

Empowering the Next Generation: Looking Back & Looking Forward

TOMODACHI

STORIES OF IMPACT & GROWTH FROM THE 2011 GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

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This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, which devastated Japan's Tohoku region. The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership, born out of support for Japan's recovery from the disaster, that invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders. This lecture will feature two inspirational TOMODACHI alumni, both of whom experienced the disaster in their hometowns in Fukushima. They will share their stories of impact and growth in the ten years since the disaster.

Kaoru Utada is the Director of Programs and Partnerships at the U.S.-Japan Council. She will be joined by TOMODACHI alumni and Fukushima Prefecture natives Yukari Shishido and Maho Suzuki. Ms. Shishido holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Saitama University. Ms. Suzuki is currently majoring in Middle East Studies at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Learn more about the TOMODACHI Initiative at www.tomodachi.org.

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