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ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUP ON JAPAN

Founded in 1993, The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) is an independent, non-advocacy legislative exchange, which brings together current Members of Congress and senior staff with their peers, as well as high-level representatives of the academic, business, and diplomatic communities.

The U.S.-Japan relationship is as compelling as ever with constantly evolving issues and challenges. Programming focuses on substantive, discussion-driven roundtable, and panel events on Capitol Hill about timely and relevant issues.

Where past bonds were heavily focused on security and military matters, many of today's areas of common interest also include energy, commerce, trade, innovation, and new technologies.

Bipartisan teams of Members of Congress serve as Co-Chairs in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. They host visiting delegations to Washington, represent the Study Group during Capitol Hill events, and advise the Study Group about the priorities of the US-Japan relationship.



Sen. Mazie K. Hirono
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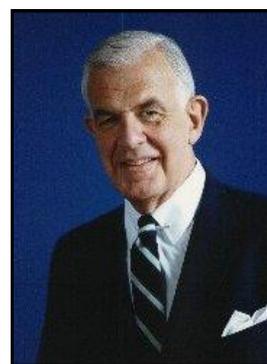
Rep. Diana DeGette
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A longtime champion of U.S.-Japan relations, Rep. Jim McDermott served as Co-Chair from 2003-2013 and remains active as Chairman Emeritus.

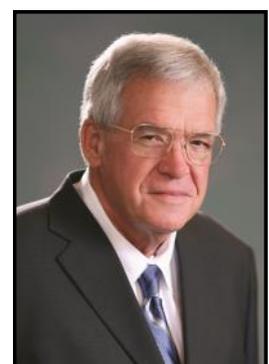
Former Speakers Thomas S. Foley and J. Dennis Hastert serve as Honorary Co-Chairs, given their deeply-held personal connections to Japan.



Rep. Jim McDermott
(D-WA)



The Honorable
Thomas S. Foley



The Honorable
J. Dennis Hastert

OUR PROGRAMMING

At the core of Study Group programming are regular roundtable and panel discussions on Capitol Hill. Through substantive dialogue with experts, stakeholders and policymakers, our members and partners work together to strengthen bilateral legislative cooperation between the U.S. and Japan.

Three main themes form the basis of Study Group programming:

Security: “21st Century U.S.-Japan Security Cooperation”

Japan is the United States’ chief ally in East Asia, a relationship formalized by the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. The Study Group facilitates discussions with high-level experts from President Obama’s second Administration and the 113th Congress to examine developments in the bilateral security relationship, Prime Minister Abe’s priorities for defense spending and the Japan Self-Defense Forces, cybersecurity, territorial disputes with China and Russia, rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula, and U.S. forward-deployed troops in Japan.



Energy: “Energy Policy in a Post-Fukushima World”

The aftermath of the nuclear disaster at Fukushima gave new impetus to discussions of energy policy and prompted Germany’s decision to phase-out all 17 of its nuclear power plants. The subject is far from closed. The future is still uncertain with regards to crop contamination, waste management, next steps for Japan’s energy supply, and the impact on U.S. and global energy policy, such as the development of new and alternative forms of energy like shale gas and oil or renewables.

Trade: “A High-Standard, Multilateral Partnership”

Japan’s entry into negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP) remains at the forefront of any discussion of U.S. trade policy. With the rise of China as an economic power, many see the TPP as a way to cement the future of the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship.

For thirty years, The Congressional Study Groups have also organized study tours and seminars at home and abroad for Members of Congress and Senior Congressional Staff. In October 2013, The Congressional Study Group on Japan conducted the first ever Senior Staff Study Tour to Tokyo, and planning is underway for a delegation with Members of Congress in early 2014. These trips provide participants critical information for formulating policy and immerse them in discussions with their counterparts and other key players abroad. The result is greater understanding, better cooperation, more direct channels of communication, and a heightened appreciation for Japan. Trip participants help to form a cadre of engaged and empowered individuals in Congress working to preserve and advance the U.S.-Japan relationship.

Featured speakers and distinguished guests from recent programming include:

Mr. John Andersen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce • **C. Fred Bergsten**, Peterson Institute • **Dr. Kurt Campbell**, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State • **Professor Victor Cha**, Georgetown University • **Mr. Everett Eissenstat**, Minority Chief International Trade Counsel, Senate Finance Committee • **Mr. Fred Hiatt**, *The Washington Post* • **Mr. Bruce Hirsh**, Majority Chief International Trade Counsel, Senate Finance Committee • **The Honorable Katsuyuki Kawai**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Japan's House of Representatives • **Mr. Hideomi Kinoshita**, Kyodo News • **Dr. Kiyoshi Kurkokawa**, Chair, Fukushima Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission (NAIIC) • **Mr. Ed Luce**, *Financial Times* • **The Honorable Seiji Maehara (DPJ)** • **Ambassador Demetrios Marantis**, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative • **Mr. Osamu Nagata**, Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing • **The Honorable Hirofumi Nakasone**, Member of the House of Councillors, Chairman of the U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League • **Mr. Takao Ochi**, former Member of Japan's House of Representatives • **Mr. Jun Saito**, former Member of Japan's House of Representatives •



H.E. Kenichiro Sasae, Ambassador of Japan • **Mr. Tomohiko Taniguchi**, Councillor of the Cabinet Secretariat and Speechwriter for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe • **Ms. Yuka Uchida**, former Political Secretary to the Foreign Minister of Japan • **The Hon. Natsuo Yamaguchi**, Chief Representative, New Komeito • Delegations from the **American Chamber of Commerce of Japan and U.S.-Japan Business Council**

Members of The Congressional Study Group on Japan:

U.S. Senate: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Co-Chair • Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Co-Chair • Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) • Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) • Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD) • Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) • Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) • Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC) • Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) • Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) • Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) • Sen. Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)

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OUR SERVICES

Non-partisan, High-level, and Effective Networking:

The goal of our programs is to bring together policymakers, business representatives, and other stakeholders and experts to exchange views on the most critical issues of the day.

In addition to our Co-Chairs, we maintain strong connections with dozens of Members of Congress and countless other senior staff. Through our Diplomatic Advisory Council (DAC), we also have an outreach to the diplomatic community. With each program, our network grows.

Effective Use of Time:

Ad hoc networking is frequently time consuming and—in the long run—ineffective. However, through our Study Groups, members and partners are invited to participate in issue-driven events that put them directly in contact with top-level representatives who are committed to transpacific relations. All of our participants find real, tangible value in our programming.

Identification of Critical Issues and Key Players:

We work in close contact with our members and partners to help us identify issue priorities from both the public and private sectors. We also look to our members to help identify and alert us to visiting high-level



representatives or dignitaries that we may feature in our programming.

Outreach to Former Members of Congress:

The Congressional Study Groups benefit from the fact that our programs are administered by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), an organization committed to promoting public service and strengthening representative democracy at home and abroad.

Former Members of Congress possess unique and extensive expertise, and are able to serve as advisors in understanding complex legislation, policy formulation, and regulations. Freed from the constraints of office, former Members are able to provide more candid guidance and opinions. They are invaluable resources for The Study Groups.

Recognition for Support:

The many programs and activities of the Congressional Study Groups would simply not be possible without the continued support of our members and partners.

We make every effort to recognize patronage whenever appropriate on digital and printed materials, as well as verbally at our events.



OUR PARTNERS

Activities of The Congressional Study Group on Japan are supported by two institutional grants and the corporations which make up the Study Group's Business Advisory Council (BAC).



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From time to time, the Study Group also teams up with like-minded organizations. When we work together, we maximize our outreach and efforts to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship. Past programmatic partners include the Japan Center for International Exchange, U.S.-Asia Institute, U.S.-Japan Council, U.S.-Japan Business Council, and National Bureau on Asia Research.

TESTIMONIALS

“A strong U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship is vital to our economy and regional stability. **As Co-Chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan, I have worked to nurture this relationship and seen first-hand how direct dialogue enhances our alliance and reduces room for misunderstanding.**”

— *Congressman Jim McDermott (D-WA), Chair Emeritus, The Congressional Study Group on Japan*

A strong U.S.-Japan alliance is critical for maintaining long-term peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. **As someone who was born in Japan and lived there the first eight years of my life, I am especially proud to serve as Co-Chair of the Congressional Study Group on Japan as it works to develop strong relations and mutual understanding between lawmakers of both countries.** I welcome our Japanese counterparts to share their stories and perspectives as we build new friendships and partnerships that benefit both nations.

— *Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Co-Chair, The Congressional Study Group on Japan*

I was actually born on the U.S. Air Force base in Tachikawa, Japan and as such have long had a deep interest as a Member of Congress in strengthening and continuing to advance the mutual alliance between our two countries. That is why I have always been proud to be a Member of the Congressional Study Group on Japan. **Whether tackling issues of economic policy, energy and climate change, global security, public health, or any of the other shared challenges facing our two great nations, The Study Group gives Congress an unparalleled opportunity to deepen our understanding of one another and how we can better work together to improve the future of both our nations, if not the world.**

— *Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), Co-Chair, The Congressional Study Group on Japan*

“The Congressional Study Group on Japan offers a valuable forum for Members of the U.S. Congress to not only interact with our Japanese counterparts, but also with other Members of Congress to provide for a greater understanding of the tremendous ties between the United States and Japan. **My home state of Alaska is closer to Japan than to Washington, DC, and our ties go back to before Alaska was a state. It is a connection that I am proud to continue and foster, and I appreciate the opportunities The Congressional Study Group on Japan offers toward that end.**”

— *Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Co-Chair, The Congressional Study Group on Japan*



“The Congressional Study Group gives Members of Congress the ability to actually interact with Members of the Japanese Diet. **Only over a developed relationship and a long-earned trust does a true discourse occur between members of both legislative bodies.**”

— *Former Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, Honorary Co-Chair, The Congressional Study Group on Japan*

“Ensuring that members of Congress develop a better understanding of Japan and the U.S.-Japan relationship is essential to enhancing our bilateral relationship. Throughout my time at the Department of State, I had the opportunity on several occasions to interact with the Congressional Study Group on Japan and observe firsthand the profound effect that it has had on bringing our countries closer together. **With the U.S. rebalancing towards the Asia-Pacific, the CSGJ will play a more critical role than ever before in informing Congressional leadership of both the challenges and opportunities in the region.**”

— *Dr. Kurt Campbell, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific*

“**The Congressional Study Group on Japan is a unique platform to deepen the understanding of Japan in the U.S. Congress and promote interparliamentary dialogue between Japan and the United States.** The Japan-U.S. relationship is the cornerstone for peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, which CSGJ has strengthened since its inception in 1993. As the Ambassador of Japan, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the efforts of Ambassador Morella, 4 co-chairs and 2 honorary co-chairs and call upon Members of Congress to take part in this indispensable group.”

— *H.E. Kenichiro Sasae, Ambassador of Japan*

“Timely information and focused attention on Japan in Congress is a priority for the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission. **The Commission is pleased and proud to support the Congressional Study Group on Japan which engages Members of Congress and their staff in meaningful dialogs on U.S.-Japan relations.**”

— *Paige Cottingham-Streater, Executive Director, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission*





1 - Senator Lisa Murkowski shares her experiences from a trip to Fukushima prefecture with Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae in the audience; 2 - Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs Katsuyuki Kawai, MP, speaks at a roundtable discussion; 3 - Speaker Dennis Hastert at a speech in at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Tokyo; 4 - Hirofumi Nakasone, MP, Chairman of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Association, and Kenji Kosaka, MP; 5 - Tomohiko Taniguchi, Councillor of the Cabinet Secretariat briefs senior congressional staff on new directions in foreign and security policy under PM Abe; 6 - Rep. Jim McDermott with Seiji Maehara, MP in Washington



7 - Speaker Hastert with Ken Saito, MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for the Environment in Tokyo; 8 - Ichiro Fujisaki, Former Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.; 9 - Dr. Kiysohi Kurokawa, Chair of the Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission with William H. Saito and Honorary Co-Chair Secretary Norman Y. Mineta; 10 - Senator Daniel Inoyue, speaking at a congressional reception in honor of the Cherry Blossom Festival; 11 - Deputy USTR Demetrios Marantis at a roundtable on TPP; 12 - Osamu Nagata, President and CEO of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America with Kentucky Plant President Wil James discuss job creation



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