

Message from the President



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Happy New Year to all. We sincerely thank you for your continued support of the Japan Association of Washington DC.

Looking back, the past year was likely a whirlwind for many of our members following the launch of the second Trump administration in January. From the flurry of executive orders immediately after the inauguration, to the announcement of reciprocal tariffs in April, the U.S.-Japan tariff agreement in July, and the subsequent \$550 billion Japanese investment announcement in September, 2025 was truly a year shaped by developments under the Trump administration. The year seemed to pass in the blink of an eye, and while many may feel they accomplished two or three years' worth of work in just twelve months, it is probably fair to say that it was both rewarding and, at times, exhausting. 2025 underscored more clearly than ever the importance for Japanese companies of timely information gathering, policy analysis, and engagement with the U.S. government in Washington, DC. The year also reaffirmed the critical value of close coordination and public-private collaboration among the Japanese government, the Embassy of Japan in the United States, and the Japanese business community.

Amid this environment, the JCAW worked diligently to provide programs that were meaningful and practical for our members. Our board members collaborated closely to design and host a wide range of seminars and events. We were fortunate to welcome an exceptionally diverse group of speakers, including members of the media, academics, U.S. government and congressional officials, think-tank experts, consultants, and corporate executives. Topics ranged from timely developments related to the Trump administration to emerging areas such as artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge technologies—reflecting the interests and priorities of our members.

In the year ahead, the JCAW will continue to provide valuable information and opportunities for networking through a variety of events. We also plan to further expand cultural

programming—including sports and film events—as well as our support for Japanese-language education and local community initiatives. We sincerely hope many of you will take part.

As we navigate the challenges of the second year of the Trump administration, the JCAW aims to serve as a hub for public-private collaboration and to strengthen ties within the Japanese business community in Washington, DC. With your continued support and cooperation, we remain committed to advancing our work and to further deepening U.S.–Japan economic and business relations. We look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead.