



Alumni Leadership Program

The TOMODACHI Alumni Leadership Program builds upon the initial TOMODACHI experiential program to inspire and empower the young people of Japan and America, deepening their experiences and skills to become intentional leaders across sectors. We offer the alumni community a range of opportunities to strengthen their leadership, expand career and professional development, and build global networks.

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TOMODACHI Alumni by the numbers

From Japan	2,903	85%
From U.S.A	521	15%
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TOTAL	3,424	100%
Female*	1,532	63%
Male*	906	37%

*2013-2014 data

2014 Alumni Leadership Highlights

Met with U.S. President Obama

Alumni represented Japan's youth studying STEM* subjects, and shared their vision of the future with the American delegation.

TOMODACHI Alumni Day

Alumni in Tokyo and Sendai across programs planned and facilitated a reunion packed with networking activities.

Women's Leadership and Diversity in Science and Energy Symposium

Alumni attended an exclusive round-table of women leaders in American and Japan, and attend the full symposium with an opening by U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy.

*STEM: Science Technology Engineering Math



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Alumni Presenter

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"I was 14 years old and in my second year of junior high school [w]hen the earthquake struck. I spent days feeling powerless and frustrated.... While searching for ways a teenager...could contribute, I learned about [TOMODACHI].

[After attending the program], I began a tourism project (TOMOTRA) with the help of friends and [TOMODACHI alumni] in my hometown of Iwaki who shared my vision.

I learned through my TOMODACHI experience the importance of trying without fearing failure.

This is an ongoing effort and a precious experience."

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The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership, born out of support for Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, that invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders through educational and cultural exchanges as well as entrepreneurship and leadership programs.