

Solutions for 2020 and Beyond:

A Spotlight Series on Cutting Edge Collaboration
between Japan and the United States



Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships. -- Michael Jordan
Never let your chin down! -- Hidetoshi Nakata



Japan and the United States tackle big projects - often as partners. We host the world's most important political gatherings and the greatest sports festivals. We attract tens of millions of tourists annually. And we partner in smaller teams, too, such as on the test track of a 500 kph levitating train, or the International Space Station. Big projects excel with focus, top technology, creativity and shared values. Distributing clean energy, ensuring that longer lives are healthier lives, and re-making our cities to be "barrier free," are among our shared challenges.

To speed our search for solutions, this program is organized around galvanizing developments, such as the Olympics, around which we will introduce fresh perspectives and forge partnerships. At regular intervals we will meet at Embassy facilities in Tokyo and elsewhere in Japan and the United States to connect Japanese decision makers, media and private sector implementers with American government, corporate, and other experts. Each half-day Spotlight will feature a scene-setting presentation by one or more experts in the given field, a panel discussion by U.S. and Japanese firms, a Q&A session, and informal networking.

We invite all interested parties to recommend themes and exceptional thinkers and speakers, who can address topics that are important and timely for both our countries. Topics identified to date include:

- Cybersecurity: Kickoff Spotlight November 5, 2015
- Internet Economy: January 29, 2016
- Enabling Japan as a Nation of Tourism: February 22-23, 2016
- Cybersecurity Mission: May 16, 2016
- Rural Community Solutions from the Sharing Economy
- Sustainable/Distributed Energy
- Autonomous Vehicles and Next Generation Transport
- 1932-2024: The LA-Tokyo Connection
- The Future of Communications (Manufacturing & Building)
- Innovation for Medical Devices and Healthcare
- "Barrier Free" Design

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