

AN INVITATION TO JOIN  
**HIS EXCELLENCY ICHIRO FUJISAKI**  
FORMER AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED STATES  
***JAPAN—U.S. RELATIONS: WHERE TO AND WHY***  
RECEPTION AND OPEN FORUM

*Join us for an exciting and unique opportunity to meet Ambassador Fujisaki, and his team of panelists! Enjoy conversation during a reception-style lunch, then engage with the Ambassador and his team members in a stimulating dialogue on regional and global Japan-related issues. This project is by Japan's Office of the Prime Minister and open to everyone.*



**Date:** Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Location:** Cintas Center at Xavier University  
1624 Herald Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 2:15 PM (Check-in from 11AM)

**Admission:** Compliments of the Office of the Prime Minister,  
Government of Japan

**Reserve\*:** by **May 28<sup>th</sup>** at [www.jasgc.org](http://www.jasgc.org)  
Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati

*\*Limited space. Reservations are required.*

*(Parking pass will be issued with reservation.)*

The recent visit to Asia by President Barack Obama in April proved to be a historic pivoting or rebalancing of U.S. policies toward Asia. It reflected the rapid and significant political and economic changes in the region.

Prime Minister Abe's office decided to send special teams to major cities in the United States to discuss various issues against this backdrop. The teams will be comprised of members from a variety of backgrounds, including business executives, professionals and students. They will be selected through an open application process. These teams will be headed by former Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki who represented Japan to the United States until November 2012.

The members are ready to discuss the situation in Asia in general. They are also happy to discuss Japanese policies including Abenomics and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement.

This is designed to be a two-way dialogue. Your questions and views are most welcome.

**Please do come, participate and enjoy!**

This program is co-organized by the Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati  
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**“Japan-U.S. Relations: Where to and Why” – Ambassador to host open discussion on the intersection of regional and global Japan-related issues**

DETROIT – The recent April visit to Asia by President Barack Obama proved to be a historic pivoting, or rebalancing, of U.S. policies toward Asia. It reflected the rapid and significant political and economic changes in the region.

Against this backdrop, the Office of the Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, has launched a new exchange initiative of sending specially selected teams to major cities in the United States with the express purpose of engaging in open dialogues on the various global and regional topics shared by Japan and the U.S. The former Ambassador to the U.S, His Excellency Ichiro Fujisaki, has been designated by the Prime Minister to head one of the teams, which will visit the state of Ohio.

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio and the Japan-America Society of Greater Cincinnati will host reception style luncheon and open discussion in their respective communities lead by Ambassador Fujisaki. Members of the press are invited to a special media-only interview session with the Ambassador and his delegation. Details can be found below:

**Dublin (Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>)** – 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Media Interview Time)  
11:30 AM – 2:15 PM (Luncheon and Open Discussion Forum)  
**Venue:** Dublin Community Recreation Center, 5600 Post Rd  
Dublin, OH 43017

**Cincinnati (Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>)** – 2:15 PM – 3:15 (Media Interview Time)  
11:30 AM – 2:15 PM (Luncheon and Open Discussion Forum)  
**Venue:** Cintas Center at Xavier University, 1624 Herald Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45207

Reservations are required for press interviews please contact us at this office.

Ichiro Fujisaki, a veteran career diplomat, was Ambassador to the U.S. from 2008-2012, and has previously served as Ambassador to the UN in Geneva, and has held executive posts in Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He will be joined by Kazutomo Irie, a Senior Research Fellow and expert in energy policy from the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), Yukiko Nakamura, a translation and medical services entrepreneur, as well as Ryousuke Yoneda and Shoto Toda, two university freshmen majoring in, respectively, Computer Science and National Security.

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**About the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit**

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 as a result of the growing number of Japanese businesses and residents in Michigan and Ohio. Its mission includes supporting 24,000 Japanese residents in this two-state jurisdiction, promoting trade and business development between Japan and the U.S., and nurturing strong bilateral relations through various educational and cultural activities.