

Symposium "North America-Japan Partnership in a New Global Era"
to be held in Toronto on September 26th
Discussing trilateral partnership and collaboration
among Canada, Japan, and the United States

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NORTH AMERICA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP IN A NEW GLOBAL ERA

-Building the Future through Exchange, Innovation, and Collaboration

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
2:00 PM EDT
JAPAN FOUNDATION, TORONTO

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
The Japan Society
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DR. ROSEANN RUNTE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. ANNIKA CULVER
PANELIST

DR. FRANK FELTENS
PANELIST

DR. PHILLIP LIPSCY
PANELIST

DR. TOM MASON
PANELIST

JUSTIN ROCKEFELLER
PANELIST

The Japan Foundation, Toronto, together with the International House of Japan, will present the symposium "North America-Japan Partnership in a New Global Era." This event will welcome a distinguished group of speakers from Canada and the United States to discuss and explore strategies and opportunities for trilateral collaboration aimed at strengthening relations between North America and Japan over the coming century.

Dr. Roseann Runte, a recipient of the Order of Canada, will deliver the keynote address, "Intercultural Exchange as a Path to Creativity and Innovation." She will draw upon educational and institutional partnerships among Canada, Japan, and the United States to examine how international exchange fosters creativity, innovation, and leadership across disciplines.

The address will be followed by a panel discussion, "Creating Foundations Toward the Next 100 Years," with panelists Dr. Annika Culver (Director of the Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research, University of Alberta); Dr. Frank Feltens (Susan Brotman Chief Curator at the Seattle Art Museum); Justin Rockefeller (Impact Investor and Co-founder of Avenera); Dr. Phillip Lipsky (Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Japan, University of Toronto); and Dr. Tom Mason

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(Executive Director of the U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation, Chairman of The ALLEX Foundation). Moderated by Dr. David Janes (Vice President, North America, International House of Japan), this panel features distinguished leaders from Canada and the United States discussing the future of North America–Japan relations and new models for trilateral collaboration.

Outline

Event Titles, Dates, Venues:

North America-Japan Partnership in a New Global Era:

Building the Future through Exchange, Innovation, and Collaboration (Symposium)

Saturday, September 26th 2:00pm-4:30pm

At The Japan Foundation, Toronto

2 Bloor St. East, Suite 300, Toronto, ON, Canada

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It has 26 overseas offices in 25 countries. It is active throughout Asia, Oceania, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and works closely with Japanese diplomatic missions and other related organizations in each country.

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The Japan Foundation, Toronto

The Japan Foundation, Toronto was established in November 1990 as a Canadian branch of the Japan Foundation. In addition to hosting events throughout the year, including lectures, we support a wide range of Japan-related projects across Canada through our grant programs.

We also offer online Japanese-language courses and operates a digital library for users in North America. Serving as a hub for Japanese cultural exchange throughout Canada's vast geographic area, The Japan Foundation, Toronto is committed to supporting, promoting, and creating

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The International House of Japan

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