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## Event to explore why Japan Matters for Pennsylvania

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

WASHINGTON, D.C — Throughout Pennsylvania, the importance of Japan is striking, bringing in hundreds of millions of dollars to the economy. The state is home to 74 Japanese-owned firms that support 23,100 jobs. In 2013, exports to Japan brought in \$2.7 billion to Pennsylvania, while Japanese students contributed \$17 million to the state's economy, and Japanese tourists provided an additional \$429 million.

At a public forum on October 20, Sasakawa USA, in collaboration with the East-West Center in Washington, the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE), and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, are excited to present more details on the impact of the U.S.-Japan relationship to Pennsylvania. The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (One South Broad Street, Suite 2M), 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, C. Fred Bergsten, Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus of PIIE, and Ronn Cort, President and COO of Seisui SPI. 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 in Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia 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 Pennsylvania."

This event is open to the public, but advance registration is requested and tickets range from \$10 to \$30. Admission includes a boxed lunch. [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 World Affairs Council of Philadelphia** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to informing and engaging people of all ages on matters of national and international significance. The Council provides its members and the greater Philadelphia community with access to influential figures in the global arena as well as opportunities to visit fascinating destinations through its unique travel program. With the support of individual and corporate members, the Council's global education program enhances the education of area students who are the citizens, workforce and leaders of the future.