

iLEAP TOMODACHI Initiative Reception

On March 17th, a reception took place at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Seattle to welcome 25 students from Japan who participated in the Social Innovation in Seattle Scholars Program in partnership with TOMODACHI Initiative.



The students had lively discussions and exchanged ideas with local government representatives, university officials and community leaders during the reception. A few of the students presented their experiences in the program along with their future goals. Chair of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, Mr. Sam Shepherd, expressed the community's hopes for the participants' role in the future of Japan-US relations.



For four weeks, program participants worked with businesses, NPOs and other organizations for onsite training, discussion and classes while staying with American families.