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Event to explore why Japan Matters for Ohio

Program will feature security and economic experts on the depths of U.S.-Japan relationship

WASHINGTON, D.C — Throughout Ohio, the importance of Japan is striking, bringing in hundreds of millions of dollars to the economy. The state is home to 152 Japanese-owned firms that support 53,100 jobs. In 2013, exports to Japan brought in \$1.5 billion to Ohio, while Japanese students contributed \$11 million to the state's economy and Japanese tourists provided an additional \$277 million.

At a public forum on October 18, Sasakawa USA, in collaboration with the East-West Center in Washington, the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE), and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, are excited to present more details on the impact of the U.S.-Japan relationship to Ohio. The event, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Union Club (1211 Euclid Ave., Cleveland), brings together experts on economics and security to present important data and facts about how the U.S. relationship with Japan impacts us at the national, state, and district levels.

The delegation of speakers will include Adm. Dennis Blair, Chairman and CEO of Sasakawa USA, Dr. Satu Limaye, Director of the EWCW, Dr. Marcus Noland, Executive Vice President of PIIE, and Dr. Fukuo Hashimoto, President and Chief Scientist of Advanced Finishing Technology. The event will include panel discussions on topics such as the strategic importance of U.S.-Japan relations, U.S. economic interests in Asia and Japan, and Japan's footprint within Ohio and the Cleveland area. An audience Q&A session will follow.

"The U.S.-Japan relationship as a whole is one of the closest, most wide-ranging, and constructive bilateral partnerships in the world. The United States and Japan are global powers by the size of their economies, ranking first and third, respectively, as well as per capita wealth, investment and trade relations, quality of life, and military spending," Dr. Limaye and Adm. Blair wrote in a co-authored op-ed in advance of the event. "...And a significant portion of this economic impact can be seen directly in Ohio."

This event is open to the public, but advance registration is requested and tickets cost \$65. Admission includes dinner and valet parking. [Click here to RSVP](#).

To view more data on Japan's relationships with Ohio, visit the East-West Center and Sasakawa USA's joint project [Japan Matters for America](#), which uses mostly U.S. government data to highlight the range, depth, and importance of relationships between the United States and Japan.



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About the partner organizations

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA is an independent, American, non-profit, non-partisan institution devoted to research, analysis, and better understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Through research and education programs, Sasakawa USA facilitates people-to-people exchanges and dialogue between American and Japanese policymakers, influential citizens, and the broader public.

The **East-West Center** promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options. The Center's **Washington, D.C. office** focuses on preparing the United States for an era of growing Asia-Pacific prominence.

The **Peterson Institute for International Economics** is a private, nonprofit institution for rigorous, intellectually open, and in-depth study and discussion of international economic policy. Its purpose is to identify and analyze important issues to make globalization beneficial and sustainable for the people of the United States and the world, and then to develop and communicate practical new approaches for dealing with them.

The **Cleveland Council on World Affairs** inspires engagement in international affairs through education, citizen diplomacy and public dialogue. For 93 years, the Council has worked to build awareness and understanding on world affairs and global issues in Northeast Ohio. Its programs include speaker programming, international visitor programs, and education programs, including Model United Nations and Academic WorldQuest.