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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
US-JAPAN COUNCIL

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

1819 L STREET NW

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

F Name and address of principal officer

D Employer identification number

90-0447211

E Telephone number

(202) 223-6840

G Gross receipts \$ 4,658,985

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ☐ (Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

WWW.USJAPANCOUNCIL.ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation

2008

M State of legal domicile

DC

Part I	Summary
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities See Form 990, Part III, Page 2, Line 1 Statement of Program Service Accomplishments
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a) 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) Prior Year 488,125 331,877 155 50 820,207 Current Year 496,162 4,159,909 2,914 0 4,658,985
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 51,586 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 280,948 412,197 693,145 127,062 556,034 0 639,094 3,111,488 1,547,497
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year 335,523 56,763 278,760 End of Year 2,579,987 753,730 1,826,257

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Irene Hirano President

2012-08-13

Date

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

Date

Sasaki Shishima & Co
901 Corporate Center Drive 503
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Check if self-employed

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

EIN

Phone no

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2011)

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

The U S -Japan Council (USJC) is an educational organization that contributes to strengthening U S -Japan relations by bringing together diverse leadership, engaging stakeholders and exploring issues that benefit communities, businesses and government entities on both sides of the Pacific The USJC promotes people-to-people relationships and maintains a network of Japanese American leaders who are committed to working with Americans and Japanese to further the U S -Japan relationship The USJC collaborates with institutions and organizations to develop programs and networking opportunities

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization’s program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,916,360 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND PROGRAMThe USJC responded to the Great East Japan Earthquake by establishing a USJC Earthquake Relief Fund (EQRF) The USJC Board of Directors approved that 100% of the contributions would be provided to support relief efforts and longer-term rebuilding in the devastated areas of Japan (Tohoku region) through qualified Non-Profit Organizations or Non-Governmental Organizations (NPO/NGO) that were working on-the-ground in the region The USJC committed to working on the relief and recovery efforts longer term by establishing collaborations and partnerships with the Japanese NPO/NGOs that were supported The organizations which were supported had extensive experience in providing assistance to children, families, and local communities The impact of the USJC’s work in this area was to assist thousands impacted by the disasters, to assist Japanese npo’s and ngo’s working effectively in the region, and to establish longer-term partnerships with key organizations working in the region In addition to the Earthquake Relief Fund, the USJC established a U S -Japan Relief Network which served as a digital communication hub for information about relief activities and fundraising events across the United States The USJC also spearheaded a Los Angeles based relief network, “L A for Japan,” to assist earthquake relief activities in Southern California Another project spearheaded by the USJC to support relief efforts in Japan was the “Genki Notes” Project The Japanese word “Genki” means happiness and energy, and this project sought be bring hope to people in the Tohoku region of Japan by asking children of all ages to write notes or draw message of hope Thousands of children around the U S participated in this partnership with Emerson College Department of Journalism and the Japan Foundation The notes were translated to Japanese and hand-delivered to evacuation centers The notes were also posted on a specially created website, www genkinotes org

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 657,736 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

OTHERS JAPANESE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DELEGATION PROGRAM - This program provides the opportunity for Japanese American leaders from throughout the United States to travel to Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs The USJC administers the program annually The program began in 2000 and creates the opportunity for Japanese American leaders to build relationships with Japanese leaders in the government, business, political, non-profit and educational sectors The program also provides an opportunity for Japanese leaders to gain a greater understanding about multi-cultural America through the experiences of a diverse group of Japanese Americans Upon their return from this one week trip, Delegates work with program alumni, local Japanese consulates, and the USJC to implement programs and activities to further build regional U S -japan relations There were 13 members of the 2011 program and to date 136 have participated in the program JAPANESE CONSUL GENERALS & JAPANESE LEADER’S ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAMS - The meeting bring together Japanese American leaders from sixteen regions in the U S with the sixteen Japanese consul generals and Japanese government officials from Tokyo to discuss how to collaboratively work together to ensure a stronger U S - Japan relationship at the regional and national level The meeting develops recommendations to further regional efforts to engage greater involvement in U S -Japan relations The USJC serves as the organizer of this Annual Meeting The 2011 meeting was held in Washington, D C JAPAN LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM AND JAPAN PROGRAMS - In May 2011, the USJC’s board members and several USJC members traveled to Japan for a week-long set of events in Tokyo The USJC sponsored a Leadership Symposium in Tokyo “Defining a new Paradigm for U S -Japan Relations” that was attended by over 350 Japanese leaders at Keidanren Hall (Japan’s Business Federation) The Symposium focused on the future of business and government relations especially following the 2011 disasters in Japan The Japan events also included a meeting with the leaders of the npo’s and ngo’s supported by the USJC Earthquake Relief Fund to discuss next steps and collaborations Meetings were held with business federations and the Council’s Japan based board members A presentation was also held in co-sponsorship with Showa Women’s University that discussed how to enable greater opportunities for young women in Japan Several hundred students attended the program TOMODACHIUSJC and the U S Embassy in Tokyo, with support of the government of Japan, formed a public-private partnership “TOMODACHI,” to support longer-term recovery of Japan following the Great East Japan Earthquake TOMODACHI raises funds from U S and Japanese donors that will invest in the next generation of Japanese and Americans in ways that strengthen cultural and economic ties, and deepen the friendship between the United States and Japan over the long-term The USJC is administering the TOMODACHI initiative which began in late 2010 and will be implemented over the next several years The initiative will support programs in 1) educational exchanges and academic partnerships between the U S and Japan, 2) youth exchanges in arts, sports and culture, and 3) programs in entrepreneurship and leadership development PROCEDURE OF AWARDS/ASSISTANCE MONITORING Award/Assistance Approval ProcessThe USJC reviews recommendations of NPO/NGOs in Japan that are providing relief and recovery services following the earthquake and tsunami in the East Japan Region of Japan The USJC extensively reviews each potential organization through available public information and additionally requests as part of a due-diligence procedure 1) a check-list of basic information from the organization including the organization’s mission, incorporation and tax exemption documents, summary of past program services, list of staff members, board members, copies of audited financial statement, and any other relevant information, 2) a signed statement certifying that the organization would not promote or engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry or the destruction of any state, nor make sub-grants to any entity that engages in these activities, 3) reviewed the organization against lists provided by the U S Homeland Securty, www epls gov (Excluded Parties List System), and www ofacsearch com (Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons) 4) a proposed budget and program plan Upon review and compliance of all requirements, recommended projects are presented to the Board of Directors for approval A signed agreement is executed with each organization provided funding Award/Assistance monitoring process1) Each organization is required to maintain program and financial information as per the agreement 2) Each organization is required to submit an interim and final report which includes a written narrative, financial report and a summary of the impact which resulted from the project 3) The USJC will use a random sampling to review select expenditures Documentation of expense authorization and compliance with the budget and items in the grant agreements are reviewed If any discrepancies found, USJC staff discusses the results with the recipient, and if necessary, corrective action (including return of funds) can be taken

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 276,966 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

ANNUAL CONFERENCEThe 2011 Annual Conference was held in Washington, D C and attended by 350 leaders in U S -Japan relations from throughout the United States and Japan The Conference featured themes and topics that addressed innovative partnerships and solutions in clean energy, entrepreneurship, education and building npo/ngo sector partnership between Japan and the U S The Conference also brought from Japan leading npo/ngo leaders that were working on relief and recovery efforts in the areas devastated by the 2011 disasters in Japan The Keynote speaker was Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, who emphasized the importance of strengthening educational exchanges between the U S and Japan The conference also included a leadership development program, “Emerging Leader’s Program” (ELP) for young Japanese American professionals, under the age of 35, who expressed an interest in being involved in US-Japan relations in the future The ELP included ten individuals from around the country who were selected by a Committee and were joined by alumni from the 2010 ELP The Conference included working groups that follow-up on key issues and topics addressed at the event The results from the Conference was sharing of information with attendees and to others nationally and internationally on current issues and topics related to U S -Japan relations, to discuss strategies for greater collaboration on recovery efforts in Japan, and to develop the USJC’s new initiative, TOMODACHI, a public-private partnership to support educational exchange for young American and Japanese to learn about each other’s country through travel, language and specialized programs

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 135,145 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 2,986,207

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No	
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		No
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a	Yes	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. 	11b		No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII. 	11c		No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX. 	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11e	Yes	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 	11f		No
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12a	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	Yes	
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I 	14b	Yes	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV 	15	Yes	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV 	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements	20b		

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐			
		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	9
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	15
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	No
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account or securities account)?	4a	Yes
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <u>JA</u> See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	No
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	No
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	No
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	0
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	No
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	No
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	No
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	No
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	No
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a	No
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	No

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		No
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		No

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	CA
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.	IRENE HIRANO 1819 L STREET NW SUITE 200 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 223-6840

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Paul Yonamine Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(2) Jan Yanehiro Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(3) Allen Okamoto Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(4) paul niwa Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
(5) susan morita Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(6) moni miyashita Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(7) colbert m matsumoto Director	3 00	X						0	0	0
(8) kaz maniwa Director	3 00	X						0	0	0
(9) dayne kono Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(10) frederick h katayama Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
(11) stephen l kagawa Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(12) ROBERT K ICHIKAWA Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(13) ernest m higa Director	3 00	X						0	0	0
(14) sho dozono Director	2 00	X						0	0	0
(15) susan j onuma secretary	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(16) michael hirai treasurer	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(17) henry y ota VICE CHAIR	5 00	X		X				0	0	0

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total	▼			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▼			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▼	154,112		

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization: 1

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►0

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	33,520			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	462,642			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 22,365					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			496,162		
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	Membership Dues & Assessments		60,250	60,250		
	b	Educational Program Rev		1,427,106	1,427,106		
	c	Earthquake Relief Fund		2,564,306	2,564,306		
	d	Contract Revenue		108,247	108,247		
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			4,159,909		
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		2,914	2,914		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
	b	Gross rents					
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0			
	7a	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
	b	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)		0			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
a							
b	Less direct expenses	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .		0				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
a							
b	Less direct expenses	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .		0				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
a							
b	Less cost of goods sold . . .	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .		0				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			0			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			4,658,985	4,162,823		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	1,916,360	1,916,360		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	154,112	147,907	3,650	2,555
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	337,218	259,897	45,483	31,838
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	27,979	23,223	2,798	1,958
10	Payroll taxes	36,725	30,482	3,672	2,571
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	0			
c	Accounting	0			
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other	0			
12	Advertising and promotion	0			
13	Office expenses	10,794	8,959	1,080	755
14	Information technology	0			
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	64,249	53,327	6,425	4,497
17	Travel	13,428	11,145	1,343	940
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0			
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,309	1,916	231	162
23	Insurance	6,415	5,325	641	449
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	telephone and internet	16,918	14,043	1,691	1,184
b	program consultant	15,311	15,311		
c	Printing and Publications	14,322	11,887	1,432	1,003
d	events and programs	442,848	442,848		
e	Bank Charges	16,407	13,618	1,641	1,148
f	All other expenses	36,093	29,959	3,608	2,526
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,111,488	2,986,207	73,695	51,586
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			160,272	1	210,705
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			160,241	2	1,537,647
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			4,500	3	808,350
	4	Accounts receivable, net				4	0
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	0
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			6,818	9	16,988
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	8,848			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	2,551	392	10c	6,297
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	0
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	0
	14	Intangible assets				14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			3,300	15	0
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			335,523	16	2,579,987	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			31,763	17	5,981
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			25,000	19	98,634
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	649,115
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			56,763	26	753,730
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			278,760	27	354,721
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	1,471,536
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			278,760	33	1,826,257
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			335,523	34	2,579,987	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,658,985
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,111,488
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,547,497
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	278,760
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,826,257

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		No

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization US-JAPAN COUNCIL	Employer identification number 90-0447211
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

☒

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

☐

If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

☐

Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage						
14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))		14				
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14		15				
16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization						
b 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization						
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization						
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization						
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions						

Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")			485,182	874,252	4,656,071	6,015,505
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						0
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5			485,182	874,252	4,656,071	6,015,505
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						6,015,505

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6			485,182	874,252	4,656,071	6,015,505
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			88	155	2,914	3,157
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b			88	155	2,914	3,157
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)			140	50		190
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)			485,410	874,457	4,658,985	6,018,852
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☒

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	0 %	
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18	Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a	33 1/3% support tests—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b	33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions 		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID: 11000144
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Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► _____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization’s accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** ☐ Public exhibition
- d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research
- e** ☐ Other
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization’s collections and explain how they further the organization’s exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization’s collection? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 
- b** Permanent endowment 
- c** Term endowment 

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		3,935	1,516	2,419
e Other		4,913	1,035	3,878
Total. Add lines 1a-1e <i>(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)</i> 				6,297

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,658,985
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,111,488
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,547,497
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,547,497

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	4,658,985
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,658,985
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	4,658,985

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,111,488
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,111,488
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	3,111,488

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 ☐

Use Part V if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	62,524	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	5,380	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	48,694	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	40,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	305,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	305,000	wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	250,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	200,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	135,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	1,301	Wire trnsf			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	100,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	100,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	100,000	Wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	100,000	wire trnsfr			
			Asia & pacific	quake relief	163,461	Wire trnsfr			

2

Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ☐

13

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities ☐

15

Part III

(a) Type of grant or assistance

(b) Region

(c) Number of recipients

(d) Amount of cash grant

(e) Manner of cash disbursement

(f) Amount of non-cash assistance

**(g) Description
of non-cash
assistance**

(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926 (see instructions for Form 926)*

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Yes

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No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If " Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520 and/or Form 3520-A. (see instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)*

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Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see instructions for Form 5471)*

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Yes

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No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see instructions for Form 8621)*

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Yes

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No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see instructions for Form 8865)*

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Yes

☒

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see instructions for Form 5713).*

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Yes

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No

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information (see instructions) required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
US-JAPAN COUNCIL

Employer identification number

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply ☐ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☐ Compensation survey or study ☐ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization?	5b	No
If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization?	6b	No
If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	No
8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9	No

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, columns (D) and (E) for that individual.

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.			OMB No 1545-0047
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Form 990, Part VI, Line 19	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	The governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements are available to the general public upon request They are also available at the organization's office during regular business hours
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b	Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b Compensation Review and Approval Process for Officers and Key Employees	Compensation is determined by disinterested directors or an authorized committee and is based on a review of reliable comparability data and a decision as the reasonableness of the compensation A record of the deliberation, decision and persons involved are maintained in the organization's corporate minutes book
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c	Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts	The organization has a conflict of interest policy that is signed annually by each board member
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 Form 990 Review Process	copies of the form 990 are distributed to all board members prior to filing A detailed review and approval is conducted by a committee selected by the board
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Form 990, Part III, Line 4d Other Program Services Description	OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 4 OTHERS JAPANESE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DELEGATION PROGRAM - This program provides the opportunity for Japanese American leaders from throughout the United States to travel to Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs The USJC administers the program annually The program began in 2000 and creates the opportunity for Japanese American leaders to build relationships with Japanese leaders in the government, business, political, non-profit and educational sectors The program also provides an opportunity for Japanese leaders to gain a greater understanding about multi-cultural America through the experiences of a diverse group of Japanese Americans Upon their return from this one week trip, Delegates work with program alumni, local Japanese consulates, and the USJC to implement programs and activities to further build regional U S -japan relations There were 13 members of the 2011 program and to date 136 have participated in the program JAPANESE CONSUL GENERALS & JAPANESE LEADER'S ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAMS - The meeting bring together Japanese American leaders from sixteen regions in the U S with the sixteen Japanese consul generals and Japanese government officials from Tokyo to discuss how to collaboratively work together to ensure a stronger U S - Japan relationship at the regional and national level The meeting develops recommendations to further regional efforts to engage greater involvement in U S -Japan relations The USJC serves as the organizer of this Annual Meeting The 2011 meeting was held in Washington, D C JAPAN LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM AND JAPAN PROGRAMS - In May 2011, the USJC's board members and several USJC members traveled to Japan for a week-long set of events in Tokyo The USJC sponsored a Leadership Symposium in Tokyo "Defining a new Paradigm for U S -Japan Relations" that was attended by over 350 Japanese leaders at Keidanren Hall (Japan's Business Federation) The Symposium focused on the future of business and government relations especially following the 2011 disasters in Japan The Japan events also included a meeting with the leaders of the npo's and ngo's supported by the USJC Earthquake Relief Fund to discuss next steps and collaborations Meetings were held with business federations and the Council's Japan based board members A presentation was also held in co-sponsorship with Show a Women's University that discussed how to enable greater opportunities for young women in Japan Several hundred students attended the program TOMODACHIUSJC and the U S Embassy in Tokyo, with support of the government of Japan, formed a public-private partnership "TOMODACHI," to support longer-term recovery of Japan follow ing the Great East Japan Earthquake TOMODACHI raises funds from U S and Japanese donors that will invest in the next generation of Japanese and Americans in ways that strengthen cultural and economic ties, and deepen the friendship between the United States and Japan over the long-term The USJC is administering the TOMODACHI initiative which began in late 2010 and will be implemented over the next several years The initiative will support programs in 1) educational exchanges and academic partnerships between the U S and Japan, 2) youth exchanges in arts, sports and culture, and 3) programs in entrepreneurship and leadership development PROCEDURE OF AWARDS/ASSISTANCE MONITORING Award/Assistance Approval ProcessThe USJC reviews recommendations of NPO/NGOs in Japan that are providing relief and recovery services follow ing the earthquake and tsunami in the East Japan Region of Japan The USJC extensively reviews each potential organization through available public information and additionally requests as part of a due-diligence procedure 1) a check-list of basic information from the organization including the organization's mission, incorporation and tax exemption documents, summary of past program services, list of staff members, board members, copies of audited financial statement, and any other relevant information, 2) a signed statement certifying that the organization would not promote or engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry or the destruction of any state, nor make sub-grants to any entity that engages in these activities, 3) reviewed the organization against lists provided by the U S Homeland Security, www epls gov (Excluded Parties List System), and www ofacsearch com (Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons) 4) a proposed budget and program plan Upon review and compliance of all requirements, recommended projects are presented to the Board of Directors for approval A signed agreement is executed with each organization provided funding Award/Assistance monitoring process1) Each organization is required to maintain program and financial information as per the agreement 2) Each organization is required to submit an interim and final report which includes a written narrative, financial report and a summary of the impact which resulted from the project 3) The USJC will use a random sampling to review select expenditures Documentation of expense authorization and compliance with the budget and items in the grant agreements are reviewed If any discrepancies found, USJC staff discusses the results with the recipient, and if necessary, corrective action (including return of funds) can be taken