

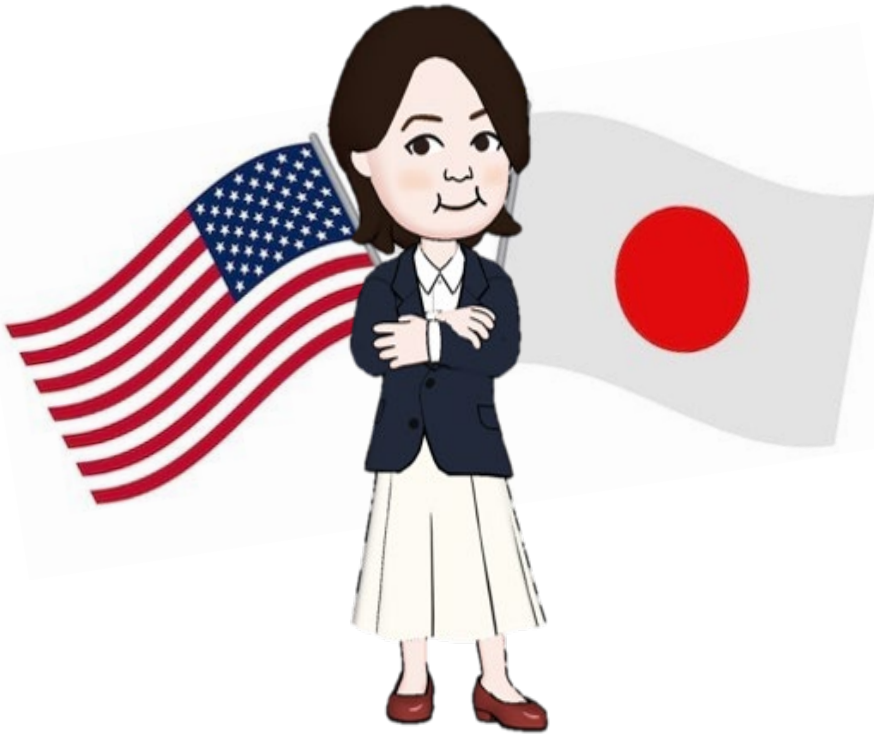
**U.S.-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND
TOURISM SYMPOSIUM 2023**

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SELF-INTRO: HOW I GREW UP TO CARE



An embodiment of US-Japan relations

- Raised and educated in both countries (and culture shocks in both countries!)
- Student of int'l relations & history and rationale of US-Japan alliance
- Observed: complementary strengths, different approaches but like-mindedness
- Internalized: desire for strong US-Japan relations & belief in the potential of US-Japan cooperation
- Applied the passion at orgs. in the US and Japan (think tank, grant-making foundation, non-profits)

JAPAN CENTER FOR INT'L EXCHANGE (JCIE/USA)

Strengthening US-Japan Relations & Collaboration on Shared Challenges

- Founded in 1975 in New York City, with staff in NYC and Washington, DC area
- Non-governmental organization, non-profit, independent and non-partisan
- Diverse funders (foundations, government, corporations, and individuals)
- Many joint programs with JCIE/Japan, a pioneer of US-Japan legislative dialogues in the late 1960s

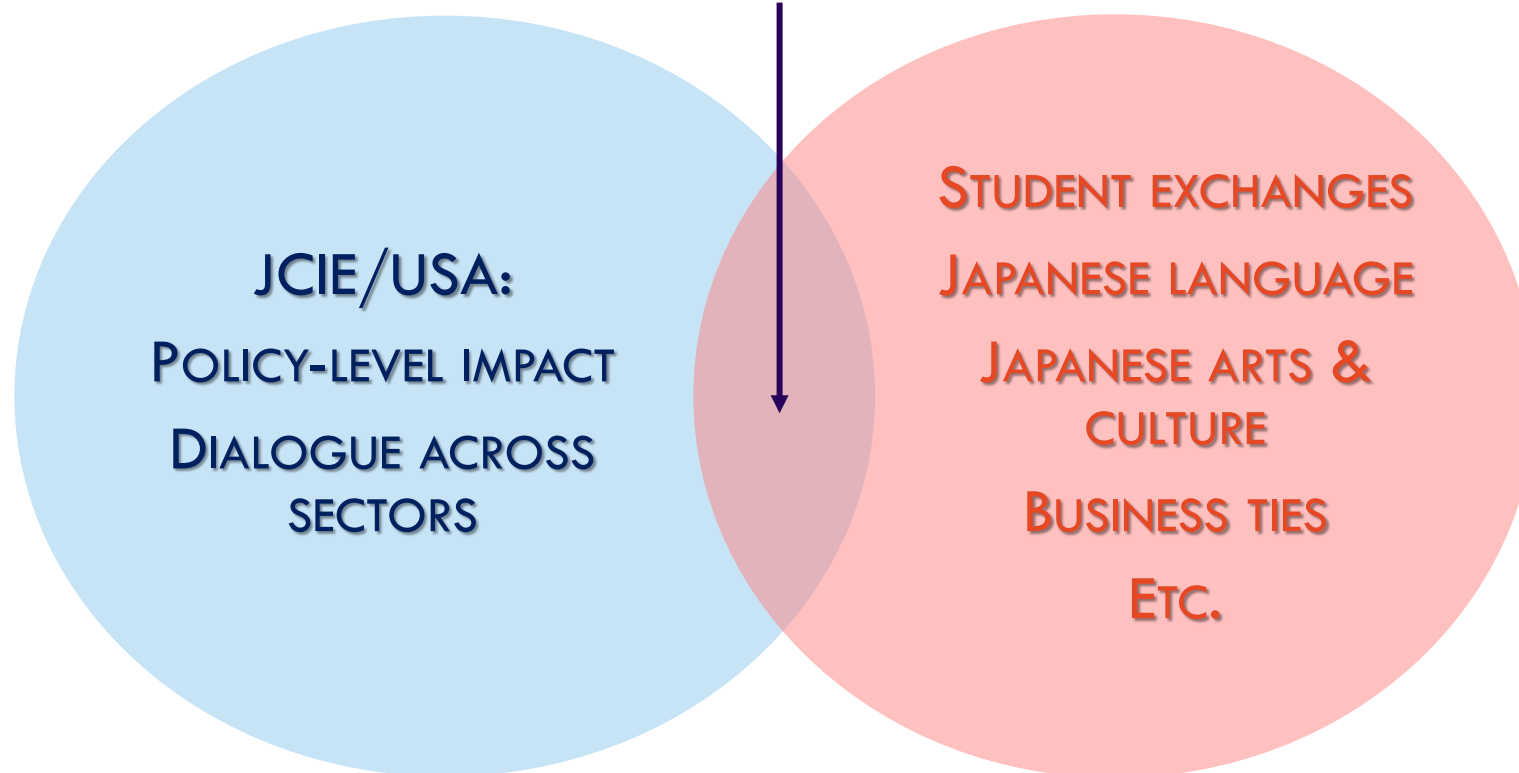


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Non-government sector

People-to-people ties & mutual understanding



DEFINING OUR ROLE IN 2023

US-Japan Relations in 2023:

- Strong diplomatic and defense ties
- Long-standing economic and cultural ties
- Global partner with a shared vision
 - Free and Open Indo-Pacific
 - Shared basic principles

“Rather than figuring out how we can work more closely together, a more difficult job would be trying to figure out how and where we disagree.” (President Biden, Jan. 2022)

Our questions:

- How can we ensure that the relations remain **strong into the future**?
- How can we **deepen** US-Japan mutual understanding through **firsthand experiences** and **substantive learning**?
- How can we reinforce and take advantage of the strong relations to promote **collaboration on shared challenges**?

OUR PROGRAMS

Investing in the Future & Deepening Understanding

将来的なアメリカのリーダー・専門家達の対日理解の深化

US Congressional Staff Exchange

米議会スタッフ交流

- Since 1982
 - 210+ Alumni
- Current funder: Japan-US Friendship Commission

Alumni Engagement



OUR PROGRAMS

Promoting Collaboration on Shared Challenges

共通課題に対する日米協力の推進

Collaboration based on shared principles and values

- **Global Health and Human Security (2007-)**
- **Healthy and Active Aging (2007-)**
- **Women's Leadership (2017-)**
- **Democratic Resilience (2018-)**

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**Diet Roundtable on Japan's support for
Liberal Int'l Order (June 2018)**

Democratic Resilience (2018-)

普遍的価値の擁護・推進



**Odawara Retreat on Enhancing Democratic
Partnership in the Indo-Pacific region
(August 2022)**

OUR PROGRAMS

Promoting Collaboration on Shared Challenges

共通課題に対する日米協力の推進



The 4th US-Japan Global Health Dialogue (June 2022)

Global Health & Human Security (2007-)

グローバルヘルスと人間の安全保障

Hiroshima G7 Global Health Task Force mtg. (Nov 2022)



Facilitating US-Japan leadership on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Site visit to Senegal (2019)



OUR PROGRAMS

Promoting Collaboration on Shared Challenges

共通課題に対する日米協力の推進

Sharing Challenges, Lessons-Learned and Best Practices

Women's Leadership (2018-)

日米女性リーダーシップ



**2021 & 2022 US-Japan
Women Leaders Dialogue**

Women Diet members' visit to the US



Healthy & Active Aging (2007-)

健康でアクティブな高齢化



Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation (HAPI) Awards



**Exchanges on
community initiatives**

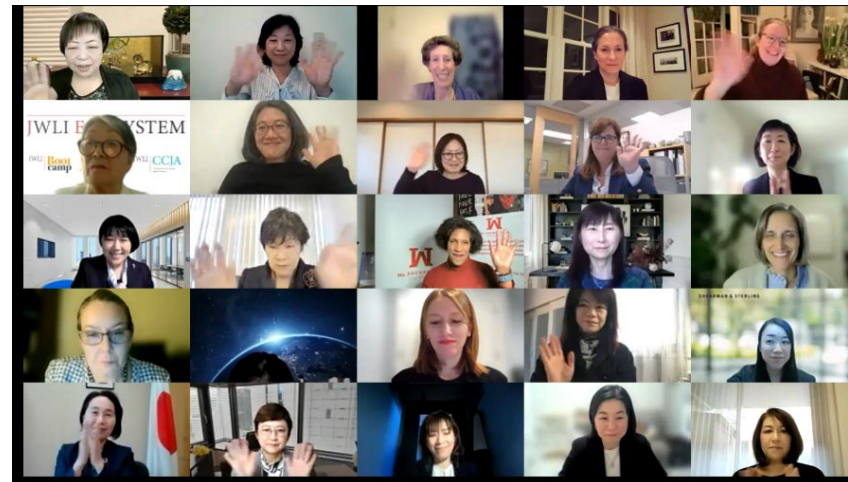
TOWARD INTERNATIONAL & US-JAPAN EVENTS

Japan-US Joint Leaders' Statement (May 2022 Summit)

Hiroshima G7 Global Health Task Force



Prime Minister Kishida and President Biden, recognizing that the **pandemic has made promoting gender equity more important than ever**, concurred that ensuring that all people, regardless of gender identity, can achieve their full potential is both a moral and strategic imperative, critical to every aspect of society and the economy. The two leaders also emphasized the importance of preventing and addressing gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence.



2022 US-Japan Women Leader's Dialogue & Report



CONCLUSION

Our approach as a US non-governmental organization:

- **Long-term investments with long-term perspectives**
- **Be free and inclusive in exploring areas of collaboration**
- **Seek diversity of expertise and support**

Thank you!

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