

U.S.-Japan Council's TOMODACHI Emerging Leaders Program - 2015 -



The U.S.-Japan Council's TOMODACHI Emerging Leaders Program is an interactive, educational program designed to support the next generation of Japanese American leaders.

Each year, young professionals from across the United States and Japan are selected to attend the U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference, which brings together regional, national and international leaders from government, business, academia and non-profit sectors to discuss current issues and opportunities impacting U.S.-Japan relations. The Emerging Leaders also participate in an orientation session and network with program alumni and Council leadership.

By providing access to senior leaders and education about relevant topics, the program aims to motivate young professionals to pursue further activities that promote strong and positive U.S.-Japan relations.

"We hold the responsibility to contribute to the improvement of U.S.-Japan relations, and I believe that the sum of each individual's efforts will result in making great strides to achieve the goal set forth by the U.S.-Japan Council."

—2014 Emerging Leader Kenshiro Uki

In its sixth year, the Emerging Leaders Program plays an important role in building the "TOMODACHI Generation," a generation of driven doers, thinkers and creators who are invested in the future of U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other's cultures and countries, and possess the globally oriented skills and mindsets needed to thrive and make a difference.

2015 PROGRAM DATES, CRITERIA & CONTACT:

- ◆ Application deadline: **Sunday, July 12, 2015**
- ◆ Program: U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference - **November 6-11, 2015 (Tokyo, Japan)**
- ◆ Criteria: Japanese American young professionals 24-35 years of age (*at the time of Conference*)
- ◆ Applicants must reside in the United States or Japan
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