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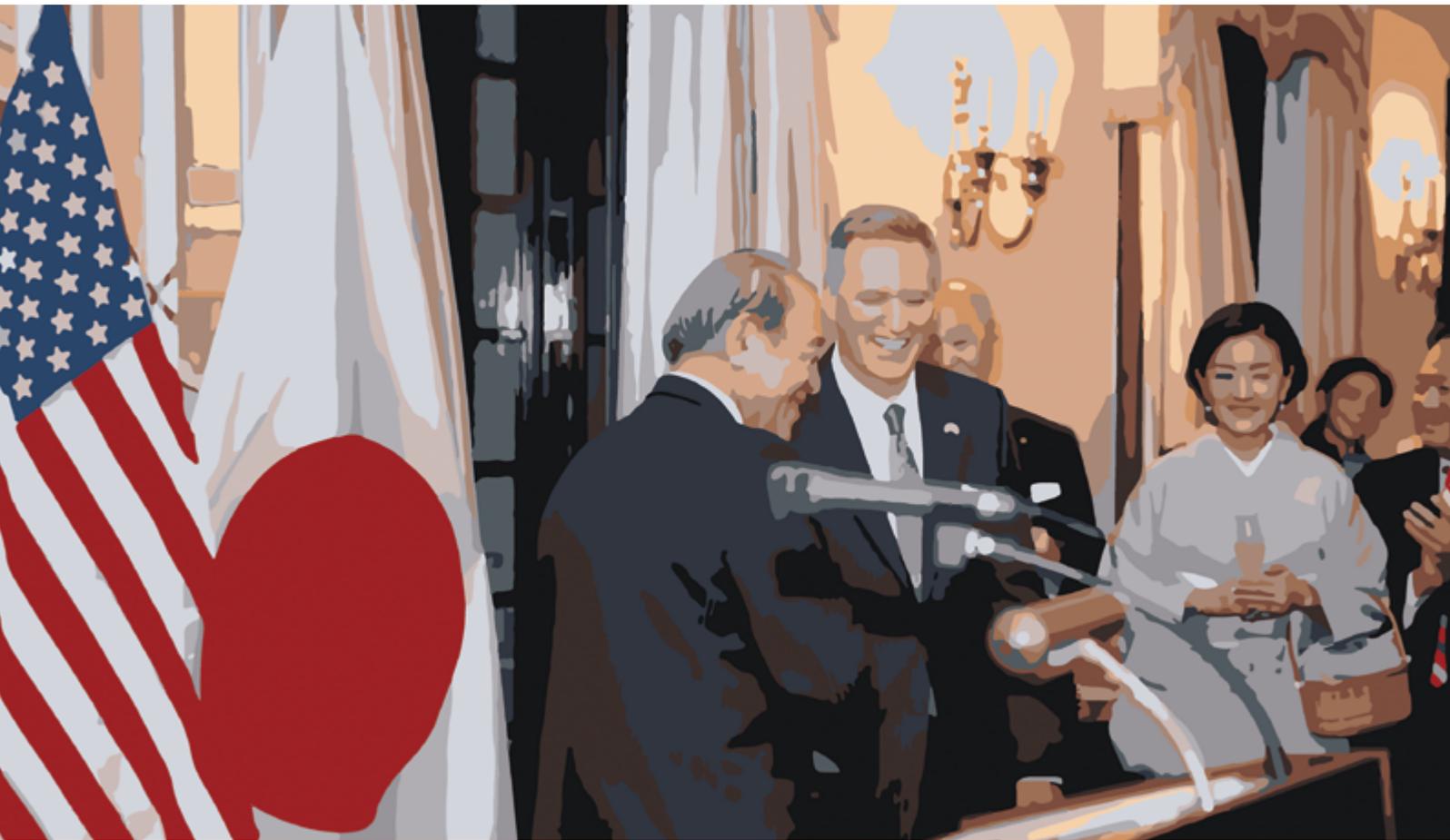
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Connect with each other,
Connect to the future.

Dear AJS members,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy in these unstable times. The world is facing the unprecedented crisis. For the AJS, biggest challenges are yet to come. We are concerned if we can continue to rely on corporate and individual members' support, and we have been doing for many years. We would like to thank you and ask your continued support and cooperation. In order to communicate with members, we are publishing this newsletter along with the online programs and hope to connect with you through them.

The U.S. is going through a difficult time right now, but I am sure it will pull through with its own strength. They will have a presidential election coming up this fall. We can't take our eyes off of it. I look forward to the day when I can see you all again,

Ichiro Fujisaki

President of the America-Japan Society, Inc.

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COVID-19, U.S.-China Relations, and Presidential Election

Friday, May 29, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Speakers

Dr. Fumiaki Kubo, Professor of American Government and History, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo. Director of AJS.

Amb. Ichiro Fujisaki, President of the AJS, and Japanese Ambassador to the United States from 2008 to 2012

Moderator

Maki Motegi, the America-Japan Society

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to help contain the outbreak in other parts of the world. There were also supplies sent from China that were considered inappropriate. Due to this, China has been facing global backlash and anti-China sentiments are on the rise in some parts of Europe. The UK is even about to review the policy for its 5G network reliant on the Chinese company Huawei. Much of China's efforts to gain global power have not succeeded because they seem to not fully understand Joseph Nye's advice: "the best propaganda is not propaganda." It seems to me that China has been destroying their chance of accelerating their dominance on the world stage by themselves.

Kubo: One of the reasons why America's prestige and global respect has declined is because they have failed to act as a good example for other countries. I believe America will face huge economic damage because of their belated response towards this crisis, which is an extremely serious situation. The Great Depression. Some people even predict that the unemployment rate may rise up to 20%. As fiscal deficit deepens not only in America but also in other developed countries, the whole world will face an economic crisis.

been inconsistent with his attitude towards China, but now government officials and the US government as a whole are starting to condemn various Chinese practices. Even Democratic politicians have hardened their attitude towards China. I think there will be a shift in attitude towards US-China relations as the US gradually changes to "a-whole-of-the-government pushback" approach to counter China.

Fujisaki: In 1989, around the time of the Tiananmen Square incident, Deng Xiaoping proposed a policy called "touku-youkai. 韬光養晦 (tao Guang Yang Hui)," which meant that China would stay quiet without creating enemies until they had gained power. However, President Xi Jinping clearly did not follow this policy as he made clear that the Chinese government is in favor of great power politics. I actually think this is a good thing because if he had abided by the rules of Deng Xia-

should they have towards America and China?

Kubo: Because Japan and America are alliances and have many shared values, I think that the US-Japan relationship should be placed as the cornerstone of Japan's foreign policy. Japan should not fight with China, but I also think that the Japanese government should voice an objection to the Chinese government on their attitude towards Hong Kong. I think that reconciling with China is important, but it is unlikely that it will ever return to the harmonious relationship we had during the 1980s. Issues like the territorial dispute over the Islands in the East China Sea and the restrictions of the Japanese still remain as obstacles to returning to the honeymoon period in the 1980s. It is important to note that even if a state visit by President Xi Jinping takes place, any attempts to seek bilateral relationships back on track will possibly be proven futile.

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Even President Trump has recognized this emerge of power by showing a more consistent approach. Just around the corner, everyone is now taking a tough stance, but it does not guarantee that they will always follow through with their pledges. Additionally, America has a tendency to change their attitude on foreign policies rather than domestic ones after a presidential transition. For example, the Bush administration abandoned KEDO, an organization that was established during the Clinton administration to help aid North Korea's nuclear energy. Obama said the Iraq war that Bush started was wrong, and Trump has attacked many policies enacted throughout Obama's whole presidency. There is a high possibility that US-China competitions will continue, but do not know if the political relationship between these two countries will continue to heat up. I think it all depends on what kind of foreign policy the next President will take.

Motegi: How should the Japanese government respond to the situation in Hong Kong? What kind of attitude

Motegi: The 2020 US presidential election has drawn global attention. While some say that Joe Biden is taking the lead due to Trump's failed response to the coronavirus, others say Trump has a better chance because of his increased exposure to the mass media. Please tell us your thoughts on the upcoming elections and on the candidates.

Fujisaki: While I was the Ambassador to the United States in 2008, the presidential elections between Obama and McCain took place. Journalists asked me which candidate Japan preferred, and I replied, "It's like a Christmas gift. You don't say anything till the day. And you open the box and cry out, 'Oh this is just what I wanted!'" I said this as a joke but there is some truth to this. Japan will have to maintain a friendly relationship with whoever is elected. I think the outcome will be reliant on many variables from the economy to the candidates' inappreciate remarks. I think the candidates have very different characteristics. One of Trump's strengths is that inappropriate remarks will not smear him anymore as everyone has got used to it, unlike Biden who has a nice character but is less resilient. The polls right now show Biden has a national lead over Trump, but I don't know for sure what will happen. It is interesting to keep paying attention to the

difference of characters.
Kubo: Judging from the results of several polls, I think it is safe to say that Biden is leading over Trump right now. It's true that Trump has an advantage because of his increased exposure to the media, but he also has a tendency to spark controversy over his comments every time he speaks in public. His increased exposure could actually work in favor of Biden. However, we should take note that even amid rising death tolls from the coronavirus, Trump's approval rate remains steady at around 40% to 45%. I think that Trump wants to turn this election into a referendum on reopening the economy. Therefore, one main debate during this election will likely be over public health and economic recovery. The protests coming from business owners, libertarians, and religious conservatives have drawn comparison to the Tea Party movement. Trump may have been successful in the Biden administration. We should be cautious as they may try to reset the relationships with China and DPRK. Both of us should play as a team, in many ways. If Joe Biden is elected, how do you think this will affect the relationship has promoted Japanese interests in many ways. If Joe Biden is elected, how do you think this will affect the

tance and value of the US-Japan alliance. However, he may be softer on China compared to the Trump administration, as the Democratic party tends to prioritize multilateral relationships and international cooperation. Therefore, China may not perceive the Biden administration as a threat. While we should expect the Biden administration to be more internationally cooperative, it may seek the autotelic diplomacy with China. This is my concern. I would expect Biden to be strict with China while taking international initiatives.
Fujisaki: I think that the government's actions will be easier to predict if Biden is elected. I also think that the US government will start to work as a team and extend the approach with global alliances. Relying upon a bit more mercenary motives, Biden will probably rejoin the Paris Agreement and Iran Nuclear Deal. Although we should welcome the Biden administration's approach, we should be cautious as they may try to reset the relationships with China and DPRK. Both of us should play as a team, in many ways. If Joe Biden is elected, how do you think this will affect the

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QUESTIONS FROM OBSERVERS

Question A: If Japan is to make a statement against the US-China relation regardless of the US presidential election result, where should we hold ground?
Kubo: If Trump is to be inaugurated as the next president, Japan should ensure that the United States launch prior consultation on revising its China policy. As for the Biden administration, it is imperative to advocate the need to alter US perception towards Japan and its allies. For instance, John Kerry, the US secretary of state deliv-

ered controversial rhetoric during his visit to Asia in 2014, in which he singled out climate change as the existential threat in Asia. Like so, we should pay attention to the fact that the Democratic administration may move in a bit detached from national security realities.
Fujisaki: I believe the Security Treaty will remain under the Biden administration; however, Japan should advise the U.S. to vigorously pursue negotiations of arms control treaties with China. Furthermore, it is



vital to embrace international organizations namely the UN.
Question B: How would the ongoing racial discrimination movement have an influence on the presidential election?
Kubo: In the racially diversified US society, conflicts and confrontations have been inevitable and widely known. The current dispute has not occurred out of the blue. The social division can be clearly observed in the presidential election. The vast major-

ity of African Americans vote for the Democrats, whilst more than half of the white counterparts cast their vote for the Republicans. In addition, 70% of the Hispanics also uphold the Democrat party. In this context, we should focus on who will be nominated as the vice president by Biden. Kamala Harris, an African American senator or Cortez Masto, a Hispanic senator are one of the strong candidates.
Fujisaki: Racial discrimination has been controversial in the United States for long, and they have been exerting strenuous effort to counter such sentiments by teaching that everyone is born equal. Nonetheless, some condemn affirmative actions as excessive. One example is the LGBT policy under the Obama administration. The second case in point is against immigrant inflows. There are many voices assailing illegal immigrants and DREAMers. Trump has been successfully exploiting the public's pugnance. Most Americans consider themselves as anti-racist if asked, however, many of them may be working hard to be so. It is impossible to have an insight into one's mind. Also, those who once voted for Trump may now have an antipathy against him. Accordingly, the racial sentiments are enlarging in the United States.
Question C: What would attract the unaffiliated voters under current circumstances?
Kubo: The unaffiliated voters who prioritize the prevention of Covid-19 over the economic reform, are not expected to support the Trump administration. On the contrary, people who prefer reopening the economy would support the Republican Party. Moreover, wearing a mask or not has become an issue to show his/her political message, as President Trump demonstrates reluctance. Meanwhile, Biden is spotted with an ostentatious manner of wearing an oversized mask. Masks symbolize the nominees' political position on the COVID-19 outbreak. Likewise, it may be a point to carefully observe the outbreak in the US, by which the mindsets of nonpartisans will fluctuate.
Fujisaki: In the past, Obama and Gore only managed to win on approximately 500 counties out of 3,100, whilst former Pres-

ident Clinton won on 1,500. This means rural residents are inclined to vote for the Republicans. Obama was nevertheless elected on account of the growing urban population. I believe the votes in the suburban areas would be the predominant key to decide who wins the election.
Question D: Are the divisions in American society going to continue hereafter?
Kubo: We cannot deny that President Trump became prominent for his irrationally offensive remarks. For one thing, the conflict between WASPs and non-WASP is deeply rooted in identity, following with issues of immigration, I think it will continue to be coupled with problems. Secondly, the potential for political convergence is undeniable. Both parties share mutual values on economic policies. For instance, the Democrats and Republicans promote protectionism. Trump's policies are similar as well.
Fujisaki: Formerly, the two parties pursued their own ideologies. The Republicans advocated freedom whilst the Democrats advocated equality. Even so, the Clinton administration introduced fiscal consolidation characterized by Republican ideologies and Trump has done pork-barrel spending. The two political parties incorporate one another's ideologies for their own benefits. However, I do not think the bilateral compromise would reconcile the existing differences. Although Americans have a tendency to unite in response to wars, the COVID-19 outbreak is nothing like a war. We need that the U.S. is a country of "a grand social experiment." It may not be easy for Americans to integrate, however, I believe their strength is that everyone shares the same fundamental beliefs such as the founding father's going through philosophy.
Question E: Would the US soften its China policy under the Biden administration?
Kubo: China must regard the current Trump administration as a country vigorously challenging China. It seems Trump's

concern in relation to China is only limited to trade deficit, failing to possess any special worldview. Hence, I am afraid there seems no central axis of policy towards China, which may actually not exist. If Kurt Campbell joins the Biden administration with his tough approach, the policy may get strict against China. Meanwhile, if Biden prioritizes the defense spending cut, that will be a concern.
Fujisaki: It is noted that Japan was helped much by President Trump's personal relations with Prime Minister Abe. Under the Democratic party, the United States is expected to be more calculating. Yes, in the Obama administration, the United States took a tougher stance towards China under Kurt Campbell. We have to cooperate with the U.S. regardless of who will be the President.
Question F: How do you think the US will respond to Trump's countermeasures against Hong-Kong?
Kubo: The United States already enacted legislation against Hong-Kong, giving trade preferential treatment on condition of the One Country Two Systems. If the United States introduces further countermeasures against the Hong-Kong uprising, US government officials may suspend the preferential treatment partially or even completely. This could impair American industries, nonetheless, Trump would presumably employ measures to a certain extent.
Fujisaki: I think the people who need the US to take a firm stand are the Chinese public, although they will never admit it. Hong-Kong is approaching a middle point of 50 years under the One Country Two Systems. This is the time the people of Hong-Kong are trying hard to maintain what they had been given, however, China would tighten its grips. Although Europe was once attracted to China's wealth, now they may be reconsidering. I think many countries tacitly America's role in objecting to China. It is worth the United States would continue its stance towards approaching the Hong-Kong issue.
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FY2019 ACTIVITIES

Regular Programs

Centennial Programs

2019

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- Brownbag Lunch Meeting **May 13**
- AJS Golf Competition President Kishi Cup **May 21**
*Cancelled due to bad weather
- p.10** Yokota U.S. Air Base & Ishikawa Brewery Tour **May 22**
- p.9** April Lecture by Dr. Okio Hino, Emeritus Professor of Juntendo University **Jun 17**
- The U.S.-Japan Liaison Meeting **Jun 24**
- Photo 1** **Y** JAXA Tsukuba Space Center Tour **Jun 28**
- p.10** **Photo 4** The 84th AJS Ordinary General Meeting **Jul 5**
- Y** Talk with Senpai! Ms. Risa Ishii, AJS intern graduate **Aug 6**
- Y** Programs for youth/student members.
- p.9** September Lecture by Ms. Junko Koshino **Sep 25**
- p.10** American Studies Conference 2019 **Oct 4**
- Photo 7** A Nomu-Nication Program with ACCJ and CCBJ **Oct 25**
- p.10** **Photo 8** Reception at U.S. Ambassador's Residence **Nov 7**
- AJS Golf Competition President Fukuda Cup **Nov 15**
- p.9** December Lecture by Mr. Tim Griffin, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Arkansas **Dec 2**
- Extra program by Mr. Kazuo Okamoto, Executive Director of AJS **Dec 12**
- p.10** **Photo 10** AJS Xmas Party **Dec 17**
- Y** AJS Lecture by Ms. Akiko Kuno, AJS Vice President *Postponed due to flu **Jan 15**
- Extra program Mr. Kazuo Okamoto, Executive Director of AJS **Jan 21**
- p.9** **Photo 11** January Lecture by Mr. Shingo Yamagami, Director-General/Assistant Minister of Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA **Jan 23**
- Photo 12** Luncheon Meeting at U.S. Ambassador's Residence for Gold & Silver Corporate members **Jan 28**
- Photo 13** **Y** Intern's Alumni reunion "Tameike-kai" **Jan 31**
- p.9** February Lecture by Mr. Motohiko Izawa, a writer **Feb 20**
- Y** AJS BOWLING GAME *Cancelled due to COVID-19 **Mar 5**
- Y** "Talk with Diplomats!" by Mr. Kohei Kawabata, MOFA **Mar 10**
- p.3** March Lecture by Prof. Fumiaki Kubo, PhD Professor of University of Tokyo *Postponed due to COVID-19 outbreak **Mar 25**

- May 7** NGRT by Ms. Mieko Nakabayashi, PhD. Professor School of Science Social Waseda University
- Jun 12** NGRT by Mr. Arthur Mitchell, Senior Counselor, White & Case LLP
- Jul 1** NGRT Independence Day Party **Photo 2**
- Jul 4** VSJ Report Session **Photo 3**
- Jul 20** The 2nd America Bowl **Photo 5** **p.11**
- Jul 23** VSJ Report Session
- Aug 8** VSJ Report Session
- Aug 28** Report Session by the America Bowl Winning Teams **p.12**
- Aug 29** VSJ Report Session
- Sep 4** NGRT by Mr. Chris Blackerby, Group COO at Astroscale
- Sep 26** VSJ Report Session
- Oct 15** NGRT by Mr. Yoshihisa Komori, Japan's Sankei Shimbun Newspaper **Photo 6**
- Nov 6** NGRT by Mr. Yasumasa Yamamoto, Industry partner at dnx ventures
- Nov 22** The 3rd Kaneko Award Ceremony **p.11** **Photo 9**
- Jan 8** NGRT by Dr. Takuya Kitagawa, Managing Executive Officer, Rakuten Inc.
- Feb 12** NGRT by Mr. Yutaka Arima, Deputy Director General of North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA
- Mar 23** NGRT Speaker: Mr. Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow Center for American Progress Former President **Photo 15**
- Apr 28** NGRT Virtual Meeting **p.11**



Monthly Lectures



We have monthly programs which are not only lecturing but conducting discussions through Q&A having prominent figures on the timely subjects. Monthly lecture program is held at White & Case LLP. Thanks to Mr. Takashi Oi, simultaneous translation is available.

Jan
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Jun
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Dr. Okio Hino
Professor of Juntendo University
"Cancer philosophy"

Dr. Hino gave brief but thorough explanations on cancer philosophy. One of the memorable quotes from his lecture was "Facing with cancer is similar with facing with the patient's characteristics."



Mr. Tim Griffin
Lieutenant Governor for the State of Arkansas
"Presidential election of 2020"

Mr. Griffin talked about the presidential election of 2020 and the U.S.-Japan relations from the viewpoint of Republicans. His analysis on the U.S. presidential election 2020 was very sharp and persuasive.

Dec
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Sep
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Ms. Junko Koshino, Designer
"America/World and Me"

The audiences were intrigued and inspired by Ms. Koshino, one of the world-leading fashion designers herself, and her talk, which was mainly on both her private experiences and career achievements.

Mr. Shingo Yamagami
Director-General/Assistant Minister
of Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA
"Recent US-Japan Relations"

Mr. Yamagami gave us a talk on recent hot issues: the recent US-Japan trade agreement, the U.S.-Japan digital trade agreement, the G20, RCEP negotiations, and WTO reforms.

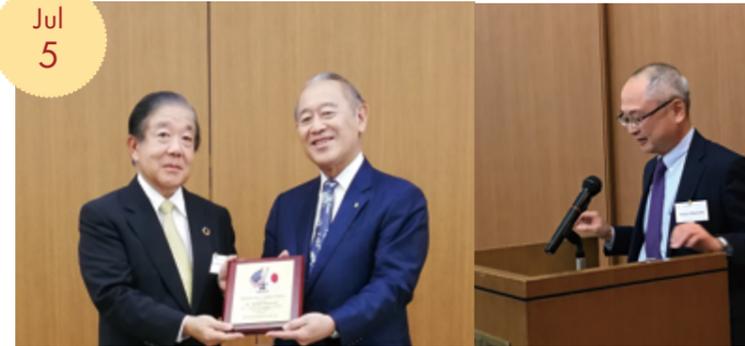


Feb
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Mr. Motoshiko Izawa
Writer of Japanese History
"Pradoxical US-Japan History"

Mr. Izawa stressed that our history education in Japan has been ignoring the influence incurred by religions and consequently how that has affected the reality, as repeatedly stated in his works.

Jul
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The 84th AJS Ordinary General Meeting

The General Meeting was held at the International House of Japan and about 90 AJS members attended. Mr. Watanabe, who has supported our society for many years, has retired. Mr. Okamoto has been appointed as Executive Director.

Nov
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AJS Reception at U.S. Ambassador's Residence

AJS Reception was held at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence by special courtesy of Mr. Joseph M. Young, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy. We enjoyed networking with a buffet-style dinner and a chorus performance of "Sukiyaki" by the AJS interns.

Dec
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Xmas Party

AJS Xmas Party is one of the popular events for members. Last year's party was full of joy with a fun quiz and gift exchange to interact with each other. One of the AJS student interns and his guest showed us a beautiful performance of violin and piano.

FY2019 Regular/Special Program

We held various types of events for the wide age range of members.
* Some of the events are subject to age restrictions.
* Due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak this year, the event at the venue will be held in accordance with future conditions.

Yokota U.S. Air Base (YAB) & Ishikawa Brewery Tour

32 members gathered for the tour of the U.S. military base and the Ishikawa brewery, which is famous for its "Tama Jiman." There were no Ospreys parked at the base, but it was spectacular to see the inside of the base from the bus window.

May
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American Studies Conference 2019

This program provides research grants to Japanese graduate students studying about U.S. with support from the U.S. Embassy. 18 successful recipients presented their research findings.

Oct
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Talk with Diplomats!

The interns organized a discussion with young diplomat from the North American Bureau of MOFA. He answered a lot of questions from students related to career advice and diplomacy.

Mar
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AJS Centennial Programs

The centennial programs were established in 2017, the year of the 100th anniversary of AJS. There are four programs run with the AJS centennial fund by members and other organizations.



The 3rd Kentaro Kaneko Award was given to Ms. Rinsberg, who has hosted many Japanese homestay families over the past 35 years, Mr. Nagatani, who has contributed to U.S.-Japan relationship through C&W music, and the Special Award was given to Dr. Sen Genshitsu, Grand Master 15th Urasenke, who has made a significant contribution through tea ceremony.

1 The Kaneko Award

The Award is given to those who worked for long years to promote people-to-people exchanges between U.S. and Japan. Round-trip air tickets are given to them as a prize. (Sponsored by ANA)



Ms. Helen Rinsberg
(Recommended by Japan-America Society of Greater Cincinnati)



Mr. Charlie Nagatani
(Recommended by America-Japan Society of Kumamoto)

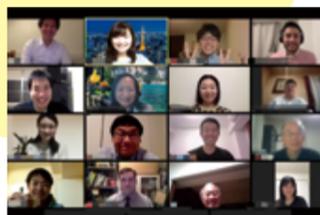


Dr. Genshitsu Sen
(Recommended by America-Japan Society of Kyoto)

2 Next Generation's Roundtable in Tokyo

Monthly meeting for under age of 40 Americans and Japanese to meet each other discussing issues of their interest in English. (Sponsored by Mori Building Co., Ltd.)

We began our third term in October 2019. This term, we have about 70 members, including Japanese and American working in a various industries and sectors. Nomi-kai, which is held irregularly after the meeting, is also a great opportunity to deepen their exchanges.



In April, the NGRT is held its first virtual meeting. We discovered the importance of using online to stay connected and keep the discussion going.



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Visit & Study Japan Program

This program provides financial support to the U.S. graduate students who study about Japan or U.S.-Japan relations. (Sponsored by ANA, Collaboration with MOFA)

The five successful recipients presented their Japan-related research findings. They reaffirmed their understanding of Japanese culture and history.

"U.S. Military Bases and U.S.-Japan Cultural Exchange."



Mr. Carl Gabrielson
University of California, Santa Barbara

"Exploring the relationship between 'Kyōka' and 'Ukiyo-e' made by Hiroshige Utagawa"



Ms. Leah Justin-Jinich
Harvard University

"Raising Smiling Fathers: The Construction of Masculinity in Japan."



Mr. Evan Koike
University of British Columbia

"From Global Field to Development Chains: Comparing NGOs from Japan, South Korea, and the U.S."



Ms. Mary Collier Wilks
University of Virginia

"Taiwanese Settler-Migrants and Making of Japanese Empire in South China and Southeast Asia"



Mr. James Gerien-Chen
University of California, Berkeley

America Bowl

This is a quiz competition about American topics for Japanese high school students. Winning teams visit to Washington D.C. in the summer. (Supported by ANA, Sophia University. Subsidized by United States-Japan Foundation. Collaboration with MOFA, US Embassy, ZER, JASWDC, JEES. Decoration support by Hotel New Otani Tokyo)

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The 2nd America Bowl was held with about 150 high school students from 52 school. At the semi-final and final round, Princess Takamado attended to watch the competition.

★ RESULT OF THE 2ND AMERICA BOWL 2019

- Gold: Keio Senior High School
Takuro Kawaguchi, Shun Takano, Sunao Machi
- Silver: Kaisei High School
Shota Tsuji, Shunsuke Nishimori
- Bronze: Kaichi Mirai High School
Tatsuya Omoto, Miyu Takasawa, Sakuya Yamanoi

Winner Interview



Shun Takano, a freshman at Keio University who won the America Bowl last year, has become a student intern. We interviewed him about his memories of the tournament and his ambitions for his college life.

<Excerpts from the interview>

The America Bowl is not just a quiz tournament that you can answer with knowledge, but you need English and critical skills to solve the questions. I was impressed by my team members who were able to get the answers to the questions that none of the other students could answer correctly. As a result of the win, I was able to go to the United States for the first time. I met many people who changed my views and values. From now on, as an AJS intern, I would like to be involved with management of the next American Bowl Tournament, using my experience. I also want to become a doctor in the future, so I will work on my studies hard.

Read the full article on web

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QUIZ from America Bowl

Every year on the third Monday of February, Americans celebrate "Presidents Day." This holiday mainly celebrates two presidents who were born in February. One is George Washington. Who is the other? Find the answer on page 13.

From the AJS office

About 85th General Meeting

Due to the COVID-19, the following schedule has been adjusted.
Please check for further details as they become available.
General Meeting : Thursday, September 17, 2020

New Member's Application

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are unable to conduct face-to-face interviews for applicants. Therefore, for the time being, we will use a document review of application form and recommendation. Please note that we may change this method depending on the situation.

Change Registered Information

If you change your address, phone number, or other information in your registration, please contact the secretariat. To ensure that you receive event announcements and important notices, please send them to us as soon as possible.

Checklist of registration information:

- Email address Phone number Fax number Home address Workplace and title Office address & contact



Meet our new staff member!

In April, the AJS welcomed new staff member Ms. Maki Motegi who has just graduated from Tokyo Gakugei University in this spring. She had been an intern with the AJS since her freshman year of University and participated in many AJS programs. Meet Maki Motegi!

It's been 5 years since I joined the AJS as an intern. I am excited to begin officially working at the AJS as it combines many passions in my life. These include working with our great members, the use of technology and creativity, and the exploration and innovation of the new programs. Looking forward to seeing you in person!

Editor's note

As we cannot run regular meetings and events due to the COVID-19, we are publishing this special issue of the Newsletter to keep our members up to date on the activities of the AJS. We hope that this situation will be improved soon and that all the activities of the society will be restored. All of us are looking forward to seeing you again.

Answer of the quiz (p.12): Abraham Lincoln

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