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VISION
A stable, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

MISSION
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA (Sasakawa USA) is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to deepening the understanding of and strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and Japan for the benefit of a free and open international community. Its activities mainly focus on security and diplomacy, through exchanges, dialogue, analysis, publications, and networking.

SASAKAWA USA PROGRAMMING
Sasakawa USA has four areas of programming, each consisting of various activities, with a focus placed on high-level, thought-provoking engagement.

1) Policy Engagement & Research
Sasakawa USA hosts Diet members from Japan to engage with Washington through the *U.S.-Japan Integrated Security Dialogue*, holds monthly *Policy Briefings*, and provides frequent analysis on the current political situation in Japan through *Japan Political Pulse*. In addition, *Commentary & Analysis* showcases articles and books authored by distinguished leaders, and the *U.S.-Japan Research Exchange* provides emerging and high-level experts with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the U.S.-Japan alliance through research in Japan. Lastly, Sasakawa USA is active in promoting the integration of Women, Peace and Security (WPS) into the U.S.-Japan alliance.

2) Grassroots Outreach & Exchange
Sasakawa USA deepens the understanding of and strengthens the relationship between the U.S. and Japan through high-level dialogue and networking programs, such as the *Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP)*, *Sasakawa USA Women's Advancement Network (SWAN)*, and *Rising Indo-Pacific Security Experts (RISE)*. In addition, our partnership with USJETAA engages American's who have served in Japan, while the *U.S.-Japan Regional Alliance Series* brings high-level dialogue and engagement on the U.S.-Japan alliance to universities around the U.S.

3) Congressional Engagement
Sasakawa USA believes engaging with Congress is critical to strengthening cooperation between the U.S. and Japan. To that end, Sasakawa USA partners with the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress for the *Congressional Study Group on Japan*, which takes a delegation of current members of Congress to Japan to connect with top Japanese leaders in government, industry, and academia.

4) U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative
The U.S.-Japan NEXT Alliance Initiative is a forum for bilateral dialogue, networking, and the development of joint recommendations involving a wide range of policy and technical specialists, in and out of government, to stimulate new alliance connections across foreign, security, and technology policy areas. The purpose is to improve the alliance and how it serves shared interests, preparing it for new challenges.

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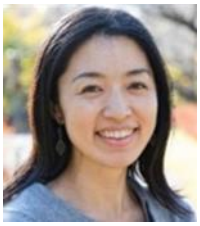
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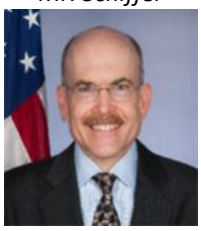
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