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May 18, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MR. CLAYTON WONG, FISCAL OFFICER  
CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

**FROM:** COUNCILMEMBER TREVOR OZAWA *TO*

**SUBJECT:** ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DELEGATION INVITATIONAL STUDY PROGRAM

From March 15 to 21, 2015, I attended the Asian American Leadership Delegation Invitational Study Program (the "Program"), hosted by the Japanese government, specifically, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ("MOFA"). I applied to attend this program through the Japanese Consulate located in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Program was originally set forth to accept three people throughout the entire United States, however, MOFA decided to accept six people in total. The cost of the trip was provided to the City & County of Honolulu as a gift and it was accepted via Resolution No. 15-62 on March 11, 2015. The other delegates of the Program hailed from: Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon; Newark, New Jersey; and Washington D.C.

The Program took place in Tokyo for the most part, as well as a day and a half in Kyoto. I left Honolulu on March 15 and arrived in Tokyo on March 16. The Program was a great opportunity for me to build and strengthen relations with the Japanese government on behalf of Honolulu, Hawaii, and the United States. I had an opportunity to connect with elected officials and high ranking government officials within MOFA and the Japanese Prime Minister's official cabinet. I was able to discuss city issues such as transportation, economic development, tourism, traffic management, waste management, farming, zoning, and transit oriented development during the Program.

Below is a summary of the meetings, forums, and sessions I attended during the Program.

**Dinner hosted by Koji Tomita, Director – General, North American Affairs Bureau, MOFA**

I had an opportunity to discuss with Director Tomita about the issues that are most important to MOFA with regard to North America. We discussed issues such as the comfort women historical references in educational institution literature, impact of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, ISIS and terrorism-related issues affecting Japan in the Middle East, as well as other topics.

**Visit to U.S. Fleet Activities at the Yokosuka United States Naval Base**

We received a tour of the Yokosuka naval base and had a briefing session with officials on the base. This was a very informative tour and briefing to see the largest American base in Japan.

**Briefing sessions by Office of Policy Planning and Coordination on Territory and Sovereignty, Cabinet Secretariat**

The Cabinet Secretariat for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe provided us a full briefing on issues related to the Office of Policy Planning and Coordination on Territory and Sovereignty, specifically regarding the Senkaku Islands that China has been attempting to occupy and disputes Japan's ownership of the islands. We also discussed another disputed island group, referred to Koreans as "Dokdo" whereas the Japanese refer to them as "Takeshima". Additionally, we discussed the international law of territorial acquisition in the Japan-Korea island dispute.

**Dinner hosted by Kenko Sone, Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat and Director, Office of Global Communications, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Office**

We discussed the Prime Minister's plan to build relations in a tour around the United States and ways in which he is attempting to strengthen communication with the United States. We provided feedback on our perspectives on how the Japanese government could strengthen communication and relations with the United States. We discussed social media efforts by the Japanese government and I advocated for more communication from the Japanese government to Hawaii in order to allow the people of Hawaii to better understand Japanese culture and people.

**Visit to Tsukiji Fish Market**

We received a tour of the world famous Tsukiji Fish Market and observed the enormity and efficiency in which the fish market operates.

**Visit to Kitajima Shibori Seisakusho Co., Ltd. (General metal plate plasticity processing and metal spinning)**

This was a visit to a successful small business that manufactures metal and uses the metal spinning technique to create a range of products.

**Luncheon with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan**

This was a great opportunity to connect with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan at their headquarters in Tokyo and to meet various board members. We

discussed how Americans conduct business in Japan and how we can work together to strengthen business and economic relations for Americans in Japan.

#### **Briefing session by the Reconstruction Agency**

This briefing session was conducted by the Reconstruction Agency that was created by the Japanese government after the March 11, 2011 earthquake, tsunami and the nuclear accident. The Reconstruction Agency informed us its efforts and that of the Japanese government to bounce back and recover from the devastation that occurred. They provided information that proved that the food from the affected region is very safe to eat and does not include radiation. The government has invested substantial resources in the recovery efforts and is on time and on budget to be fully recovered within 10 years of the disaster.

#### **Courtesy call with State Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs Yasuhide Nakayama**

This was a courtesy call meeting with State Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs Yasuhide Nakayama, essentially the number two person at MOFA. Mr. Nakayama is also the representative in the National Diet for Osaka.

#### **Dinner hosted by Junichi Ihara, Director – General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA**

At this dinner we discussed about the Asian region relations for Japan. Specifically we discussed issues regarding Asian countries surrounding Japan and had the opportunity to ask about the Director's experience in North America as well as in the Asian region.

#### **Travel to Kyoto by Shinkansen bullet train**

Traveled to Kyoto by Shinkansen, or bullet train. This gave me an opportunity to see how the transit system operates in Japan. The Shinkansen is a very impressive train that provides a smooth and fast riding experience, is well-maintained, and very efficient. I also observed the rail stations and how they are oriented. The cleaning of every train is also done in a very efficient manner.

#### **Visited Kiyomizu Temple, Arashiyama, Kinkaku-ji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), Nijo Castle in Kyoto**

We visited the above-referenced temples and castle. It was very insightful to see these very culturally important temples and castle. We learned a lot about the history of the area and more about the Japanese culture.

#### **Visit to Meiji Shrine**

Visited the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo, which was very impressive and another culturally special place in Japan.

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**CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

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Traveler: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember - District 4

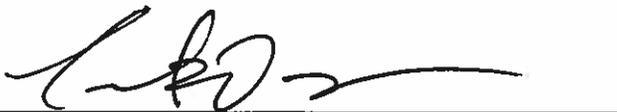
Event: Invitational Study Program to Japan for Asian Americans

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Dates: From March 15, 2015 To March 21, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$0.00	
2. Airfare	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 15-62 adopted 3/11/15
3. Hotel	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 15-62 adopted 3/11/15
4. Local Transportation & Meals	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 15-62 adopted 3/11/15
5. Tips	\$0.00	
6. Other Expenses	\$0.00	*Gifted Travel by Reso 15-62 adopted 3/11/15
7. Other	\$0.00	
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<b>TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>REIMBURSEMENT DUE TO TRAVELER</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



Signature of Traveler

4/13/15

Date