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IUC class of 2016 and current PhD candidate in East Asian Languages and Cultures at Stanford University. We also congratulate Executive Director Indra Levy for her leadership of the IUC and its indispensable role in supporting US-Japan relations. 

NAVIGATING FORWARD: CHARTING THE COURSE OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS

Indra Levy, Executive Director of the IUC, opened the event by highlighting her recent research on the evolution of women's work in Japan's residence in San Francisco. The Consul General, Ōsumi Yō, underscored the indispensability of Japanese studies in strengthening the ties between the US and Japan. McFaul also delivered a fascinating history of the Japanese dishes featuring fresh seafood and fine sake selections and staff, IUC Executive Committee member Scott Miller of Brigham University, underscored the indispensability of Japanese studies in strengthening the ties between the US and Japan. McFaul also delivered a fascinating history of the

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