



International Student Conferences

2012 Annual Report



International Student Conferences (ISC) is a non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, DC. It facilitates two academic and cultural exchange programs organized by university students in the U.S., Japan, and Korea: the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) and the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC). Beginning in 1934, JASC is the first and oldest exchange between the two countries that is conceived and carried out by university students. Patterned after the JASC model of a student-run Conference, the first KASC launched in 2008.

Our Mission

ISC's mission is to promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship and trust through international student interchange.

Our Values

ISC believes in the long-term value of mutual understanding, friendship, and trust achieved through cultural interchange in student-run conferences. ISC delegates, volunteers, employees, board members, and alumni believe in the following core values for its student-run, cross-cultural conferences:

- The importance of developing mutual understanding and friendship as the path to peace.
- The power of an open mind and a willingness to exchange opinions in building a respect for differences.
- The unique ability of students, with their idealism, enthusiasm, and vitality, to plan and implement important peace-building events and activities.
- The imperative of investing in the present to positively transform the future.
- The absolute commitment to integrity, honesty, and frankness.

Our Programs

ISC programs provide an intensive, month-long experience in which equal numbers of students from the U.S. and partner country live, travel, work, and study together in a conference-like setting. What makes ISC programs unique is that, ever since its founding in 1934, ISC conferences are entirely planned and administered by the students themselves. The students host roundtables, field trips, seminars, and distinguished speakers, working toward the goals of better understanding each other, forming friendships, gaining trust, and fostering international peace during their lifetimes. Every ISC gathering is characterized by full and frank discussions, undertaken with a spirit of understanding each other's point of view.





*Yuuki Shinomiya, Esq.
ISC Executive Director*

Executive Director's Message

This past year, the generosity of several key supporters, as well as numerous alumni and friends, enabled ISC to carry out our two annual programs, the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) and the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC). We could not have accomplished what we did this year without your help.

In 2012, ISC programs brought together a total of 114 students. The student delegates formed 12 roundtables, hosted 43 speakers, and took 27 field trips throughout 10 regions in 3 different countries.

For the 64th JASC, the Japanese and American Executive Committees developed the theme "Share in the Present, Connect for the Future: Strengthen Ties to Inspire Change." The 72 delegates traveled to four diverse sites across the U.S. – Dallas, Madison, San Francisco, and Seattle – while examining seven roundtable topics ranging from

security and post-crisis reconstruction (i.e. Tohoku earthquake and tsunami) to the environment and the arts.

For the 5th KASC, the Korean and American Executive Committees crafted the theme, "New Possibilities, Infinite Potential." The 42 delegates visited a range of university hosts throughout the U.S. – Trine University in Angola, Indiana; American University in Washington D.C.; University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri; and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California – while exploring five roundtable topics, a few of those included were environmental law, politics, and education.

ISC programs continue to succeed in humanizing and strengthening the U.S.-Japan and U.S.- Korea relationships. ISC entrusts our student leaders to take on an unprecedented amount of responsibility in creating their own conferences. The political, economic, and cultural ties grow ever stronger between the two countries, but the real strength is most evident in our students – they are transformed into leaders of the next generation. With their interests and expertise in Japan, Korea, and the U.S., students go on to become leaders of their chosen field – whether in government, business, non-profit, or academia.

We are proud of our accomplishments this year and grateful for our stakeholders, supporters, students, staff and interns who made this possible. For years to come, we hope to continue cultivating many more leaders. Thank you.

Yuuki Shinomiya

Executive Director, ISC

Highlights

from the

64th

Japan-America

Student Conference



*Share in the Present,
Connect for the Future:
Strengthen Ties to Inspire Change.*



64th JASC Delegation

American Delegates

Kei Aizawa
George Fox University

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Colgate College

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University of Tokyo

Kentaro Fujikawa
University of Tokyo

Koki Fujita
Tokai University

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Ritsumeikan University

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International Christian University

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International Christian University

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Overview

“JASC was a chance to put things I learned in the classroom setting to practice in a live environment with real-time and real world feedback.”

*-Danielle Wilson
Senior, Tufts University*

The 2012 Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) marked the 64th meeting of the longest running student-led exchange between Japan and the U.S. From July 24th to August 21, delegates visited Dallas, TX; Madison, WI; Berkeley, CA; and Seattle, WA.

The conference brought together a group of 72 enthusiastic and diverse student delegates representing 52 universities across Japan and the U.S. Under the theme “share in the present, connect for the future: strengthen ties to inspire change,” delegates met in roundtable discussion groups to exchange opinions on topics ranging from business ethics to interpretations of modern art.

Delegates also participated in cultural activities, field trips, public forums, receptions, business visits and lectures. JASC’s culminating public event, the final forum, drew an audience of over 75,000 online viewers on the Japanese social video streaming site Nico Nico Japan. The forum featured presentations by students that demonstrated the program’s ability to reinforce values of mutual understanding, friendship and trust through cross-cultural interchange.

Dallas, TX Southern Methodist University

The 64th JASC commenced in Dallas, TX at Southern Methodist University. Here delegates focused on issues important to the region, like immigration, and enjoyed cultural activities including a Texas-style barbeque.

Events

Orientation for American Delegates
Tohoku Reconstruction Discussion
Visit to Dallas Immigration Court
Visit to 6th Floor Museum
Lecture from Bush Institute



Madison, WI University of Wisconsin

Events

Farmer’s Market Visit and Lecture
Forum on State and Local Politics
Tour of Kikkoman and Harley Davidson
Visit to Organic Valley Farm
Reception at Governor’s Mansion

In Madison, WI at the University of Wisconsin-Madison delegates learned about state and local governments. The site also had a focus on agricultural, the engine of the local economy.



Berkeley, CA University of California

In Berkeley, CA at the University of California-Berkeley delegates revisited the history of war between Japan and the U.S. They also looked towards the future, meeting with students from the Tohoku region.

Events

Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima Events
Softbank Operation Tomodachi Meeting
 Lecture on Japanese Environmental Policy
 Reception at Japanese Consular Residence
 Free Time in Japan Town



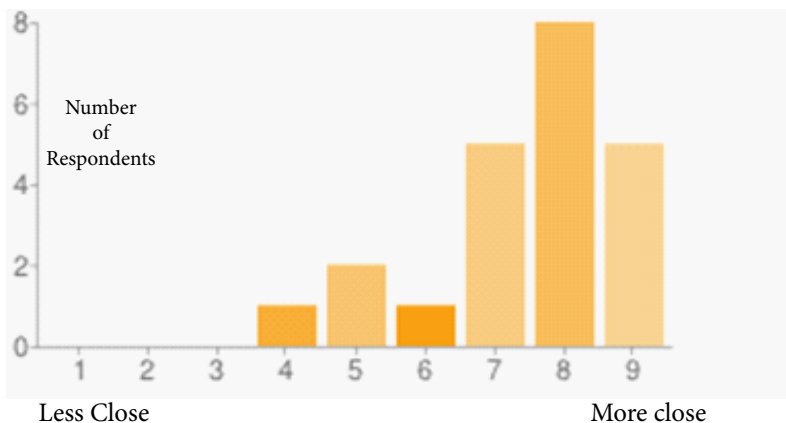
The 64th JASC concluded in Seattle, WA at the University of Washington where delegates examined the history of Japanese Americans. The Final Forum was streamed to an audience of over 70,000 viewers online.

Seattle, WA University of Washington

Events

Seattle Mariners Baseball Game
 Tour of Wing Luke Museum
Final Forum
 Alumni Reception
 Final Dinner and Reflection

After the conference American delegates were asked to rate how close of a connection they feel to Japan compared to before JASC.



“I learned so much about my future aspirations, made the most awesome friends, learned a lot about a topic I really care about, and got a chance to travel to places I probably wouldn’t get a chance to see otherwise.”

-Alithea McFarlane
 Sophomore, Bowdoin College

**The 64th JASC
 By the Numbers:**

72
 students from universities in Japan and the U.S. came together for 1 month.

4
 sites were visited.

16
 students were elected to the Executive Committee to lead the next conference.

70,000
 viewers watched the Final Forum live online.

Highlights

from the

5th

Korea-America Student Conference



*New Possibilities,
Infinite Potential*



5th KASC Delegation

American Delegates

Denise Bodor
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Seoul National University

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“KASC remains an unforgettable experience for me. Not only did I make lifelong friends, but the interactions and discussions that we had together challenged and expanded my worldview. KASC is not just a conference; it is an opportunity to grow and gain leadership skills.”

*-Tiffany Vang
Senior, College of St. Benedict*

Overview

The 2012 Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) was another step towards building the premier student-led exchange between Korea and the U.S. From July 1st through July 29th, delegates visited Angola, Indiana; Washington, D.C.; Columbia, MO; and Los Angeles, CA.



The conference brought together a group of 42 enthusiastic and diverse student delegates representing 24 universities across the U.S. and Korea. Under the theme “New Possibilities, Infinite Potential,” delegates met in roundtable discussion groups to exchange opinions on topics ranging from presidential elections to social enterprise.

Delegates also participated in cultural activities, field trips, public forums, receptions, business visits and lectures. Highlights of the program included a six party talk simulation at a Washington think tank, a briefing and tour of a Boeing manufacturing facility and the Final Forum, where presentations by students demonstrated the program’s ability to reinforce values of mutual understanding, friendship and trust through cross-cultural interchange.

Angola, IN Trine University

The 5th KASC commenced in Angola, IN at Trine University. Here delegates had a chance to examine issues relevant to rural areas and participate in American traditions like the celebration of the 4th of July.

Events

Orientation for American Delegates
Fireworks on the 4th of July
Opening Ceremony
Briefing at the Consulate of Korea in Chicago
Tour of the Center for Green Technology



Washington, DC American University

Events

Lecture at U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Briefing at the Library of Congress
Lecture on U.S.-ROK Relations
Six Party Talks Simulation at KEI
World Bank Tour and Briefing

In Washington, D.C. at American University delegates learned about national governance, politics and international relations.

Columbia, MO University of Missouri

In Columbia, MO at the University of Missouri delegates focused on the economy, closely examining U.S.-R.O.K. economic collaboration and learning about manufacturing and agriculture in the U.S.

Events

Tour and Briefing at Boeing Factory
 White House Decision Making Simulation
 Kansas City Royals Baseball Game
 Lecture on the Native American Experience
 Lecture on Agriculture in the U.S.



The 5th KASC concluded in Los Angeles, CA at the University of California, Los Angeles where delegates learned of the Korean American experience and finished the conference with the Final Forum and closing ceremony.

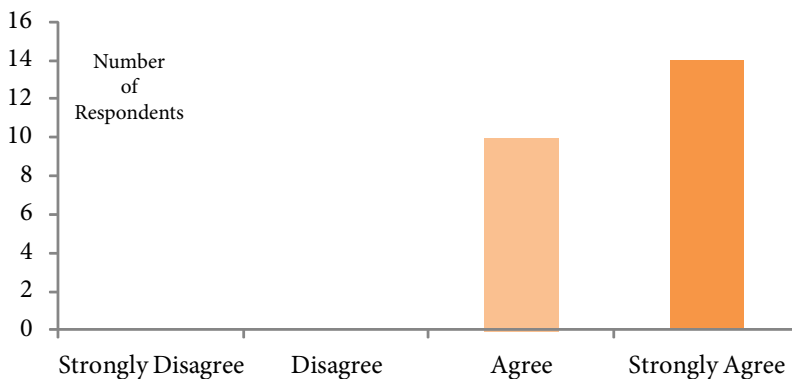
Los Angeles, CA University of California

Events

Tour of the Korean Cultural Center
 Briefing at LiNK Headquarters
 Lecture on DPRK, R.O.K., U.S. Relations
Final Forum
 Closing Ceremony

KASC 6 Survey Question

“I have developed skills in cross-cultural communication, including listening and responding to point of views different from my own.”



“This is no ordinary conference: knowledge is shared, perspectives are widen and bonds are created that very few get the pleasure of developing. A worthwhile experience that yields greatly to those that share interest in our mission.”

-Alexander Pryor
 Sophomore, University of Maryland

The 5th KASC By the Numbers:

42
 students from universities in Korea and the U.S. came together for 1 month.

4
 sites were visited.

10
 students were elected to the Executive Committee to lead the next conference.

29
 lectures, briefings and simulations took place, allowing for hands-on learning.

ISC Supporters

ISC Fiscal Year 2011
October 1, 2011-September 30, 2012

Attending JASC between my sophomore and junior years at Stanford University literally changed my life. Not only did I learn about U.S.-Japan relations, experience cross-cultural negotiations, and make many friends, I also met the woman who has been my wife for over 40 years, and I joined an invaluable network of JASC alumni in both the U.S. and Japan.

*-Glen S. Fukushima, JASC 22 & 23 (1970 & 1971)
Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
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Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki exchanges business cards with ISC board members Stephen Moss and William Breer at a fundraising event in Washington, D.C.

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*Thirty intense days of travel and dialogue with each other
 foster better understanding and trust between the cultures,
 and, more importantly, friendships that endure for decades.*

*-The Late Sen. Daniel Inouye
 United States Senator and President pro tempore from Hawaii*

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Sarah Thompson, former ISC Executive Director chats with supporter Charles "Locky" Nimick JASC 35 (1983).

We thank our supporters and invite you to join us!

Grants

from private foundations provide critical support for JASC and KASC.

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are able to raise brand awareness in Japan, Korea and the U.S. by sponsoring our programs and are able to participate in events giving them access to our vast alumni network.

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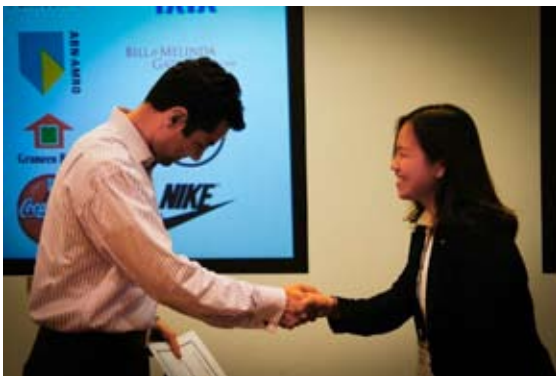
are mostly alumni of the program, but also friends and supporters of U.S.-Japan and U.S.-Korea friendship in general. Historically, the conference has thrived on the strength of its generous alumni community.

In-Kind Supporters

provide services or goods to ISC in order to reduce programming costs. ISC often benefits from in-kind donations of venue space to host events. Volunteering for ISC is another way to provide in-kind support.

Colleges and Universities

provide scholarships for their students to participate in the conference. Host universities can support by providing services at a reduced rate or assisting students in their planning of program content.



Eunjoo Ryoo of Sungkyunkwan University thanks Onur Ozlu of the World Bank for making a presentation during KASC.

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

October 1, 2011- September 30, 2012

| Assets | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current Assets | 2012 2011 |
| | |
| Unrestricted | 106,928 151,853 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 10,050 16,700 |
| Endowment Fund | 68,147 60,106 |
| Total Net Assets | 185,125 228,659 |

Liabilities

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | 7,588 0 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 1,680 5,677 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 9,268 5,677 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 194,393 234,336 |

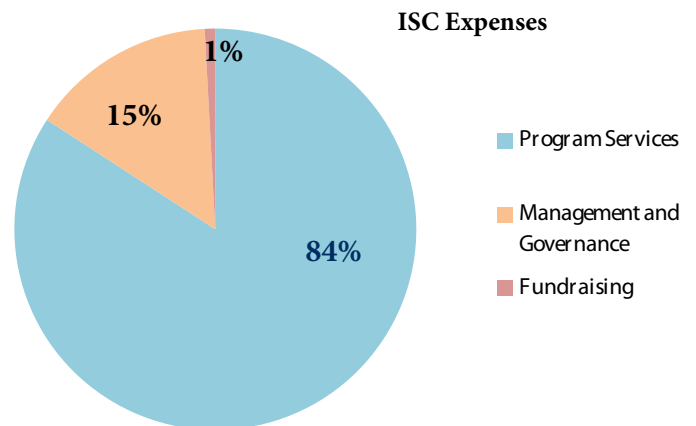
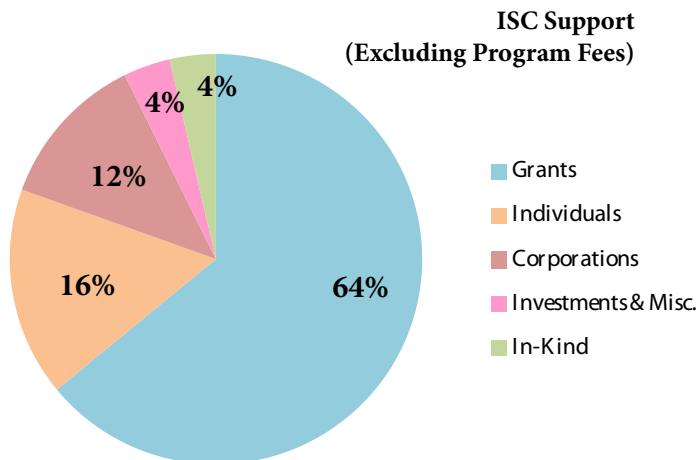
Statement of Activities

October 1, 2011- September 30, 2012

| Revenue | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | |
| Fees & Scholarships | 246,725 | 264,264 |
| Corporate Contributions | 37,109 | 76,850 |
| Foundation Grants | 194,812 | 144,786 |
| In-Kind and Non-Cash Contributions | 11,040 | 11,040 |
| Individual Contributions | 49,962 | 72,081 |
| Investment and Miscellaneous Income | 11,208 | 5,557 |
| Total Revenue | 550,856 | 574,578 |

Expenses

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Program Services | 500,372 | 369,346 |
| Management and Governance | 88,993 | 89,365 |
| Fundraising | 5,025 | 10,777 |
| Total Expenses | 594,390 | 469,488 |
| Change in Net Assets | (43,534) | 105,090 |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year | 228,659 | 123,569 |
| Net Assets at End of Year | 185,125 | 228,659 |



Why the change in program services expenses from year to year?

ISC operates on a two-year budget cycle due to the exchange nature of both programs. Years in which the programs are held abroad typically incur a moderate net gain that is used to offset higher costs during domestic program years. In Fiscal Year 2012, our programs were held in the United States.

Inside the ISC Office

ISC staff and interns support JASC and KASC from their office in downtown Washington, D.C. 2012 was an eventful year for ISC that included the launch of a new website, www.iscdc.org, the hiring of a new Executive Director and several exciting events.

June Conference Kick-off and Fund-raising Event



Guests speak with host Bill Breer at the June Event



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ISC Open House

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ISC staff at the holiday happy hour



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