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Dr. Haruka Sakamoto Joins Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA As Senior Fellow (Non-Resident)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Haruka Sakamoto has joined our team as Senior Fellow (Non-Resident).



Dr. Sakamoto is a primary care physician and associate professor at the Department of International Health and Tropical Diseases, Tokyo Women's Medical University. In 2022, the Sasakawa USA Emerging Experts Delegation (SEED -see attached [factsheet](#)) of public health experts visited Japan where they met Dr. Sakamoto to learn and exchange their perspectives on public health and pandemic issues. Her research focuses on the strengthening and financing of healthcare systems, as well as the politics in global health. From 2011-2013 and 2016, she worked at the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan where she was deeply involved in health policy activities in Japan; participating in WHO meetings, G7 meetings, and bilateral cooperation activities through Japan International Cooperation Agency. She strongly believes that Japan-U.S. cooperation is crucial in the field of global health. She's currently working as a consultant at WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, Senior Fellow at Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, Senior Fellow at Health and Global Policy Institute, and Kushiro City Policy Advisor in public health. She obtained her MD from Sapporo Medical University, MPH from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and PhD in public health from the University of Tokyo.

With Dr. Sakamoto's expertise and experience, Sasakawa USA will continue to play a critical role in strengthening the U.S.-Japan relations.

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