

2023 Annual Conference

Washington, DC | November 8-9, 2023
Members Forum: November 10, 2023



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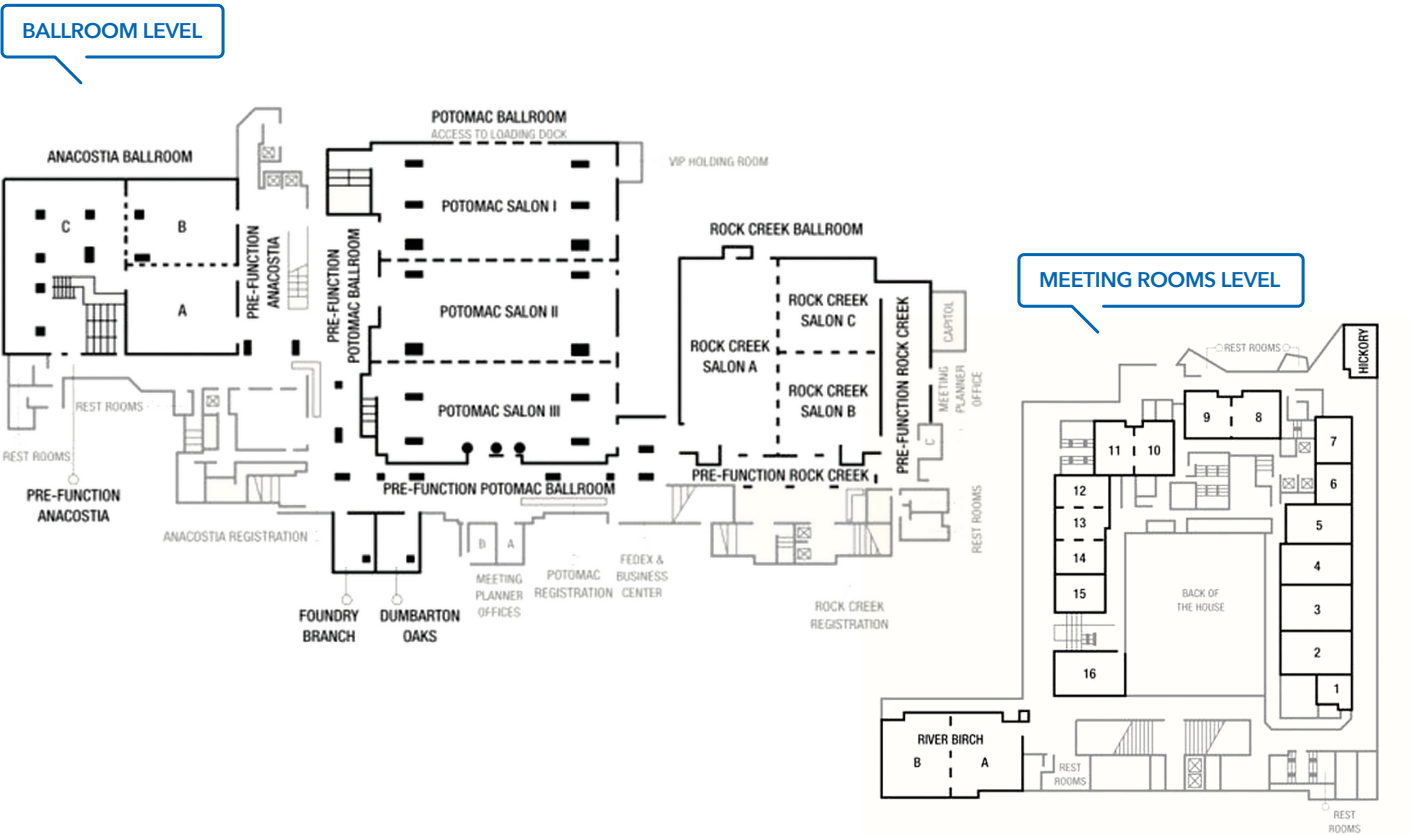
SCHEDULE

Events in dark blue are open to the public. Pre-registration is required.

11/7 (Tue.)	11/8 (Wed.)				11/9 (Thur.)		11/10 (Fri.)
Networking Dinners Small group dinners arranged by local hosts.	2023 ELP Programing dedicated to this year's class of Emerging Leaders.	ELP Alumni Program Leadership program dedicated to Emerging Leaders of past cohorts.	Advanced Leadership Collective Program A cohort-based program for mid-career professionals.	TOMODACHI Initiative Program Workshops and skill-building activities for next-generation program alumni.	2023 Annual Conference		Members Forum
	Climate & Sustainability Initiative Roundtable By invitation, a small group discussion with climate and sustainability leaders from the United States and Japan.		Offsite Visits Group tours of select locations around Washington, DC				
	2023 Annual Conference				Conference Reception		
	All ELP Reception A special dinner for all ELP participants.	Sponsors Dinner A special dinner for USJC sponsors and other invited guests.	Networking Dinners Small group dinners arranged by local hosts.		JALD Reception A special dinner for JALD alumni and invited guests.	U40 Reception A special dinner for USJC's U40 (under 40) leaders.	Planned Giving A legacy planning session to provide planned giving tools and resources.

MAP

All conference activities will take place on the Ballroom and Meeting Rooms Levels.



Wednesday Public Sessions **November 8**

1:00-2:15 pm Room 10/11

Not Madame Butterfly: Lives and Legacies of Japanese 'War Brides'

Speakers

- **Curtiss Takada Rooks**, Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, Loyola Marymount University
- **Linda Taira**, Founder & Principal, Taira-Welch Communications
- **Kathryn Tolbert**, Executive Director, The War Bride Experience, Inc.

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1:00-2:15 pm Rock Creek A

Diverse Boards for a Sustainable Future

Speakers

- **Annalisa Barrett**, Senior Advisor, KPMG Board Leadership Center
- **Tracy Gopal**, Founder, Third Arrow Strategies and the Japan Board Diversity Network (JBDN)
- **Jin Song Montesano**, Director, Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President, Chief People Officer, LIXIL Corporation
- **Takuya (Tak) Shiratori**, Head of IR/SR Consulting, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

1:00-2:15 pm Rock Creek B

Small and Mighty - The Role of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Economic Exchange between Japan and the United States

Moderator

Yuko Kaifu, President, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles

Remarks

Kendee Yamaguchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Field Global Markets

Speakers

- **Keijiro "Kent" Hora**, Executive Director, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California
- **Richard Katz**, Publisher, Japan Economy Watch | Correspondent, Weekly Toyo Keizai
- **Chiyo Kobayashi**, Co-CEO, Washington CORE
- **George Kobayashi**, President, Masuda, Funai, Eifert, & Mitchell, Ltd.
- **Daiki Nakajima**, Director, Business Development, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) USA
- **Paul Pass**, Consultant, U.S.-Japan Relations

1:00 - 5:30 pm Rock Creek C

Art as Currency: Japanese Culture in Contemporary America

Presenters on Stage



- **Rob Buscher**, Marketing and Community Engagement Consultant, Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia
- **Ginny Fordham**, Senior Managing Director, IA Special Projects, Berklee College of Music
- **Dianne Fukami**, Producer/Director, Bridge Media, Inc.
- **Jacquelyn Morikubo**, Shihan, Nishikawa Ryu School of Japanese Classical Dance
- **Keiko Matsudo Orrall**, Former Executive Director, MA Travel and Tourism
- **Yuriko Gamo Romer**, Director/Producer, Flying Carp Productions
- **Donna Tsufura**, Dayako, Independent Purpose and Legacy Consultant
- **Steve Wilkes**, Professor, Percussion Department, Berklee College of Music
- **Yurina Yoshikawa**, Director of Education, The Porch Writers' Collective

Virtual and Tableside Presenters

- **Philip Kan Gotanda**, Professor, Department of Theater Dance and Performance Studies, University of California at Berkeley
- **Miwa Kaneko**, Co-Director, Theatre of Yugen | Assoc. Director of the U.S./Japan Cultural Trade Network, Inc.
- **Courtney Ozaki**, Founder & Experiential Creative Producer, Japanese Arts Network
- **Kyoko Yoshida**, Co-Director, Theatre of Yugen | Exec. Director of the U.S./Japan Cultural Trade Network, Inc.

2:30 - 3:45 pm River Birch B

Climate Tech & Innovation Showcase

Moderator

Ayako Kameda, Board Member, U.S.-Japan Council (Japan)

Speakers

- **David B. Calabrese**, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs | Deputy General Manager, Washington, DC Office, Daikin U.S. Corporation
- **Suzanne Foti**, Director, Government Relations, Syzygy Plasmonics
- **Kazuhiro Gomi**, President & CEO, NTT Research, Inc.
- **Shigeaki Kameda**, CEO/Representative Director, PXP CO. Inc.
- **Adam Rice**, Vice President of Sales, ClimateAi

2:30 - 3:45 pm Room 10/11

Why is the Japanese American Incarceration Story Important to the Japanese?

Moderator

Noriko Sanefuji, Museum Specialist, National Museum of American History

Speakers

- **Al Koichi**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C.
- **Shirley Ann Higuchi**, Chair of the Board of Directors, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation
- **Sam Mihara**, Former Incarceree of the Heart Mountain Camp and Board Member of Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation
- **Keiichiro Otsuka**, Deputy Chief, Kyodo News Washington Bureau



2:30 - 3:45 pm Rock Creek A

participant-centered interactive session

Beyond Boundaries: Building an Inclusive Future Through Connection and Collaboration

Facilitator

Nozomi Morgan, Founder and CEO, Michiki Morgan Worldwide

2:45 - 3:45 pm Rock Creek C

participant-centered experiential session

Music and Wellness: Drummassage - The Healing Sounds of Drumming and Nature

Presenter

Steve Wilkes, Professor, Percussion Department, Berklee College of Music

4:00 - 5:30 pm Room 8/9

Building Climate-Resilient & Sustainable Health Systems through U.S.-Japan Leadership

Moderator

Kazuyo Kato, Executive Director, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE/USA)



Speakers

- **John Balbus**, Acting Director, Office of Climate Change and Health Equity, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **MATANO Motosada**, Minister, Head of Political Affairs Department, Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C.
- **Gayle E. Smith**, CEO, ONE Campaign
- **Monique Vledder**, Practice Manager, Global Health, Nutrition, and Population Unit, The World Bank

4:00 - 5:30 pm Room 10/11

Sustaining Japanese American Nonprofit Organizations for the Future

Moderator

Debra Nakatomi, President/CEO, NakatomiPR

Speakers

- **Ann Burroughs**, President & CEO, Japanese American National Museum
- **Nate Gytoku**, President & Executive Director, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
- **David Inoue**, Executive Director, Japanese American Citizens League
- **Michael Sera**, Board President, Japanese American Museum of San Jose



4:00 - 5:30 pm Rock Creek B

Technology & Education: Potential Opportunities & Pitfalls with Language Acquisition

Moderator

Michael A. Campbell, General Manager, Education Division, Intel Corporation

Speakers

- **Takako Aikawa**, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, MIT Global Languages
- **Sheri Bryant**, Advisor and Consultant, Silicon Valley Nexus
- **Mika Hama**, Director of Strategy and Innovation, Second Language Testing Inc. (SLTI)

Thursday Plenary & Breakout Sessions **November 9**

Emcee

Georgette A. Furukawa, Tri-Sectoral Leader

9:00 - 10:30 am **Potomac Ballroom**

Morning Plenary

Welcome
Remarks

Susan Morita, Co-Chair, U.S.-Japan Council Board of Directors

Government Remarks

Special Remarks

Speaker

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

Fireside Chat

Moderator

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

Speaker

Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative Ambassador

Global Business and Innovation

Fireside Chat

Moderator

Moriaki Kida, Chairperson & CEO, EY Japan

Speaker

Carmine Di Sibio, Global Chairman & CEO, EY

Podium Address

Speaker

Takayuki Morita, President and CEO (Representative Director), NEC Corporation

Subnational Diplomacy and Leadership

Moderator

Sachi Hamai, Retired, CEO, Los Angeles County

Speakers

- **Bruce Harrell**, Mayor of Seattle, State of Washington
- **YUZAKI Hidehiko**, Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture

Morning Breakout Sessions

10:45 - 12:00 pm **Rock Creek A**

Climate and Clean Energy Programs - Opportunities and Benefits

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Nicole A. Velasco, Business Development Lead, NORESO

Moderator

Christine Harada, Senior Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, The White House

Speaker

John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation, The White House

Presenters

- **SHIKATA Noriyuki**, Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs, Prime Minister's Office of Japan
- **Ashleigh de la Torre**, Vice President, Public Policy, Amazon

10:45 - 12:00 pm Rock Creek B

The Presidential Election & Political Outlook

Moderator

David Nakamura, Staff Writer, The Washington Post

Speakers

- **Leila Aridi Afas**, Director, Global Public Policy, Toyota Motor North America
- **Christine Chen**, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)
- **José Keichi Fuentes**, Senior Government Relations Consultant, Becker & Poliakoff

10:45 - 12:00 pm Rock Creek C

U.S.-Japan Geostrategic Alliance - Key for the Future of the Indo-Pacific

Moderator

Joshua Walker, President and CEO, Japan Society



Speakers

- **Emma Chanlett-Avery**, Deputy Director of Washington, DC Office and Director of Political-Security Affairs, Asia Society Policy Institute
- **Reta Jo Lewis**, President and Chair of the Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States
- **NAMBU Tomoshige**, Special Advisor, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI), Japan

10:45 - 12:00 pm River Birch

Transformational Leadership: Women Leaders Advancing Gender Equity

Moderator

Royanne K. Doi, Corporate Governance Specialist & Independent, Non-Executive Director, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd

Speakers

- **Yuko Hayashi**, Professor, Graduate School of Innovation and Technology Management, Yamaguchi University
- **Janelle Sasaki**, Corporate Responsibility Leader, EY Japan
- **Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum**, President, East-West Center

12:00 - 1:45 pm Potomac Ballroom

Lunch + Plenary

Remarks

Suzanne Basalla, President and CEO, U.S.-Japan Council

Next Gen's Vision of What's Next

Moderator

Lori Teranishi, Founder & CEO, iQ 360

Speakers

- **Yuga Cohler**, Engineering Lead, Coinbase
- **Molly Kawahata**, Founder, Systemic Impact Strategies | Former Climate Advisor, Obama White House
- **Sarah O'Connell**, Public Relations Specialist, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
- **Kojin Oshiba**, Co-Founder, Robust Intelligence, Inc.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:00 - 3:15 pm Rock Creek A

U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Cooperation

Moderator

Yuki Tatsumi, Senior Fellow and Co-Director, East Asia Program, Stimson Center

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Speakers

- **Victor Cha**, Senior Vice President for Asia and Korea Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Brent Sadler**, Captain U.S. Navy (retired) | Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation
- **Mireya Solís**, Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution
- **TAKAMIZAWA Nobushige**, Visiting Fellow, Fujitsu Future Studies Center | Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

2:00 - 3:15 pm Rock Creek B

Aging and Sustainable Futures - In Digital Space and Physical Place

Moderator

Rika Nakazawa, Group Vice President, New Ventures & Innovation, NTT

Speakers

- **Kenji Furushiro**, President & COO, Pasona N A, Inc
- **Alan Raby**, Founder and CEO, CareMates
- **Kumar Srinivas**, CTO, Health Plan, NTT DATA

2:00 - 3:15 pm Rock Creek C

U.S.-Japan Policymaking in Washington

Moderator

Sayuri Romei, Associate Director of Programs, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation



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Speakers

- **Naoko Aoki**, Associate Political Scientist, RAND Corporation
- **David Boling**, Director, Japan & Asia Trade, Eurasia Group
- **Frank Jannuzi**, President and CEO, The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation
- **Mark Takano**, U.S. House of Representatives, State of California

2:00 - 3:15 pm River Birch

Leadership Addressing Anti-Asian Hate

Moderator

Jeanette Takamura, Professor and Dean Emerita, Columbia University School of Social Work

Speakers

- **Cynthia Choi**, Co-Founder, Stop AAPI Hate
- **Karen Narasaki**, Former Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- **Thomas Parham**, President, California State University, Dominguez Hills

3:30 - 5:00 pm Potomac Ballroom

Closing Plenary

Japanese Entrepreneurs Thriving in the USA: Building Success on New Shores

Moderator

Kathy Matsui, Co-Founder & General Partner, MPower Partners

Speakers

- **Hisayuki Idekoba**, Representative Director, President and CEO, Recruit Holdings
- **Hiroki Koga**, Co-founder & CEO, Oishii Farm
- **Sachiko Kuno**, President and CEO, S&R Evermay

Empowering the Next Generation: Harnessing Mentorship for Cross-Generational Collaboration and Connection

Speaker

Haruka Kokaze, Graduate Student (Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness), New York University | Senior Development Intern, U.S.-Japan Council

Moderator

Laura Sheehan, Lawyer | TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program Mentor

Speakers

- **Yukina Chiba**, Graduate Student, The Rockefeller University | TOMODACHI STEM Scholar
- **Leona Iizuka**, Undergraduate Student, Vanderbilt University | TOMODACHI Watanabe Scholar
- **Eiko Tsukamoto**, Senior Manager, Schmidt Futures | ELP Steering Committee Member
- **Taiki Yamamoto**, Undergraduate Student, Keio University | TOMODACHI Sumitomo Scholar

Speaker

You Sato, Emergency Department Technician | TOMODACHI J&J Disaster Nursing Training Program Scholar

Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi – Maui and the USJC Community

Video

Maui Strong

Presenter

Kristin Alm, USJC Hawai'i Region Co-Vice Chair | Emerging Leaders Program 2020 Delegate

5:00 - 7:00 pm Rock Creek Ballroom

Conference Reception

7:00 – 9:00am

Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00am

New Member Orientation & Networking

10:00 – 10:50am

Welcome

Honoring Veterans / National Anthem

USJC - View from the Leadership

11:00am-12:00pm

Strategy Discussions

12:00 – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00 – 4:00pm

Member Reports

- USJC Regional Highlights
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Advanced Leadership Collective
- Engagement Committee / Member Survey
- USJC Development Initiatives

Panel - What Does It Mean to Be Japanese American?

USJC Board Recognition

Voices of USJC

2023 Host Committee

Closing Remarks

4:15 - 5:15 pm

Room 10/11

Building Your Legacy - Planned Giving 101



Moderator

Gary Moriwaki, Partner, Windels Marx

Speakers

- **Stephen Kagawa**, Founder, Pacific Bridge Companies
- **Joshua Morey**, President, J. Morey Company, Inc.
- **Cara Koss**, Partner, Arnold & Porter

We will hold a special session on the power of Planned Giving on Friday, November 10 at the Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Learn from our fellow USJC Council Leaders who are experts in their fields, ranging from estate law to wealth management to insurance. Attendees will gain a better understanding of planned giving tools, resources and giving options including bequests, 401(k)/IRAs and life insurance policies. The discussion will uncover the mysteries of legacy planning and leave you equipped to *shape a legacy of your own*.

To learn more about the *Irene Hirano and Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Society* and the Planned Giving Program, please visit the U.S.-Japan Council website at

www.usjapancouncil.org/planned-giving.

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