



## Defining a Path Forward for US-Japan Relations in Turbulent Times

A special luncheon presented by JCIE USA and supported by JCCI NY



**Thursday, June 12, 12:30–14:30**  
(12:00—registration and lunch)



**The Nippon Club “Rose Room”**  
(145 W 57th St., New York, NY 10019)

The US-Japan relationship will soon reach its 6-month mark under the leadership of U.S. President Donald J. Trump and Japan’s Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba. Although the two leaders declared a “new Golden Age” for US-Japan relations, the profound impacts of the shifts in U.S. policy on tariffs/trade, diplomacy, and spending in key areas of its global leadership, and the weakening of Japan’s ruling coalition ahead of the Upper House election in July, have cast doubts on this declaration.

Can US-Japan relations survive the current turmoil, and if so, how? The event will address this and other questions in a conversation featuring Professor Gerald L. Curtis, Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Columbia University and a founding Board member of JCIE USA. Facilitated by Jake Schlesinger, President and CEO of the United States-Japan Foundation and former Board member of JCIE USA, the discussion will seek to define a path forward for US-Japan relations, including the roles that lawmakers, corporations, NGOs, and others can play during challenging times.

We hope you can join us for this important conversation with the most renowned U.S. expert on Japanese politics, and in celebrating the 50th anniversary of JCIE USA’s efforts to strengthen US-Japan relations.



**Gerald L. Curtis** is Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Columbia University, Senior Research Scholar and Director of Columbia’s Japan Research Program, Chairman of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, and Distinguished Research Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research. He served as Director of Columbia University’s Weatherhead East Asian Institute for a total of twelve years.

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**Jacob M. Schlesinger** is president and CEO of the United States-Japan Foundation, an organization that gives grants and runs a fellowship program dedicated to bolstering relations between the two countries. He joined the USJF from *The Wall Street Journal*, where he worked for more than 30 years as a reporter and editor in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, and Detroit.

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**12:00** Doors open; Registration and lunch

**12:30** Welcome and Introduction

**Kazuyo Kato**

Executive Director, JCIE USA

Special Remarks

**Ambassador Miko Mori**

Consul-General of Japan in New York

**12:45** A Conversation with **Professor Gerald L. Curtis**

Facilitated by **Jacob M. Schlesinger**

**13:35** Q&A and Discussion

**13:55** Closing Remarks

**Peggy Blumenthal**

Chair, JCIE USA Board of Trustees

**14:00** Networking