

U.S.-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Dear Senator Morgan -

You are cordially invited to a breakfast meeting on Friday, December 14, from 8:00 am to 9:30 am at the Capitol Hill Club, 300 First Street & Street, S.E. This is intended primarily as a briefing session for the members of the U.S. Congress who will be participating in the 9th U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program in Tokyo in January 1980. Nathaniel Thayer, Professor of Political Science, and noted Japan specialist of Johns Hopkins University, and Lawrence Krause, economist at the Brookings Institution, will discuss the current political and economic developments in Japan.

You will recall your participation in the U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Conference in Tokyo, then sponsored by Columbia University and Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE). As the enclosed brochure indicates, Japan Society and JCIE are now jointly continuing and administering this highly worthwhile legislative exchange program. We would very much like to have you and your colleagues participate in this breakfast meeting.

Tadashi Yamamoto, Japanese Director of the Program and JCIE Director, will be present at the meeting. He would be very pleased to renew his acquaintance with you.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please let us know by calling Ms. Ruri Kawashima of Japan Society or Hiroshi Peter Kamura of JCIE, both at 212/832-1155.

Sincerely,

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U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program

The U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program is designed to help members of Congress and the Diet better understand major problems of mutual importance to Japan and the United States. The Program is nonpartisan and unofficial.

Exchange visits by small groups of legislators are a central element. Joint policy research by study groups in each country will enhance the value of the Program. Findings and papers from these studies will be available to all participants and will form the basis for discussion at binational conferences.

The Program is sponsored and administered by the Japan Society, Inc. in New York and the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) in Tokyo.

The Program to Date

Mike Mansfield, then Senate Majority Leader, at the first Japanese-American Assembly (known as the "Shimoda Conference") in 1966, pointed out the need for an informal exchange of views among Japanese and American legislators. In response to this call, JCIE and Columbia University jointly undertook a legislative exchange in 1968 with financial support from The Ford Foundation. Between 1968 and 1977, some 80 members of the U.S. Congress participated in one or more of the eight programs, usually for one week in Japan in an intensive schedule of seminars, briefings and both formal and informal meetings with their Japanese counterparts on a multi-party basis. Discussions with leading Japanese government officials, businessmen, scholars, journalists, and labor leaders have been an integral part of the exchange.

The Program also sponsored a number of briefing seminars in Washington which brought together interested congressional members with academic specialists on Japan and on U.S.-Japan relations. In addition, the Program facilitated contacts and private meetings for visiting members of the Japanese Diet, individually or in groups, in Washington and New York.

In the beginning, the main objective of the Parliamentary Exchange Program was to initiate contacts between Japanese and American parliamentarians. More recently, the Program has taken on a broader, long-range perspective emphasizing critical policy issues in U.S.-Japan relations.

New Phase

Ford Foundation funding for the Program ended in 1978 after a decade of generous support. Leaders in both countries still agree that interparliamentary exchange is important and necessary. The growing role and involvement of Congress and the Diet in foreign and international economic policies and their interaction on external and domestic issues underlie this need.

The Japan Society and the Japan Center for International Exchange have agreed to continue the U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program and to encourage joint research on important policy issues. "Coordination of Agricultural Policies between the United States and Japan" and "Security Issues in Asia" are two of the subjects to be studied over the next two years. The research is already underway by JCIE study teams in Japan, by Resources for the Future, Inc., in Washington, D.C. and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

The new Program, as it has been organized by the Japan Society and JCIE, will emphasize the educational aspects of parliamentary exchange and will be expanded to include informal sessions, not only with

the members of Congress and the Diet but with leading academics, businessmen, journalists and labor unionists, thus providing maximum exposure to the political, economic and social life of both countries.

By calling upon the expertise of leaders outside the sphere of government, the new Program will give the Japanese and American legislators more comprehensive, balanced and meaningful views. An informal and candid exchange of views and information will foster understanding of each other's needs and problems and enhance mutual education. Even though official interparliamentary exchange between the two nations is a possibility (for example, through Senate Joint Resolution 111 of 1978), informal and unofficial dialogue between Japanese and American legislators serves a special purpose in Japanese-American relations. The two nations are so important to each other economically, politically and strategically that the relationship deserves serious and continuing attention.

Funding

Funding for the Program will be sought from private and independent sources by the Japan Society and the Japan Center for International Exchange.

Grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, and other sources in Japan and the United States, will assist in administration of the Program.

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The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), based in Tokyo, was founded in 1971 by a group of Japanese business and intellectual leaders concerned about Japan's direction and role in the international community. It is a private, nonprofit, and nonpartisan Japanese organization devoted to promoting international communication and stimulating research and discussion on international issues. JCIE endeavors to maintain a flow of information and provide interaction between individuals and binational groups through contacts with foreign organizations, exchange programs, research, and publications.

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