U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is pleased to announce that CBP Officers will be coming to Japan for the purpose of conducting in-person enrollment interviews for applicants in CBP’s trusted traveler program Global Entry (GE), which includes the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Traveler’s Card (ABTC). The special GE enrollment in Japan is open to U.S. Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (U.S. green card holders) of all ages.

**Dates:** Friday, September 1, 2017

**Location:** Yokosuka Naval Base Library Study Rooms

Please allocate at least 20 minutes for your interview.

This enrollment opportunity offers qualified applicants the convenience of conducting the enrollment interview process in Japan, as opposed to at a location within the United States. The number of available interview slots is quite limited, and applicants must complete certain pre-event requirements to qualify; therefore, we urge you to pay careful attention to the procedures outlined below.

**What is the Global Entry program?**

GE is designed to be quick, efficient and, at the same time, provide added security for international travelers. While GE's goal is to speed travelers through the process, members are still subject to the same laws and regulations as other travelers, and may be selected for further examination at any time when entering the United States. GE approval also allows you to be eligible to participate in the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Pre-Check program which expedites screening through TSA checkpoints at participating airports.

Your time is valuable. CBP knows the last thing you want to do when you arrive in the United States after an international flight is to wait in line when you get off the plane. That’s why GE is the perfect solution for frequent international travelers. Created and administered by CBP, GE allows pre-approved travelers to expedite their entry to the United States. Participants in GE bypass the regular U.S. passport control line and proceed directly to the GE kiosk. GE travelers activate the kiosk by inserting their passports or U.S. permanent resident cards into a document reader. The kiosk will prompt the traveler to provide fingerprints and will compare the biometric data with the fingerprints on file. GE travelers are also photographed and prompted to answer all customs declaration questions on the kiosk touch-screen. GE members are NOT required to fill out a paper customs declaration form. Upon completion of the automated
processing, the kiosk will generate a transaction receipt, which must be presented to a CBP officer when exiting the inspection area. The key highlights of GE membership are:

- Automated and quick CBP entry processing
- No more paper customs declaration form
- Mutual benefits with specific other countries *(now including Japan!)*
- Conveniently located at all major U.S. international airports.
- GE members automatically eligible to participate in TSA’s Pre✓™ program

**The APEC Business Traveler Card**

The U.S. ABTC Program is a voluntary program designed to facilitate travel for bona fide U.S. business persons engaged in business in the APEC region and U.S. government officials actively engaged in APEC business within the APEC region. Participants who receive a U.S. ABTC will be able to access fast-track immigration lanes at participating airports in foreign APEC member economies. The U.S. is currently not participating in the Pre-Clearance/Visa aspect of the card so U.S. ABTC card holders will not be able to use that feature at this time and will continue to be responsible for getting appropriate visas, where required. The U.S. ABTC is valid for three years and costs $70.

Those who wish to receive an APEC Business Traveler Card (ABTC), must be U.S. citizens and a member of a CBP trusted traveler program such as GE. GE applicants can apply at the same time for an ABTC. Current GE members may apply for the ABTC through their GOES account and take advantage of the enrollment event to have their signatures captured.

**TSA Pre✓™ program linked to CBP’s Global Entry**

TSA Pre✓™ allows select frequent flyers of participating airlines and members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs who are flying on participating airlines, to receive expedited screening benefits. Eligible participants use dedicated screening lanes for screening benefits which include leaving on shoes, light outerwear and belts, as well as leaving laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags.

All Global Entry members, and U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents currently enrolled in SENTRI or NEXUS Trusted Traveler programs are automatically eligible to participate in TSA Pre✓™. Canadian citizens who are members of NEXUS are also qualified to participate in TSA Pre✓™.

Trusted Traveler members will need to enter their CBP-assigned PASS ID number – located in their account online or on the top left-hand corner of their membership card – in the 'Known Traveler Number’ field when booking travel reservations. Additionally, CBP Trusted Traveler participants can add their PASS ID number to their airline member profile to have the number automatically sent to TSA when booking reservations.
Note: It is not necessary for CBP participants to opt-in through both CBP and a participating airline. Members are automatically eligible to participate by virtue of their enrollment in the CBP qualifying program. They do not need to independently apply for Pre✓™ through TSA.

What you need to do:

If you are interested in participating in the local interview process, you will need to apply through the Global Entry web site (www.globalentry.gov) by August 1, 2017. Go to “Apply Now” on the Global Entry website, and you will link to the Global Online Enrollment System (GOES) site (https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov). At the GOES site, applicants must first create an account, and then log into their account to submit an application. When applying, be sure to only select the Global Entry option or Global Entry and U.S. ABTC if you wish to apply for that program as well. A non-refundable $100 application fee for GE and a $70 application fee for the U.S. ABTC is paid online at the time of application submission. Once pre-approved, applicants receive messages in their accounts stating that they are “conditionally approved” for Global Entry, and are invited to schedule an interview.

For those applying for GE or GE and the ABTC for the first time, you will need to provide a U.S. address (APO address ok) in order to receive your GE and ABTC cards. If you are already a GE member and will be only applying for the ABTC, you can provide either a U.S. or foreign address.

Once pre-approved, applicants will receive a message in their accounts stating that they are “conditionally approved” for Global Entry, and are then invited to an interview. When you receive that message, log into your GOES account and schedule an interview. Please select the interview location titled: YNB – Private Event.

Important note: Should the number of qualified applicants exceed the available time for necessary interviews, CBP will process GE enrollment requests in the order they were received.

For specific questions about GE, please send an e-mail to:
- CBP Attaché, Brendan O’Hearn – brendan.ohearn@dhs.gov or
- CBP Specialist, Eiji Iida – IidaEX@state.gov

For specific questions about TSA Pre✓, please send an e-mail to:
- TSA Attaché, Marty Robinson – martin.robinson@tsa.dhs.gov

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Naval Base. Application fees must be paid to CBP at time of application submission and are non-refundable.