U.S.-Japan Research Institute (USJI)
FY2018 Operation Report

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1. Overview

The U.S.-Japan Research Institute (USJI) is an American NPO that was established in Washington D.C. in April 2009 by five Japanese universities (Kyoto University, Keio University, the University of Tokyo, Ritsumeikan University, and Waseda University). We were granted tax-exempt nonprofit organization status under category 501 (c) (3) from the U.S. government in April 2010. We currently operate as an organization of eight universities because Kyushu University, the University of Tsukuba, and Doshisha University joined us in FY2012, Sophia University joined us in FY2015, and the University of Tokyo withdrew in FY2018.

In our research activities, we have continuously focused on three themes of “environment/energy,” “security,” and “regional cooperation/integration,” and we have further looked into the theme of “science and technology policies” (including digital science and technology, information security, and AI). We have also disseminated our findings with the aim of providing solutions and policy recommendations for global issues in which the U.S. and Japan can play a major part. For the events we have held, we disseminated research outcomes not only to participants but society at large by making summaries, presented materials, and videos available via the USJI website and other media.

Additionally, since FY2014, we began USJI Voice as a mechanism through which researchers with USJI-affiliated universities can provide policy recommendations on timely topics. We took this step with an eye to raising USJI’s presence within the United States, and this fiscal year, we publicized three recommendations.

We also participated in seminars and events organized by major U.S. think tanks and other organizations in the Washington D.C. area. We provided reports on those events to people affiliated with USJI sponsors and U.S. and Japanese government officials through newsletters.

In human resources development, we sent Japanese students to the Presidential Fellows Program organized by the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC), offered the Building the TOMODACHI Generation (BTG) Program with The Washington Center (TWC), and conducted other activities, thus contributing to the development of next-generation human resources for U.S.-Japan relations. We also continued to organize student study workshops and accepted interns at the USJI office in Washington D.C.

We continue to run the Scholars Program that we launched in FY2017 to develop young researchers who will lead the next generation. To further promote the development of researchers, we also started a new program called the U.S.-Japan Program, under which selected participants from the Scholars Program can conduct research in the U.S. for a few months.
In our community building efforts and human resources development, we focused on nurturing and increasing Japanophiles/pro-Japanese groups by providing opportunities for exchanges and dialogues to young researchers specializing in U.S.-Japan relations, students having an interest in those relations, employees of local subsidiaries of Japanese companies, and others. Better recognition of our activities in Washington D.C. has led to an increase in undertakings by organizations and the U.S. and Japanese governments for which we either co-host or provide cooperation. The following are major undertakings by other organizations that USJI co-hosted or supported this fiscal year.

- Delegation of Japanese Students to the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC) Presidential Fellows Program
- Holding of briefings (USJI Week events and Japan 101) for U.S. Congress staff members and experts jointly with the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), The Brookings Institution (Washington D.C.), the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University, the Sigur Center for Asian Studies of George Washington University, and the School of International Service of American University
- Implementation of “Building the TOMODACHI Generation (BTG)” with the Washington Center

2. Our Research Activities

We agreed upon the annual main themes at our Operational Meeting and focused our research on the following four topics. We also disseminated information primarily through seminars that address social circumstances (e.g., trade policy).

1) Environment/Energy
2) Security
3) Regional Collaboration/Integration
4) Digital Science and Technology/Information Security/AI

(1) Research Projects

We organized the following nine research projects based on the aforementioned main themes and issues. Four of these projects started in the previous fiscal year; the other five are new projects.

1) Environment/Energy
   Research Theme: Polar Ice Sheet Break up and Effects on Algae (starting in FY2017)
   Term: December 2017–March 2020 (ongoing)
   Research Leader: Iwane Suzuki (Professor, University of Tsukuba)
Research Theme: Enigmas of the alkenone paleothermometer: How is environmental information recorded in these molecules and how can they be best used for climate change studies?
Term: September 2018–March 2019
Research Leader: Yoshihiro Shiraiwa (Professor, University of Tsukuba)

2) Security
Not applicable this fiscal year.

3) Regional Cooperation/Integration

Research Theme: Rise of Anti-globalism (since FY2016)
Term: April 2016–March 2019
Research Leader: Keiji Nakatsuji (Professor, Ritsumeikan University/USJI Operating Advisor)

Research Theme: Trump’s Bilateralism: US Trade Policy in Northeast Asia (since FY2017)
Term: December 2017–March 2019
Research Leader: Takashi Terada (Professor, Doshisha University/USJI Operating Advisor)

Research Theme: Challenges of UN on Peacebuilding: Roles of US and Japan
Term: May 2018–March 2020
Research Leader: Kazuhiro Maeshima (Professor, Sophia University/USJI Operating Advisor)

Research Theme: China’s Eurasian Challenge and its Implications for the U.S.-Japan Alliance
Term: August 2018–March 2019
Research Leader: Chisako Masuo (Professor, Kyushu University)

Research Theme: The Re-emergence of China and the Changing International Order
Term: September 2018–September 2020
Research Leader: Rumi Aoyama (Professor, Waseda University)

Research Theme: Stability and development in Northeast Asia
Term: January 2019–March 2020
Research Leader: Masahiko Gemma (Professor, Waseda University/USJI President)

4) Others

Research Theme: Translational Research based on Molecular Craniofacial Developmental Biology and Development of Related Clinical Activities (since FY2017)
Term: April 2017–March 2020
(2) Disseminating Research Findings

We hosted the two USJI Weeks and several USJI Seminars in Washington D.C. We made summaries, presented materials, videos, and other items for these events available via the USJI website and other media.

1) USJI Week

From February 26 to March 12, 2019, we held the annual USJI Week in cooperation with the U.S. Congress, think tanks, and university experts. This week-long event at which experts in various fields of U.S.-Japan relations take the podium has been held annually since 2010, helping to increase our presence in the U.S. This fiscal year, we organized the following five events, and 181 people participated.

| Event 1: Improving China-Japan Relations: Implications for Economic and Strategic Multilateralism in Asia |
| Time and date: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., February 26 (Tue), 2019 |
| Place: The Elliott School, The George Washington University |
| Participants: 47 |
| Co-hosted by The George Washington University |

| Event 2: Asian Community and Migrant Workers in the Maritime Province of Russia: Case of North Korean Workers |
| Time and date: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 4 (Mon), 2019 |
| Place: School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) |
| Participants: 25 |
| Co-hosted by the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) |

| Event 3: Corporate Governance Reforms as the third Arrows of Abenomics |
| Time and date: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., March 5 (Tue), 2019 |
| Place: School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) |
| Participants: 35 |
| Co-hosted by the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) |
Event 4: How should US and Japan respond to a possible China-Taiwan conflict?
Time and date: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 8 (Fri), 2019
Place: School of International Service, American University
Participants: 55
Co-hosted by the School of International Service, American University

Event 5: Challenges of UN on Peacebuilding: Roles of US and Japan
Time and date: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., March 12 (Tue), 2019
Place: USJI Office Seminar Room (2000M)
Participants: 19

<References> USJI Week (with videos)
http://www.us-jpri.org/category/week

2) USJI Seminars

Seminars

Beyond USJI Week, we held three seminars. Speakers included researchers affiliated with U.S.-Japan think tanks and USJI-affiliated universities.

Theme: The Indo-Pacific Concept: a key coordination framework or an expression of hope than of geo-strategic reality?
Date: September 13 (Tue), 2018
Place: The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)
Speaker: Takashi Terada (Professor, Doshisha University/USJI Operating Advisor)
Co-hosted by the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)
Participants: 12
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<td><strong>Moderator</strong></td>
<td>Yoshihiro Shiraiwa (Professor, University of Tsukuba)</td>
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<td><strong>Speaker</strong></td>
<td>William D’Andrea (Lamont Associate Research Professor) Jaime L. Toney (Professor, University of Glasgow, UK)</td>
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<th>Managing Security and Trade in the Canada-Japan Relationship</th>
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<td><strong>Speaker</strong></td>
<td>Masayuki Tadokoro (Professor, Keio University) and others</td>
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2 **Study Workshops**

We held two study workshops for Japanese companies’ resident employees.

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<td><strong>Instructor</strong></td>
<td>Koji Murata (Professor, Doshisha University/USJI Operating Advisor)</td>
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<td><strong>Instructor</strong></td>
<td>Takako Hikotani (Associate Professor, Columbia University)</td>
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3) USJI International Symposium

A USJI International Symposium was not held in FY2018.

4) USJI Voice

To raise USJI’s presence within the United States, we are publicizing policy recommendations on timely topics that were prepared by researchers of USJI-affiliated universities. This fiscal year, three policy recommendations (all from Vols. 38–40 in both Japanese and English) were distributed via e-mail and posted on the USJI website.

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<td>38</td>
<td>Takashi Terada (Professor, Doshisha University)</td>
<td>Trump’s Trade War and the Thawing of China-Japan Relations</td>
<td>August 1, 2018</td>
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<td>Daisaku Higashi (Professor, Sophia University)</td>
<td>The Challenges of Peacebuilding and the Role of Japan as “Global Facilitator”</td>
<td>October 5, 2018</td>
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<td>Tatsuhiko Yamamoto (Professor, Keio University)</td>
<td>Restricting Profiling: Current Regulations in the United States, Europe, and Japan</td>
<td>December 19, 2018</td>
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<References> USJI Voice Back Number [http://www.us-jpri.org/category/voice](http://www.us-jpri.org/category/voice)

5) USJI Newsletter

We participated in seminars and other events organized in and around Washington D.C. by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), the Stimson Center (STIMSON), and other major think tanks. We provided six seminar reports summarizing information unavailable from media sources and three office reports summarizing our activities (Nos. 264–272) to people affiliated with USJI sponsors as well as U.S. and Japanese government officials.
(3) Establishment of Networks and Researcher Database

1) Establishing networks

We expanded our information-sharing, co-hosting of events, and other forms of collaboration by building networks with the following major think tanks, universities, and other organizations in the United States.

Research institutes and foundations:

- Center for a New American Security (CNAS)
- The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- Carnegie Institution for Science
- The Brookings Institution
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- US-Asia Institute (USAI)
- The National Bureau of Asian Research
- Center for the National Interest
- Heritage Foundation
- The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation
- Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Washington DC Office

Universities:

- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- American University
- Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
- University of Maryland
- Yale University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Boston University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- City University of New York
- Cornell University
- Princeton University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- Rutgers University
- University of Idaho
- University of Windsor
- Stanford University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Washington
- Montclair State University
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- University of Virginia
- National War College
- Washington College
Government organizations:
- Embassy of the United States
- Department of State
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security
- Congressional Research Service
- JETRO
- JICA
- JSPS/JST
- CULCON

American enterprises/organizations:
- Intel
- The Washington Post
- iRobot
- IBM
- World Bank
- International Monetary Fund
- United States-Japan Foundation
- S&R Foundation
- Japan Commerce Association of Washington

2) Building a database

As shown below, as of March 4, 2019, the number of persons registered in the database reached 7,144 (3,967 in the U.S., 3,146 in Japan, and 31 elsewhere).

No. of registrations in the USJI database by country of residence
7,144 in total (as of March 4, 2019)
Out of all database registrants, information was distributed to 6,435 (3,472 of whom reside in the U.S., 2,933 in Japan, and 30 elsewhere).

Organizations to which registered USJI database information recipients belong (by country of residence as of March 4, 2019)

U.S. residents (Residents in the U.S.)
3,472 in total

Japanese residents (Residents in Japan)
2,933 in total

3. Community Building Efforts

We contributed to the building of an industry-academia-government community centered on U.S.-Japan relations primarily in Washington D.C. We held a Spring Reception during the USJI Week (March 2019), and we provided opportunities for exchange and discussion to scholars and researchers specializing in U.S.-Japan relations, students having an interest in those relations, employees of local subsidiaries of Japanese companies, and others.

Additionally, to help form a community that can influence policy making by the U.S. and Japanese governments and corporate decision making, we supported the holding of meetings, roundtables, and other forms of interaction by opening our meeting rooms in USJI’s Washington D.C. headquarters. The following is a list of our main contributions here.

(1) Briefing for U.S. Congress staff members and experts (Japan 101)

Overview: We worked with related organizations in Washington D.C. to organize meetings to give lectures and exchange opinions among parties involved with the U.S. Congress and experts in various subjects. Lectures were given by researchers from USJI-affiliated universities; topics ranged from various problems facing the international community to major issues related to Japan-U.S. relations. This fiscal year, three such meetings were held.
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<td>Speakers: Koji Murata (Professor, Doshisha University/USJI Operating Advisor), Rust Deming (Visiting Professor, Johns Hopkins University), and James L. Schoff (Senior Fellow, Carnegie Asia Program)</td>
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USJI hosted these briefings jointly with the following organizations:
- US Asia Institute (USAi)
- National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)
- The Brookings Institution
- The National Economist Club
- Wilson Center
- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
- The National Interest
- Heritage Foundation
(2) Enhancement of USJI Network

Every year from February to March, we hold USJI Week, our annual week-long seminar event. During this week, we hold a Spring Reception to provide an opportunity for interaction to people involved in U.S.-Japan relations as described below. The Spring Reception for FY2018 took place on March 4, 2019.

Our Annual General Meeting used to be held only in Japan in September, but we also held this meeting in Washington D.C. in November. To build a human network for U.S.-Japan relations, we provided opportunities for interaction to experts in various fields, supporting enterprises, and students participating in our programs through this reception and meetings.

1) Spring Reception

Targets: Researchers, students, U.S. and Japanese government officials, and members of U.S. and Japanese corporations
Time and date: 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019
Place: Washington D.C.
Outline: We held a Spring Reception during USJI Week (from February to March 2019) and provided an opportunity for interaction and discussion among young researchers specializing in U.S.-Japan relations, students interested in U.S.-Japan relations, and employees of local subsidiaries of Japanese companies.
Participants: 86

2) Annual General Meeting (Washington D.C.)

Targets: Members of U.S. and Japanese corporations, members of co-hosting institutes, and U.S. and Japanese government officials
Time and date: 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 (including a reception party)
Place: Washington D.C.
Outline: We raised awareness of USJI activities by holding in the U.S. an Annual General Meeting, which used to be held only in Japan.
Targets: Members of U.S. and Japanese corporations, members of co-hosting institutes, U.S. and Japanese government officials, researchers and students

<Meeting program>

- Operational reporting by USJI
- Study workshop entitled “The U.S.-Japan Alliance in the Trump Era: From the Perspective of Studies on Political-Military Relations”
  Speaker: Takako Hikotani (Columbia University)
- Reception party
3) Annual General Meeting (Japan)

Time and date: 3 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018 (including a reception party)
Place: Waseda University meeting room
Outline: Students participating in our human resources development programs made presentations and had a question and answer session.

<Meeting program>
• Operational reporting by USJI and opinion exchange (about 25 minutes)
• Reporting by participants in our human resources development programs for FY2017 and a question and answer session (40 minutes)
• Reception party (90 minutes)
• Participants: 78

4. Human Resources Development

In human resources development, we carried out our original programs, such as accepting internship students and holding study workshops, as well as joint programs with other institutions, thus contributing to the development of human resources for the next generation of U.S.-Japan relations. Specific activities are as described below.

(1) Lectures with U.S. and Japanese Universities

| Theme: Japan Confronts Reagan, Bush, and Trump |
| Time and date: 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., October 30 (Tue), 2018 |
| Place: Washington College (Maryland) |
| Participants: 42 |
| Lecturer: Koji Murata (Professor, Doshisha University/USJI Operating Advisor) |

(2) Student Workshops

We regularly hold student workshops by welcoming researchers as guest speakers from universities around Washington D.C. and USJI-affiliated universities, but we held no student workshops this fiscal year.

(3) Intern Program

This program is primarily open to American students who have an interest in U.S.-Japan relations. This fiscal year, we received six students at our Washington D.C. office. Their main jobs were as follows:
• Supporting the operation of USJI events and preparing summaries
• Proofreading the USJI website and pamphlets in English
• Preparing summaries of events organized by other organizations
• Assisting with administrative tasks for USJI headquarters in Washington D.C.

Number of interns and their affiliations in FY2018  *Four interns started internships in FY2017.

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(4) Delegation of Japanese Students to the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC) International Fellows Program

Under the International Fellows Program of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress (CSPC), students from top universities in various countries, and mainly the United States, gather in Washington D.C. twice a year (fall semester: normally one week in October, spring semester: normally one week in April). There, they discuss U.S. policy with important members of the White House staff and Congress and prepare papers that are in line with research topics. In addition to the U.S., there are approximately 70 participants every year from countries such as Japan, Brazil, Canada, Hungary, Mexico, Spain, and the U.K.

Recognizing the program’s value in contributing to the development of next-generation leaders, we have continued to select and send outstanding students from Japan to the program with support from Toyota Motor Corporation since 2011. We had originally been sending two students each year, but with support that covers ANA airfares to the U.S., we have been able to send three students since FY2014.

In FY2018 we also sent three students.

<2018–19 Delegates>

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<td>Miyu Takaoka</td>
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(5) Implementation of the Building the TOMODACHI Generation (BTG)

Co-organized by TWC (The Washington Center) and USJI, Building the TOMODACHI Generation is a short and intensive two-week program that targets university students in Japan and the United States. It seeks to develop leadership and promote studies on resolution of social issues on both sides, and cultivate domestic
and overseas leadership skills through continuous communication among the participants. In FY2018, the program’s fifth year, a total of 12 students from 8 USJI-affiliated universities and 9 students from American universities participated.

The program is part of the TOMODACHI Initiative, a partnership launched in response to a proposal by John Roos, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan. It is supported by the TOMODACHI Fund, which was established by the governments of the United States and Japan as well as a number of private companies.

<Delegate students from Japan>

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(6) KAKEHASHI Project—Exchange Program for Promoting Understanding of Japan

The KAKEHASHI Project, which was launched in FY2014 by the government of Japan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) promotes understanding between Japan and North America of Japanese politics, society, history, and foreign policy through human exchanges such as inviting and delegating outstanding human resources who are expected to be successful in various industries in the future. In addition, by unearthing Japanophiles and pro-Japanese groups, the objectives are to enhance Japan’s diplomatic foundation, have those who are invited and delegated actively communicate Japan’s diplomatic position and appeal, and to contribute to increased continued interest in Japan and an improvement in the image of Japan in global society.

In FY2018, there was no join-project with USJI.

(7) Scholar Program

Starting in FY2017, USJI introduced a scholar program to develop young researchers who can contribute to enhance U.S.-Japan relationship in the future. Under this program, USJI will support the research activities of young researchers, one selected from each USJI affiliated university, in the U.S.

This fiscal year, the following six persons used this program.
Scholars for FY2018

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<td>Graduate School of Economics at Keio University</td>
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<td>Doctoral Program in International Relations in Graduate School of Global Studies at Sophia University</td>
<td>Yuko Suyama</td>
<td>The Influence of “Atoms for peace” of the President Eisenhower on the U.S., Japan and Germany</td>
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<td>University of Tsukuba</td>
<td>Doctoral Program, Graduate School of Library, Information and Media Studies at University of Tsukuba</td>
<td>Issei Suzuki</td>
<td>Fundamental Structure of Library Management in the United States: Focusing on the Mechanism of the Library Boards and the Its Actual State of Activities</td>
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<td>Graduate School of Law (Politics) at Doshisha University</td>
<td>Yuma Osaki</td>
<td>The International Trading System in the Trump Era: Bilateralism vs. Multilateralism</td>
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<td>Ritsumeikan University</td>
<td>Asia-Japan Research Institute at Ritsumeikan University</td>
<td>Choi JungHoon</td>
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(8) U.S.-Japan Program

This fiscal year, we launched the U.S.-Japan Program with the aim of increasing the number of researchers who can lead exchanges between the U.S. and Japan as well as increasing the amount of next-generation research on U.S.-Japan relations. Under this program, each year we will dispatch a few promising researchers from USJI-affiliated universities to U.S. universities and research institutes. These researchers will conduct joint research at universities and research institutes in and around Washington D.C., mainly in fields related to international politics and economics, the focus of U.S.-Japan relations. This fiscal year, the following two researchers made use of this program.
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<td>Explaining Postwar Japan’s Military Change: From the Perspective of Shifts in Warfare Technology and Political Legitimacy</td>
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<td>Doshisha University</td>
<td>Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University</td>
<td>Tasuku Ohashi</td>
<td>An international Comparative Study on Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) of Human, and Socio-Economic Resources in Post-Disaster Reconstruction Periods in Japan and the U.S.</td>
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### 5. Other Operations

**Making the Washington D.C. Office Available**

We support the activities of young researchers who conduct studies and surveys in Washington D.C. by making our Washington D.C. office available to them.
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