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The U.S.-Japan Finance and Economic Cooperation Exchange is a new Foundation program that enables Japanese government officials from six ministries to travel to the United States to meet their counterparts in the United States government; engage in policy dialogues with decision makers in Washington, D.C. and New York, and learn “best practices” in financial and economic policymaking. The following officials were selected to participate in the January 2008 program:

Hirohito Amada, Deputy Director, Personnel Division, Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC). Areas of interest: Mergers and acquisition and the promotion of consumer protection and transparency.

Kunimasa Antoku, Associate Director, Planning and Oversight Section, International Department, Bank of Japan (BOJ). Areas of interest: Risk management and foreign reserve holdings.

Shiro Konuma, Principal Deputy Director, Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Areas of interest: Japanese Free Trade Agreements and Economic Partnership Agreements.

Tetsuya Nohara, Deputy Director, Supervisory Coordination Division, Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency (FSA). Areas of interest: Market instability caused by sub-prime mortgage problems.

Yumiko Oozeki, Deputy Director, Policy Planning and Research Division, Ministry of Finance (MOF). Areas of interest: Monetary policies, international economies, and financial markets.

Kenichiro Urakami, Deputy Director, Automobile Division, Manufacturing Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Areas of interest: Trade negotiations, environmental regulations and incentives, and streamlining supply chains.