial spirit, kept her pulse on every aspect of USJC while keeping her eye on the strategic vision, and managed to approach every challenge with fearlessness and determination.”

During her tenure at USJC, Irene raised the profile of the organization, growing it to almost 700 members, and creating programs to support next-generation leaders, including the TOMODACHI Initiative, which was launched to support Japan’s recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake and invests in educational and cultural exchanges as well as leadership programs for young people.

In addition to her leadership of USJC, Irene served as the President and founding CEO of the Japanese American National Museum for twenty years. Her professional and community activities also included serving as Chair and Trustee, Ford Foundation; Chair and Trustee, Kresge Foundation; Chair, Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Center; Chair of the Advisory Board, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, University of California at Los Angeles; Trustee, Washington Center; Trustee, Independent Sector, and member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; member of the Advisory Board, Center on Philanthropy & Public Policy, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California; Chair, Board of Directors of the American Association of Museums; Board Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Member, National Board Smithsonian Institution; member, Toyota Corporation’s Diversity Advisory Board; member, Business Advisory Board of Sodexo Corporation; President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities by Presidential appointment; and Chair, California Commission on the Status of Women.



“We owe so much to Irene, but none more than this: she empowered us, believed in us, and trusted us with the future of our community. We will carry on Irene’s legacy in the manner she would have - with passion, resolve, and grace.”

— EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM ALUMNI



TRIBUTES

Many in the USJC community paid tribute to Irene, including a virtual gathering of members and remarks from Taro Kono (Defense Minister, Government of Japan) and Darren Walker (President, Ford Foundation).



ABOUT THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL



OUR MISSION

THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL develops and connects diverse leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship. Founded by Japanese Americans, the Council brings together leaders of the United States and Japan from across backgrounds, sectors, and generations to partner for a better future for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

OUR PURPOSE

- We are a unique community that brings together Japanese American and other leaders of the United States and Japan, strengthening ties between the two countries.
- We bring together a network of diverse leaders across sectors for meaningful collaboration, creating deep and lasting relationships.
- We develop the next generation of leaders by offering life-changing experiences that inspire participants to contribute to a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship.
- We believe in service and are committed to action in areas where our multicultural perspectives and experiences can make a difference.

The U.S.-Japan relationship continues to demonstrate its relevance and fundamental role in the Asia-Pacific region. The partnership between the U.S. and Japan is a driving force behind economic growth, while the security alliance maintains peace and stability in the region. Built on shared values such as innovation and resilience, the contemporary U.S.-Japan relationship continues to evolve and develop new frontiers for collaboration.

HIGHLIGHTS & FEATURED SPEAKERS



54,045
NEW YOUTUBE VIEWS

VIEWERS SPENT
559,024 MINUTES
WATCHING USJC'S VIRTUAL PROGRAMS IN 2020



SHINZO ABE, Former Prime Minister of Japan



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NOBUYUKI HIRANO, Chairman, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.



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YURIKO KOIKE, Governor of Tokyo



KATHY MATSUI, Vice Chair and Chief Strategist, Goldman Sachs (Japan)



COLLIN MORIKAWA, Professional Golfer



JULIA NESHEIWAT, PH.D., Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security & Resilience, National Security Council, White House



YUH-LINE NIOU, Assemblymember, New York State Assembly



DARREN WALKER, President, Ford Foundation

SIGNATURE SERIES

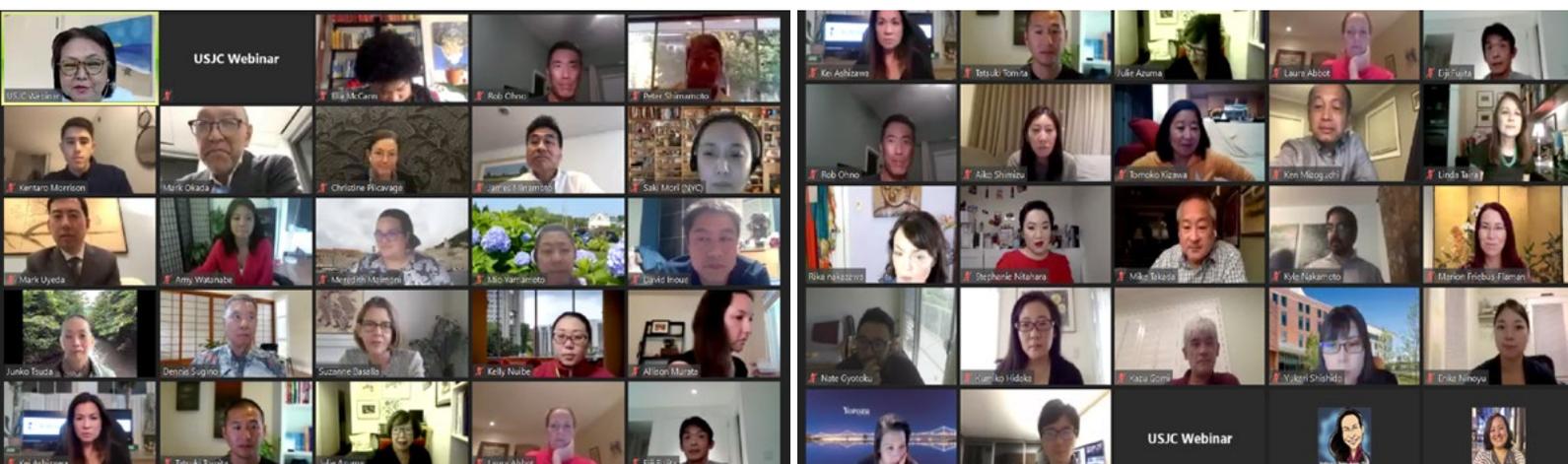
IN LIEU OF THE 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, the Council hosted a series of virtual events to provide insights and exclusive content to stakeholders and supporters. This Signature Series explored the theme “U.S.-Japan Relations in the Coronavirus Era: Leadership for Recovery, Resilience and Community.”

BILATERAL BOARDROOM



IN SEPTEMBER, THE BILATERAL BOARDROOM convened key decision-makers from business, government and the civil sector in the United States and Japan for critical conversations around the theme of Leadership Through Crisis, Lessons Learned. The dialogues examined leadership and critical lessons from prior crises, analyzed the impact of the current coronavirus pandemic from a social and economic perspective, and set the agenda for the future of the U.S.-Japan relationship. In addition to the pandemic, the Boardroom also discussed systemic racism in the United States and concerns over diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the world.

MEMBERS FORUM



IN OCTOBER, USJC MEMBERS came together for the Members Forum, which highlighted a range of voices within the USJC community. Attendees heard from USJC leadership and shared their own visions for the Council’s future. A featured discussion explored the topic of bicultural Japanese American identity, bringing together a group of panelists who identify as multiethnic to share their unique perspectives and experiences. Jennifer Hirano, daughter of USJC’s late founding president Irene Hirano Inouye, also offered remarks. Programming was followed by a series of virtual breakout sessions that allowed attendees to network with one another.

SIGNATURE SERIES

PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM



IN NOVEMBER, THE COUNCIL hosted the Public Symposium, titled “Two Nations, Countless Connections - Community, Partnership, and the Road Ahead.” The Symposium’s seven virtual discussions explored the enduring bilateral relationship and the ways in which the two nations have fostered increased support and cooperation. USJC partnered with a multitude of organizations to bring informative and engaging sessions on cultural resilience, diversity and inclusion, and the importance of community, while contemplating the broader goals of the U.S.-Japan alliance on a personal, cultural and systemic basis. This three-day event offered a multi-lens look at these topics: Day 1 focused on race and diversity, Day 2 on NPOs and philanthropy, and Day 3 on cultural and educational exchange.



NEXT GENERATION SUMMIT

IN DECEMBER, THE COUNCIL held the Next Generation Summit to give light to the younger voices of the USJC community, including U40 (under 40) members, TOMODACHI alumni and Watanabe Scholars, on the power of resilience and lessons learned from this year of change. Titled “The Three Rs of 2020: Reflective, Resilient and Revolutionary,” topics included the ripple effect of social justice movements, mentorship through virtual connectedness, the value of cultural exchange in times of crisis and perspectives of resilience from the next generation. The Summit also convened Part 3 of the TOMODACHI Critical Conversations series, which was inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement and provided a safe space for peer-to-peer dialogue.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

BUSINESS & POLITICS



CORONAVIRUS: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SHIFTS IN THE U.S. AND JAPAN

In April, “Coronavirus: Social and Economic Shifts in the U.S. and Japan” brought together nearly 400 individuals for a virtual panel discussion analyzing the evolving social and economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The panel featured Japan-based Kathy Matsui, Vice-Chair and Chief Strategist of Goldman Sachs Japan and Chair of the USJC (Japan) Board of Councilors, and U.S.-based Member of the USJC Board of Councilors Dr. Daniel Okimoto, Co-Chair of the Silicon Valley Japan Platform (SVJP) and Professor Emeritus at Stanford University. Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist Lori Matsukawa, Council Leader and former news anchor at KING5 TV, moderated the discussion.



A USJC CORPORATE MEMBER CONVERSATION WITH FORMER SENATOR CHRIS DODD ON THE U.S. ELECTIONS

A special event for corporate supporters of the Council, this virtual meeting offered access to the insights of Former U.S. Senator and Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives



Christopher J. Dodd. With his decades of experience in Washington, DC as a U.S. Senator and Congressman and as Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America, as well as his leading role on President Joe Biden’s Vice Presidential Selection Committee, Senator Dodd shared an insider’s perspective on the 2020 election and his thoughts on how the political climate might affect the U.S.-Japan relationship.

“I think the work that the USJC is doing is vital person-to-person relationships, mobilization of young people through the TOMODACHI program — that is really laying the foundation for a closer alignment for the United States and Japan in the post-corona period.”

—MEMBER OF THE USJC BOARD OF COUNCILORS DR. DANIEL OKIMOTO



CORONAVIRUS: OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW HEALTH PARADIGM

In August, the Council hosted a webinar on the global health crisis and the future of healthcare titled “Coronavirus: Opportunity for a New Health Paradigm,” featuring medical experts Dr. William Hait, Global Head at Johnson & Johnson External Innovation, and Dr. Hardy Kagimoto, Chairman & CEO of Healios K.K. Moderated by Jeanette Takamura, Ph.D. (Professor and Dean Emerita, School of Social Work, Columbia University), this webinar addressed initiatives undertaken to develop vaccines for COVID-19, as well as advanced therapeutic measures meant to reduce mortality rates once infected.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

BUSINESS & POLITICS



In February, Patrick Newell (Future Vision Navigator and Founder of 21 Foundation) discussed the ways in which Japan may change by 2030.



BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

In October, the U.S.-Japan Council Business Advisory Board (BAB) Meeting was held virtually for the very first time. Masaaki Tanaka, BAB Chairman and Vice-Chair of the USJC Board of Councilors, delivered remarks as the featured speaker. Over 50 industry leaders from diverse fields gathered to listen to his talk, titled "Unwavering Commitment to Global Business." Joined by Jenifer Rogers, General Counsel Asia, Asurion Japan Holdings G.K. and USJC (Japan) Board Member, as a moderator in this fireside chat, Mr. Tanaka shared his professional journey and global accomplishments as Chairman, President and CEO of Nippon Paint Holdings Co., Ltd., as well as his relationship with the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Irene Hirano Inouye. Mr. Tanaka (pictured above) showcased the national flag of the United States given to him by the Senator in honor of the successful completion of his assignment in New York and described it as his "lifetime treasure."



TOWARD A THRIVING POST-PANDEMIC FUTURE: COVID-19 AND INCREASED FOCUS ON ESG

In August, the Council hosted a conversation on the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on board governance norms and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance), demonstrating some of the ways in which the pandemic has exposed inequities within our societies and how corporate initiatives must address these issues going forward. Featured speakers included Bonnie Hill (Co-founder of Icon Blue; Board Member, Banc of California and the RAND Corporation), Marcus Otsuji (Japan Country Manager, Geodesic Capital) and Council Leader Genevieve Shiroma (Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission; JALD '11), with Council Leader Ako S. Williams, who serves as Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Ushio America, Inc., moderating.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

DIVERSITY & IDENTITY

“Within USJC, I am proud of the focus on women’s leadership through a variety of programs, like the Japanese Women’s Leadership Initiative and the Regional Women in Leadership events. Creating opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments, perseverance, and strength of women benefits all of us.”

—ASSOCIATE ELLEN KAMEI (ELP ‘15)



TOMODACHI CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

Organized by members of USJC’s Outreach and Allyship Committee, the virtual 3-part TOMODACHI Critical Conversations Series was held to explore the Black Lives Matter movement and what lessons can be learned and applied in the U.S. and Japan. Part 1 of this series took place in July and addressed the question “What is BLM?,” focusing on the response to the Black Lives Matter movement and how individuals could become more active participants. Part 2 examined the Japanese American experience, addressed concepts like allyship and the model minority myth, and looked at the impact that race has on our daily lives and how it can help us play a role in advancing U.S.-Japan relations. Part 3 explored how the Black Lives Matter movement is reshaping conversations about discrimination. Programming was curated by U40 (under 40) members and TOMODACHI alumni, and featured alumni of the Emerging Leaders Program.



JAPANESE AMERICAN STORYTELLING PROGRAM

In October, Council Leader Yuhka Mera (pictured above) delivered the inaugural presentation of USJC’s newly-established Japanese American Storytelling Program (JASP), a program designed for USJC leaders to convey positive educational messages to Japanese youths. Overarching themes include tolerance and empathy for immigrants, overcoming discrimination and prejudice, strength of diversity in society, and building bridges between the U.S. and Japan. These themes are communicated through personal family history narratives, and the program is uniquely designed for Japanese audiences.

REGIONAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

USJC members continued to organize and participate in the Regional Women in Leadership (RWL) series, funded by the Embassy of Japan. Over 200 people attended the first virtual edition of the RWL series, “Stories of Women in the South.” This two-part session was organized and moderated by Council Leader Masami Izumida Tyson, who serves as the Global Director of Foreign Direct Investment and Trade for the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development. The lively discussion covered a wide range of topics, including balancing life as a working mother while far away from family, gender stereotypes, differences in job opportunities based on gender, variances in women’s empowerment initiatives between the U.S. and Japan, and future initiatives that can be undertaken to further women’s empowerment and promote gender equality.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

EDUCATION & CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGE



CULINARY EXCHANGE & SERVING COMMUNITIES DURING A CRISIS

In June, the “Culinary Exchange & Serving Communities During a Crisis” webinar offered a look into how culinary diplomacy brings people, communities and cultures together. The speakers, both chefs representing an intersection between Japan and the United States, included Mark “Gooch” Noguchi (Co-Founder & Executive Chef of Pili), a Japanese American chef based in Hawaii, and Ivan Orkin (owner of the Ivan Ramen restaurants), a New Yorker who moved to Japan and lived there for years operating a ramen restaurant in Tokyo. Moderated by USJC Associate Nicole Velasco (ELP ‘15), the speakers discussed the devastating impact of the coronavirus pandemic on restaurants, and how they have been able to continue serving their communities during this crisis.

TOMODACHI INDUSTRY INSIGHTS: COVID ERA TALKS ON THE EDUCATION INDUSTRY

In August, the Council’s TOMODACHI Initiative held an Industry Insights panel on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the education industry in Japan. The panel explored how the disruption caused by COVID-19 may offer an opportunity for the education industry to break away from antiquated systems and venture into new ways of engaging students. Grace Choi (Education and Exchanges Officer, U.S. Embassy Tokyo) gave opening remarks and Sarah Arao, TOMODACHI Okinawa Regional Mentor, moderated the discussion.



BASEBALL DIPLOMACY

As part of the 2020 USJC Public Symposium, a session titled “Baseball Diplomacy,” co-hosted by JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles, brought together a panel consisting of baseball insiders and former professional players. They described the influence of America’s favorite pastime in bridging the cultural gap between the U.S. and Japan and shared their rich experiences of baseball in both nations. Featured speakers included: Duane Kurisu (Minority Owner of the San Francisco Giants; Chairman and CEO, aio Group), Matt Murton, (Formerly Hanshin Tigers and Major League Baseball Player), Don Nomura (Sports Agent), and Jim Small (Senior Vice President, International, Major League Baseball), as well as Rob Fitts (Author & Baseball Historian) and Yuriko Gamo Romer (Director of Diamond Diplomacy, Flying Carp Productions) as moderator.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY CONNECT



The Coronavirus in the U.S. and Japan: Perspectives from the Health Sector (April 2, 2020)



Diversity for the Venture Ecosystem (July 29, 2020)



Culinary Exchange & Serving Communities During a Crisis (June 23, 2020)



Coronavirus and Education Inequality in the U.S. and Japan (June 9, 2020)



Coronavirus & Discrimination Against Asian Americans (May 26, 2020)



Health & Wellness While Sheltering In, with Celebrity Chef Candice Kumai (May 12, 2020)

This year, the Council launched Community Connect, a virtual platform that brings together USJC's diverse network of experts, members, supporters and alumni and engages our community throughout the world with content delivered directly to your computer. Through panel discussions, webinars, networking opportunities and other virtual events, Community Connect features leading analyses, fresh perspectives and inspirational voices that forge new connections and continue the critical dialogue needed to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship.

NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL'S EMERGING Leaders Program (ELP) identifies, cultivates and empowers a new generation of Japanese American leaders. Emerging Leaders participate in leadership education, design and implement original USJC programming, and develop powerful, lifelong personal and professional friendships. A new cohort of leaders aged 24-35 is selected annually to become USJC Associates, and join program alumni in bridging the future of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Each class has become engaged with and made meaningful contributions to USJC and the ELP community.

In its eleventh year, the 2020 program brought together 12 Japanese American young professionals through a series of virtual events. The Emerging Leaders participated in a leadership orientation program and networked with high-level leaders. Throughout the year, ELP alumni organized virtual hangouts to allow alumni to reconnect, provide support to each other and spend time together virtually.



THE TOSHIZO WATANABE STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“Being a Watanabe scholar has meant I get to experience Japan and study abroad as a normal student. Not “the student who always works” or “the student who always worries.” For once, I was able to just be a curious student. I haven’t felt this way since kindergarten. The world was my oyster. I will always appreciate the organization that helped me realize my dream.”

—DE’JIA LONG-HILLIE (WATANABE ’19-20)



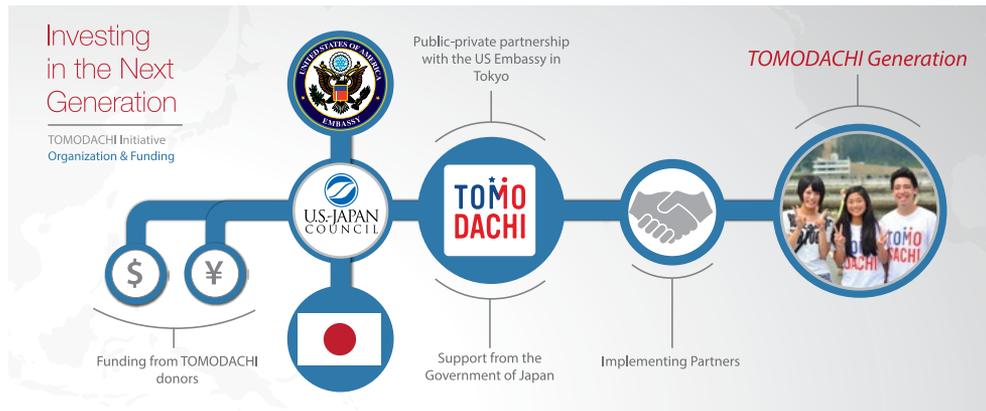
THE TOSHIZO WATANABE STUDY Abroad Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students for a semester or year-long study abroad in the United States or Japan. A generous endowment gift of \$10 million from Mr. Toshizo (Tom) Watanabe to the U.S.-Japan Council makes it possible to award scholarships to students for those with leadership potential and for whom study abroad would not be possible without financial support.

This year, 20 Japanese and 20 American students were selected to receive the scholarship, and were given the option to defer until Spring 2022 due to the impact of COVID on schools and programs. The students met Mr. Watanabe (pictured left) during a virtual orientation, in which he wished them luck and shared his story about why he values studying abroad. The current cohort also had an opportunity to meet with Watanabe Scholarship alumni through casual virtual gatherings.



TOMODACHI INITIATIVE

ABOUT TOMODACHI



The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership between the U.S.-Japan Council and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, with support from the Government of Japan. Born out of support for Japan’s recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, TOMODACHI invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders through educational and cultural exchanges as well as leadership programs.

The initiative seeks to foster a “TOMODACHI Generation” of young American and Japanese leaders who are committed to and engaged in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other’s countries and cultures,

and possess the global skills and mindsets needed to contribute to and thrive in a more cooperative, prosperous and secure world.

In 2012, the U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) was created to support the administration of TOMODACHI. The U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) is a registered Public Interest Corporation (*koeki zaidan hojin*) and maintains offices in Tokyo, Japan.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many TOMODACHI programs and study abroad opportunities were pivoted to virtual spaces or put on hold in 2020.

SILICON VALLEY JAPAN PLATFORM



THE SILICON VALLEY JAPAN Platform is an initiative of USJC and the Asia Pacific Initiative (API). SVJP aims to connect the technological dynamism of Silicon Valley with the current and future needs of economic revitalization in Japan. SVJP welcomed Jon Shalowitz as President in 2020, and is co-chaired by Daniel Okimoto, Professor Emeritus at Stanford University (Member and former Chair of the USJC Board of Councilors) and James Kondo, Chairman, International House of Japan (USJC Council Leader).

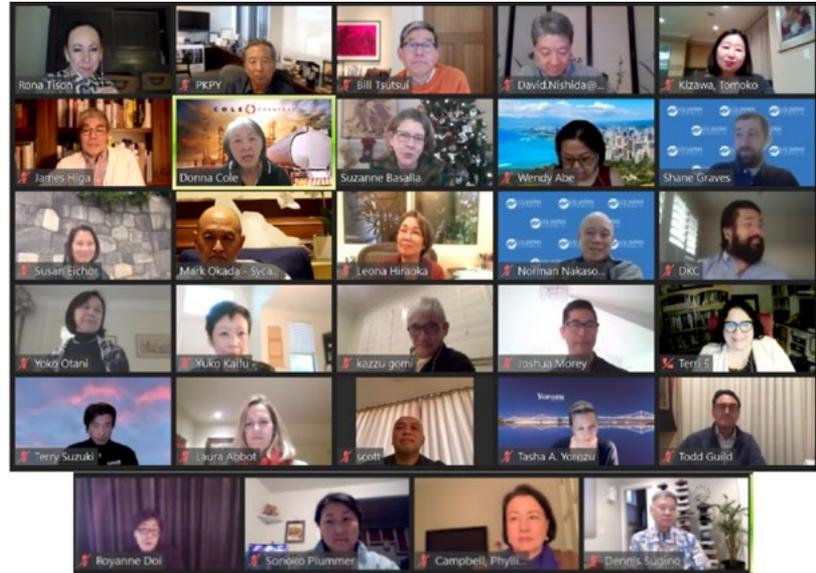
This year, SVJP organized a variety of virtual monthly benkyokais, aimed at expanding and deepening ties of collaboration between the U.S. and Japan. Featured speakers included Sheri Bryant, President of Sansar, Wookey Technologies (JALD '18); Jesper Koll, Senior Adviser, WisdomTree Investments; and members of the USJC Board of Councilors Representative Mark Takano, Congressman of the 41st District of California; and Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.



USJC LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL'S BOARD of Directors consists of leaders from across the United States and in Japan who provide their expertise in establishing and guiding the Council's mission and activities.



LEGACY COUNCIL

USJC's Legacy Council includes members of the Board of Directors and select members of the Board of Councilors who completed full terms of service on the Board. It was established to recognize the invaluable contributions of Board members, past, present and in the future, and to encourage previous Board members to remain active leaders at USJC.

BOARD OF COUNCILORS

The U.S.-Japan Council's distinguished Board of Councilors consists of leaders who are recognized for their lifelong contribution and commitment to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations. Their expertise and guidance direct the Council's mission and activities.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK former Chair of the Board Phyllis Campbell as well as outgoing member of the USJC (US) Board of Directors Donna Fujimoto Cole. We are grateful to Ms. Campbell, who continues her Board service as Immediate Past Chair through 2021, and welcome Paul Yonamine as Chair of the USJC Board of Directors and Ernest Higa as Chair of the USJC Board of Councilors.

MANAGEMENT & STAFF



THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL HAS staff based in Washington, DC, California, Hawaii and Tokyo. USJC staff members are responsible for administering programs, implementing the decisions of the Board of Directors and promoting the Council's mission and organizational goals.

MEMBERSHIP

THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL COMPRISES members and supporters who are committed to the mission of the organization. Included in these ranks are top leaders from major corporations, academia and research, politics and law, as well as entrepreneurs and thought leaders.



MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR

[BUSINESS]



[GOVERNMENT]



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THE U.S.-JAPAN COUNCIL (U.S.) and U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) are supported by the generous contributions of our corporate, individual and foundation donors who share the goal of strengthening U.S.-Japan relations through people-to-people connections. We gratefully acknowledge the following who generously supported the Council’s many educational and networking programs including the Bilateral Boardroom, Public Symposium, Next Generation Summit, the Emerging Leaders Program and the Silicon Valley Japan Platform.

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