

## Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan, 3rd Delegation Delegation member speaker topics

### Delegation leader

#### 1. Ambassador Shiraishi Kazuko

Former Ambassador of Japan to Lithuania  
Former Ambassador for Women, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs  
Former Ambassador in charge of Arctic Affairs

- **Ambassador Shiraishi will facilitate the event** (including providing an overview of the Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan project, introducing delegation members, and leading the Q&A session).
- **Her wide-ranging expertise covers topics such as:**
  - Japan-North America relations (economy, security, culture etc.)
  - Japan's regional diplomatic and security environment



### Delegation members

#### 2. Ms. Suzuki Mayumi

Senior Staff, Risk Management Division, Fukushima Prefectural Government

- **Current Fukushima**  
Fukushima, a prefecture located in the north eastern part of Japan, was one of the locations that faced devastating damage by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. Ms. Suzuki, a local to Fukushima, will share with the audience the current situation of the prefecture from three points of view; reconstruction, innovation, and tradition.



#### 3. Mr. Maeda Minami

Chief of Staff to CEO and Vice President of Japan, Illuminox Project, Rakuten Medical, Inc.

- **U.S. and Japan as the Ally of Innovation**  
As a member of Rakuten Medical, Inc., a biotech company started by the collaboration between an American scientist and a Japanese entrepreneur, Mr. Maeda will take us through the history of competition and collaboration between the U.S. and Japan in the technology field. He will also share his thoughts on why U.S. and Japan should continue to be allies in the space of innovation for the good of society.



#### 4. Mr. Tokunari Takeo

Director, International Development Division, Meiwa Co., Ltd  
Youth Ambassador of Japan, UN Environment Asia-Pacific

- **The Strength and Possibilities of Japanese Enterprises in Solving Social Issues**  
With his experience working on a project in Kenya to convert unutilized biomass into drought solutions for Meiwa Co., Ltd., an Ishikawa prefecture based Japanese SME (small and medium-sized enterprises), Mr. Tokunari will be discussing the potentials Japanese private sectors possess to actively contribute to achieve global social goals such as SDGs.

