



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

June 14, 2018

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased and proud to extend heartfelt greetings to all those gathered for The Japan America Society of Chicago's 88th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner and offer sincere congratulations on 88 years of service.

Founded in 1930, the Japan America Society of Chicago (JASC) is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan, nonpolitical association that works to foster understanding between our two cultures and cultivate friendship between our two people. JASC sponsors programs that serve 1400 American and Japanese nationals with interests in business and cultural issues. By promoting dialogue, social interaction, cooperation, and friendship among its members, JASC fosters the exchange of ideas and information on economic, political, business, and cultural affairs that shape U.S. and Japan relations in world affairs.

This year's event presents a special opportunity to come together and acknowledge the accomplishments of JASC over the past year while celebrating 88 years of work. This 88th Anniversary is also important because the number 88 is a very special and lucky number that symbolizes growth and prosperity. I would also like to recognize this year's keynote speaker, Mr. Peter Kelley – President of National association of Japan-America Societies. I commend The Japan America Society of Chicago for their continued work in strengthening the ties between Japan and Chicago.

I hope you have an enjoyable celebration. You have my best wishes for much-continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor