

## A Message from the President

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support you have extended to the activities of the Japan Commerce Association of Washington DC.

On January 16, 2025, during our General Membership Meeting, I was elected to succeed Mr. Ryota Yoshimura as the new president of the organization. My name is Gaku Nakamura, and I am with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America Inc. It is with great honor that I accept this position. I will do my best to contribute to the growth and success of this organization. I kindly ask for your continued support and encouragement as we move forward.

With the inauguration of the second Trump administration on January 20, we, as representatives of Japanese companies working in Washington D.C., will undoubtedly face numerous policy changes and uncertainties. I imagine many of you have already been receiving a surge of inquiries from your headquarters in Japan regarding the Trump administration's policies. Just like last year, during the presidential election, 2025 is expected to be another busy year for all of you.

In such circumstances, the importance of having a strong presence in Washington D.C. and the value of receiving "on-the-ground insights" directly from this location have never been greater for Japanese companies. Honorable Ambassador Yamada and the staff of the Japanese Embassy continue to engage in "real diplomacy," while we, as business professionals, are committed to carrying out "Corporate Diplomacy" here in Washington D.C. With this spirit in mind, we will continue to strengthen our collaboration with the embassy to overcome the upheaval of 2025

We are committed to providing valuable information and networking opportunities, including topics of high interest such as the Trump administration. This year, we plan to organize various events to support our members. Additionally, we aim to further develop cultural events, such as sports and film, as well as initiatives supporting Japanese language education and regional cooperation. We look forward to your participation as these events are being coordinated by our 17 directors, who are balancing their efforts with their regular duties.

We will strive to further the development of JCAW and enhance the economic and business ties between Japan and the United States. I greatly appreciate your continued support.