

BEYOND Tomorrow U.S. Summer Program 2018 – Jiro Murase Scholarship Program – Program Summary



Summary

In the summer of 2018, BEYOND Tomorrow U.S. Summer Program was organized for Japanese youths placed in socioeconomically underprivileged circumstances. Select 16 youths visited Washington D.C. and New York, and learned about American society and its culture. In particular, the students explored the theme of child protection and examined how the U.S. was striving to achieve children's well-being. The program helped the students have a vision for their future as leaders that could make a change in the world, and think about their career plans from broad perspectives. In Memory of the late Jiro Murase, who made exceptional contributions to the U.S.-Japan relations, the project was undertaken as Jiro Murase Memorial Scholarship with the generous support of U.S.-Japan Foundation, Japanese American Association of New York, and individual donors. Through the project, young people were given opportunities to gain experience in the United States, meet American people, learn about American society, and one day become leaders in the U.S.-Japan relations.

Dates

August 12 – 24, 2018

Tokyo, Washington DC, New York

Participants

16 Japanese students enrolled in Japan Future Scholarship Program 2018, having lost their parents, living under foster care, etc..

Supporter

U.S.-Japan Foundation, Japanese American Association of New York, individual donors



Program

Module 1: Perspectives of politics, government, and international organizations (Washington, D.C.)
The students visited the capital of the nation and visited political, governmental and international organizations to gain an understanding of the American way of political and governmental activities and how the country collaborated with international society.

Module 2: Perspectives of private sector and civil society (New York)

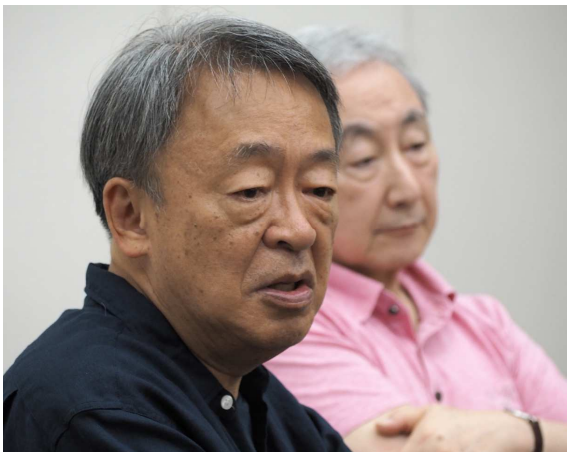
In New York, the students visited non-profit organizations and engaged in dialogue with leaders striving to make American society a better place from civil society perspectives. On the last day, the students summarized their learning in the U.S. and how they would apply the learning to their future career, and made a presentation at a closing function in English.

Date	Agenda	
August 12	(PM) Session on American society	
August 13	(AM) Visit to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo (PM) Talk session with Akira Ikegami, journalist Presentation workshop at Bank of America Merrill Lynch (Evening) Send-off sushi dinner with guests	Tokyo
August 14	Depart Tokyo for Washington DC	
August 15	Site visits (AM) Visit to Council of Foreign Relations, briefing by Sheila Smith, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies Lunch session with Yoshihide Ito, Partner, Mayer Brown LLP (PM) Visit to Smithsonian National Museum of American History (Evening) Visit to Evermay, session with Sachiko Kuno, President & CEO, S&R Foundation	Washington D.C.
August 16	(AM) Visit to White House (PM) Visit to Capitol Hill & Congress, Visit to World Bank (Evening) Gathering with Satoru Murase	
August 17	(AM) Visit to U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (PM) Session with Sally Schwartz, Founder and Executive Director, Globalize DC (Evening) Hosting Japan Dinner at Hostelling International DC	
August 18	Transfer from Washington D.C. to New York Free time	
August 19	Family Day with host families	
August 20	(AM) Visit to 9/11 Tribute Museum & Memorial Park (PM) Visit to Children's Rights (Evening) Dinner with Stephen Globus in Little Italy	New York

August 21	(AM) Visit to UNICEF Visit to Children's Aid Society (PM) Visit to Henry Street Settlement	
August 22	(AM) Develop action plans and prepare presentations (PM) Dialogue with Daniel Tani, Astronaut and Director, U.S.-Japan Foundation Closing at Japanese American Association	
August 23	Depart New York for Tokyo	
August 24	Arrive in Narita	

Highlights

Tokyo



Session with Akira Ikegami, journalist
- Briefing on American society and current affairs



Visit to the U.S. Embassy
- Session with Michael Turner, Cultural Affairs Officer

Washington D.C.



Visit to White House



Session with Sheila Smith at Council on Foreign Relations



Discussion with Sachiko Kuno at Evermay



Dinner Party with professionals in DC

New York



Family Day with host family



Session at UNICEF on child protection



Session with Daniel Tani, Astronaut and Director, U.S.-Japan Foundation



Final Presentation on the learning in the U.S.

We are all immensely grateful for all the support extended to make this special program possible. The students had an unforgettable experience that they would not have been able to afford themselves.