



## AGENDA

### U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) CULCON 31 February 19, 2026, Bankoku Shinryokan, Okinawa

#### MEETING OPENING

8:45	<b>Departure to Bankoku Shinryokan</b> via Hotel Shuttle or on Foot ( <i>10-minute walk</i> )
9:00-9:20	<b>Group Photo</b> Outside Summit Hall
	<b>Welcome Remarks and Opening Messages (Ocean Hall)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Japan CULCON Panel Chair Ambassador SASAE Kenichiro</li></ul>
9:30-9:45	<b>Messages from the Governments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ U.S.: TBC (On behalf of President TRUMP)</li><li>❖ Japan: Ms. OKANO Yukiko, Assistant Minister, Director-General for Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (On behalf of Prime Minister TAKAICHI)</li></ul>

#### INFORMATION ACCESS AND SHARING

9:45-10:30	<b>Information Access and Sharing in the Digital Age (IAS) Working Group Final Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Japan IAS Chair: Dr. TAKAHASHI Yuko (5 min)</li><li>❖ U.S. IAS Chair: Mr. Trevor Dawes (5 min)</li></ul>
<i>(9:55-10:30 Discussion)</i>	

#### SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

10:30-11:15	<b>Subnational Diplomacy/Local &amp; Regional Exchange (SND) Working Group Final Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ U.S. SND Chair: Dr. Bill Tsutsui (5 min)</li><li>❖ Japan SND Chair: Dr. SATO Yuri (5 min)</li></ul>
<i>(10:40-11:15 Discussion)</i>	

11:15-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

#### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF JOINT STATEMENT

11:30-13:00	<b>Discussion and Approval of Joint Statement</b>
13:00-13:15	Move from Ocean Hall to Sunset Lounge

#### LUNCHEON SESSION

##### Luncheon Session (Sunset Lounge)

- ❖ Message from Governor Denny Tamaki of Okinawa Prefecture
- ❖ Message from Mayor TOGUCHI Taketoyo of Nago City



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**Lunch Lecture: “Beginning Higher Education in Okinawa: U.S. Intervention in Founding the University of the Ryukyus”**

13:15-14:45

- ❖ **Dr. KINA Ikue, President, University of the Ryukyus**  
**Moderated by Dr. Yuko Takahashi, President, Tsuda University and CULCON panelist**

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14:45-15:00

Move from Sunset Lounge to Ocean Hall (Coffee/Tea Break)

**DISCUSSION OF CULCON32 AGENDA AND MEETING CLOSING**

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15:00-16:00

**Discussion and Approval of Joint Statement** (if needed)

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16:00-16:50

**Discussion on Agenda for CULCON32 (2028)**

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16:50-17:00

**Closing Remarks**

- ❖ U.S. CULCON Panel Chair Mr. Charles D. Lake II

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17:15

**Return to Busena Terrace Hotel**  
via Hotel Shuttle or on Foot

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