

2023 Japan-America Student Conference Programming

The 75th Japan-America Student Conference is looking forward to convening an inperson conference centered on "Laying the Groundworks for Bilateral Reflection and Reimagination." JASC 75 will take place from July 29 to August 26, 2023 in Los Angeles for the American delegate orientation and Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Tokyo for the entire delegation of 72 in Japan. The Executive Committee for JASC 75 is working hard to finalize a robust program for the summer.

In Los Angeles, the American delegation will participate in a walking tour by the Little Tokyo Historical Society, visit the Japanese American National Museum, and attend a lecture (by Dr. Juily Phun) on the history of Japanese Americans in the region. While in Los Angeles, students will collaborate in Roundtable groups for the Final Forum, a culmination of group research and discussion. Then, the American delegates will travel to Kyoto and join the Japanese delegates.

In Kyoto, the American and Japanese delegates will attend a lecture and discussion forum with Kyoto University of Foreign Studies students, participate in Urasenke, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and watch a Kongo Noh theatre performance. The delegation will travel together to Nagasaki. Nagasaki allows the delegates to explore unique topics, such as nuclear history, by visiting the Sasebo Military base and touring the Nagasaki Peace Museum.

JASC 75 will conclude in Tokyo, where program highlights include attending a reception by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and engaging in programming with the Mitsubishi Corporation. The delegation will also spend a day on Roundtable-specific field trips and prepare for the Final Forum in Tokyo.

Participating in a Roundtable (RT) is integral to the JASC experience. American and Korean Delegates have the opportunity to discuss important issues in a smaller group setting and share their personal opinions and experiences with their peers with a spirit of understanding each other's points of view. The RTs for JASC 75 are Culture and Arts, Environment and Technology, International Politics and the U.S.-Japan Relationship, Law and Morality, Linguistics and Philosophy, Social Class and Diversity, and Sustainable Business.