



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Office of the City Manager

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NMB Team:

Here are two short videos that beautifully recap the summit:

Day 1 Recap video - [Japan Summit Day 1 - Short on Vimeo](#)

Day 2 & 3 Recap video - <https://vimeo.com/1119821675/abbc1d49bf?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Here are some key takeaways from the four days.

2025 U.S.-Japan Sister Cities Summit

Theme: Celebrating our Legacies, Empowering our Futures

Day 1: Honor

Day 2: Bridge

Day 3: Reimagine

Day 4: Empower

Attendance

96 U.S. Cities

48 Japanese Cities

562 participants total

200 participants from Japan

344 participants from the U.S.

17 participants from other countries

15 countries represented

318 people visited the USA Pavilion at the Osaka World Expo to kick off the America250 celebration.

Partnered with the U.S.-Japan Foundation to launch \$50,000 Global Impact Grant Program (more information coming soon.)

Special Recognitions

St. Paul-Nagasaki for being the oldest U.S.-Japan Sister Cities partnership in the world

Dr. Nobutada Iwahashi from Wakayama for being the Tim Quigley Volunteer of the Year

Secretary Henry Cisneros for a lifetime of service to U.S.-Japan relations

U.S.-Japan Council for their great work building the U.S.-Japan bridge among young people

Notable Quotes

"Let there be peace on earth. And let it begin with me."

""A small conversation can lead to a big change." (from our TOMODACHI alumni panel)

"When the traditional path doesn't exist, it's not a barrier. It's an invitation to build your own."

"We are in the construction business. We build bridges between people."

"Don't just think about just today. Or tomorrow. Think 7 generations ahead."

We will send out a transcript of Secretary Henry Cisneros' inspiring closing keynote soon.