



Media Advisory

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U.S.-JAPAN ALLIANCE WORKING IN TEXAS

Energy, business and security experts to discuss critical role Texas plays in the global alliance

Sasakawa USA sends our deepest condolences to all those in Texas and Louisiana who have been affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Together with our partners who have stood firm against these challenging times, Sasakawa USA will proceed to hold our events in Houston, TX in support of a full and rapid recovery of one of the most important cities in this country.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S.-Japan alliance serves as a foundation for deeper U.S.-Japan relations in areas such as economic growth, energy, and even disaster relief, as seen in the Japan Society of Houston's [JAPAN STANDS WITH HOUSTON fund](#), created to support Houston's recovery after Hurricane Harvey. At the same time, with tensions mounting daily over North Korea's imminent nuclear threat and uncertainties lingering over China's growing militarization, the need for the U.S.-Japan alliance to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region is now more important than ever.

To increase awareness of the importance of this alliance, Sasakawa USA is pleased to announce The Alliance Working in America series. Join us on September 13, 2017 for the inaugural public event, a panel discussion on "The U.S.-Japan Partnership on Energy, Business, and the Challenges of China and North Korea" with the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston and the East-West Center in Washington.

Email dphillip@spfusa.org to RSVP for this event.

"The U.S.-Japan Partnership on Energy, Business, and the Challenges of China and North Korea"

Part of The Alliance Working in America series

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

The Junior League of Houston

1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, TX, 77027

Agenda:

6:30-7:00 pm | Registration

7:00-7:05 pm | Welcome Remarks

7:05-8:00 pm | Panel Presentations:

- Security Environment in the Asia-Pacific & the Role of the U.S.-Japan Alliance
- Japan Matters for America and Texas
- Case study: U.S.-Japan Energy Cooperation in Houston and Texas

8:00-8:15 pm | Discussion and Q&A

8:15-9:00 pm | Reception

Speakers:

Ambassador James Zumwalt, CEO, Sasakawa USA

Ambassador David Shear, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs

Dr. Satu Limaye, Director, East-West Center in Washington, Senior Advisor, CNA Corporation



Clara Gillispie, Senior Director of Trade, Economic, and Energy Affairs, National Bureau of Asian Research

View the full agenda and information about the speakers [here](#).

About Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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 exchange and dialogue between American and Japanese policymakers, influential citizens, and the broader public.

About World Affairs Council of Greater Houston

The World Affairs Council of Greater Houston is a member of the World Affairs Councils of America, a national organization with chapters in more than 95 U.S. cities. In service to Greater Houston as a Global City, the mission of the Council is to promote understanding of the world - its people, politics, economies and cultures - to enable the Houston community to participate more effectively in the global world.

About East-West Center

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.

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