

**Foreign Direct Investment in the U.S.**

A Project for Japan

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

*The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:*

* The nature and size of foreign direct investment in the U.S.
* An evaluation of the nature and size of Japanese direct investment in the U.S.
* Review and evaluate measures taken by federal, state, and local governments to attract foreign direct investments

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**EXPERIENCE**

**Fellow, Global Government to Government Partnership(G3P)** March 2018 – present

*International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. State Department, Implemented by Meridian International Center*

* The Global Government-to-Government Partnership (G3P) is a professional exchange program administered by the U.S. Department of State in cooperation with Meridian International Center.
* Throughout this year-long program, G3P Fellows take part in research, professional training, language courses, and cross-cultural opportunities. In returning to their home countries, participants often play major roles in developing government policies.
* As a current fellow, Ms. Natsumi’s work with government agencies, think tanks, associations, businesses, and academics focuses on changes in U.S. trade policies and their effects on international trade agreements and negotiations. At the conclusion of her fellowship, she will prepare a major policy paper, based on this research, which may impact Japan’s trade policies.

**Assistant Director**

*Policy Planning and Coordination Division, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry,*

 April 2017 -- March 2018

* Planning and adjusting trade policy issues
* Proposing measures to promote exports within Japan’s External Trade Organization

**Assistant Director** March 2015 – April 2017

*Public Relations Office, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry*

* Conducted minister’s scheduled briefings and press conferences overseas
* Corrected press releases
* Improved PR awareness inside the ministry by giving advice on proper and effective press responses in consideration of press needs
* Improved coverage environment for press, establishing trust

**Assistant Director, Office of International Cooperation** June 2013 – March 2015

*Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry*

* Coordinated international conferences such as APEC, OECD, and Japan ASEAN
* Endorsed adopted wording through discussions with the personnel in charge of policies regarding small and medium sized businesses from participating countries
* Organized overseas trips for ministry executives
* Concluded memorandums of understanding with three countries and worked on cooperation programs based on MOUs

**Assistant Director, Origin Certification Policy Office** May 2011 – June 2013

*Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry*

* Negotiated rules of origin on economic partnership cooperation
* Managed policies adjusted in cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
* Revised governmental and ministerial ordinances regarding Japan-India EPA and Japan-Peru EPA
* Presented speeches about certification of origin and self-certification systems at seminars all over Japan

**EDUCATION**

**Waseda University,** Tokyo March 2010

Bachelor of Arts, Literature

Languages: Japanese (fluent), English (advanced)