



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Dear CULCON Participants,

I send my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the 31st plenary session of the U.S.–Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON) in Okinawa, Japan.

The United States and Japan share an enduring partnership built on freedom, respect, and shared democratic values. For more than six decades, CULCON has played an important role in strengthening that bond by promoting educational opportunity, strengthening cultural understanding, and fostering personal connections between our two nations. Through this work, Americans and Japanese alike have been able to learn from one another, build trust, and form lasting relationships that reinforce the strength of the U.S.–Japan alliance.

As we celebrate 250 years of glorious American independence, we are reminded that America's strength has long been reinforced by our trusted allies. Japan's generous gift of 250 cherry trees in honor of this milestone reflects the depth of our friendship and the shared commitment that unites our two nations.

As President of the United States, I was proud to recently sign historic agreements with Japan that strengthened our economies and advanced shared interests. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a future defined by mutual prosperity and success.

Melania joins me in sending our very best wishes for a productive, inspiring, and truly memorable meeting. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

A large, bold, black handwritten signature of Donald J. Trump, consisting of several tall, sharp peaks and a series of smaller, connected strokes.

DONALD J. TRUMP  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA