

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL
AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

Agreement Between the
United States of America
and Japan

Amending the Agreement
of November 8, 1968

Effected by Exchange of Notes
Signed at Tokyo February 25, 1977

Entered into force February 25, 1977

Documents to be printed:

1. Certified copy of U.S. note.
2. Signed original Japanese note.
3. Translation of Japanese note.

Documents to be filed:

1. Signed original Japanese full power, with stamped seal, February 25, 1977.
2. Translation of Japanese full power.

JAPAN

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NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89-497, approved July 8, 1966 (80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Japanese Vice-Minister
for Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TOKYO, February 25, 1977

His Excellency

Mr. SHOJI SATO
Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Notes exchanged on November 8, 1968,¹ establishing a Joint Committee on Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Cooperation which, together with the previously established Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Conference whose delegations are in practice identical to the Panels of the Joint Committee, plays an increasingly significant role in the promotion of cultural relations between the United States and Japan, and, in accordance with the recommendation made by the 8th meeting of the above-mentioned Conference concerning certain modifications with respect to the provisions of the above-mentioned Notes, to propose the following modifications to the provisions of the above-mentioned Notes.

1. Paragraphs 2B and 2C shall be deleted and replaced by the following:

“The members of the Japan Panel and the United States Panel shall be drawn from among the fields mentioned below in such

¹ TIAS 6597; 19 UST 7549.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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a way as to assure a diverse composition in the membership. In no event shall there be more than four members in either national Panel from government offices:

- (1) Government offices
- (2) Foundations
- (3) Academic and educational circles
- (4) Business, labor and professional circles
- (5) Political circles
- (6) Mass media circles
- (7) Artistic circles
- (8) Experts on American Studies and experts on Japanese Studies."

2. Paragraph 2D(2) shall be amended by the addition of the following:

"However appointment to, reappointment to and termination of the United States Panel membership shall be subject to the constitutional processes of the United States; and appointments and reappointments to membership shall not be made for more than six years of consecutive service, provided that members serving on the effective date of this Exchange of Notes may be reappointed for one additional term."

3. Paragraph 3A shall be deleted and replaced by the following:

"At least seven members each from the Panel of the respective sides shall meet in Hawaii or in any other location to be agreed upon between the two Panels in the year the Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Conference is not held."

4. Paragraph 3C shall be deleted and replaced by the following:

"Communications between the two countries concerning activities of the Joint Committee shall be carried out by the chairman of the two Panels, by the two governments, or by offices or organizations, such as the Japan Society, which may be designated by each government to provide support for the meetings and activities of the Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Conference and the Joint Committee."

If the Government of Japan is agreeable to the foregoing proposals, I suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply to that effect should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Translation

Tokyo, February 25, 1977

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the Notes exchanged on November 8, 1968, establishing a Joint Committee on Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Cooperation, which, together with the previously established Japan-United States Cultural and Educational Conference whose delegations are in practice identical to the Panels of the Joint Committee, plays an increasingly significant role in the promotion of cultural relations between the United States and Japan, and, in accordance with the recommendation made by the 8th meeting of the above-mentioned Conference concerning certain modifications with respect to the provisions of the above-mentioned Notes, to propose the following modifications to the provisions of the above-mentioned Notes.

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Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of
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"The members of the Japan Panel and the United States Panel shall be drawn from among the fields mentioned below in such a way as to assure a diverse composition in the membership. In no event shall there be more than four members in either national Panel from government offices:

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If the Government of Japan is agreeable to the foregoing proposals, I suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply to that effect should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect on the date of Your Excellency's reply."

I have further the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Japan concurs in those proposals and agrees that Your Excellency's Note and the present Note shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect on the date of this reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Shoji Sato
Vice-Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Japan