

"US-Japan: Bringing Together the Next Generation of Visionary and Innovative Spirits" Reception

On June 26, 2013, a reception titled "US-Japan: Bringing Together the Next Generation of Visionary and Innovative Spirits" was hosted by Acting Consul General Tomoko Dodo at Consul General's Official Residence. The reception provided a platform for the young generation to deepen and develop the kizuna - "bonds of friendship" - established through activities related to recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake.



About 90 guests including Dr. David Rule, President of Bellevue College, Mr. Sam Shepherd, Chair of the Japan America Society of Washington, Dr. Charles Aanenson, CEO of Peace Winds America, Ms. Mari Maryuyama, Vice President of the Laurasian Institution, representatives from local educational and cultural organizations, students and teachers from Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools who visited Japan last year on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) sponsored Kizuna Project, students and teachers from Liberty High School who will participate in the Kakehashi Project (also sponsored by MOFA) as well as Japanese students who are currently in Seattle on the Kizuna Project Long Term Dispatch Internship Program attended the reception and exchanged ideas.



Acting Consul General Tomoko Dodo gave welcome remarks and addressed the importance of younger generation to establish a firm foundation for the shared future of our bilateral ties. Presentations were given by Mr. Kelly Ogilvie, 2013 Japanese American Leadership Delegation (JALD) Participant (Chairman, President & CEO of Quemulus, Inc.), and representatives of Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools who visited the affected region of the Great East Japan Earthquake through the Kizuna Project which was followed by a Q&A Session.



We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who participated in this event.