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Sasakawa USA announces the new U.S.-Japan Resource Library
A reference guide to the bilateral relationship from 1854 to today

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa USA is proud to launch the first U.S.-Japan Resource Library of its kind — creating a one-stop shop for all of the key documents that have defined U.S.-Japan relations throughout history. The new U.S.-Japan Resource Library links to dozens of the most pertinent treaties, articles, laws and statements that have helped build and shape the tenor of a key bilateral alliance.

Curated by Sasakawa USA's research fellows, the resource library is split into six sections that include the most dynamic areas of U.S.-Japan relations:

- **Core Foundational Documents** are those which set the overarching tone for the U.S.-Japan relationship, starting with the Japanese constitution and including recent items such as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's address to a Joint Session of the U.S. Congress earlier this year.
- A focus area on **U.S. Military Bases in Japan** includes agreements and amendments setting the foundation for American facilities in Japan, related committee reports and guidelines for defense cooperation.
- The section on **Security and Foreign Affairs** includes the Japan-U.S. Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement, agreements concerning southern Japanese islands and joint security statements.
- Documents within the **Economics and Trade** section span from the foundational 1854 Treaty of Kanagawa to current-day issues such as the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- The **Common Challenges** section includes documents related to such issues as democracy support, the Fukushima nuclear accident, crisis management, global civil rights and cybersecurity.
- The section on **Additional Resources** includes decades of presidential statements and addresses, committee reports, joint statements and exchanged notes related to the bilateral relationship.

"These are the documents that set the foundation for what has become an enduring partnership between two of the world's leading economies," said Sasakawa USA CEO and Chairman Admiral Dennis Blair. "As Sasakawa USA's fellows analyze this relationship and look to its future, we find ourselves frequently turning to these documents, and we thought it would be a good idea to collect them all in one place. We hope this resource library allows others to build upon their knowledge of bilateral relations between the U.S. and Japan."

Access the U.S.-Japan Resource Library at spfusa.org/us-japan-resource-library.

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