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Aiko Lane is executive director of the U.S.-Japan Business Council (USJBC) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Lane works with the USJBC's board of directors and 60-plus member companies to formulate strategy and policy priorities. She is also responsible for implementing the council's mission to advance U.S. business interests in Japan and promote stronger bilateral trade and economic relations.

Lane has nearly 20 years of experience working in various foreign policy arenas both in the U.S. and Asia. She advised and briefed senior officials at the highest levels of government across three administrations, including at the White House, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and on Capitol Hill.

She joined the Chamber from the White House where she served as special adviser to Vice President Pence on East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. She counseled him on strategy, policy, and engagement toward Asia and had a primary role in managing his formal economic dialogue with his Japanese counterpart. From 2007 to 2017, she held various positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, primarily focused on strategic issues in Asia. This included stints as the senior country director for Vietnam and country director for Japan. In 2015, she was detailed to Sen. Ben Cardin's (D-MD) office, where she advised him in his role as the ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy.

Previously, Lane worked at ABC News' World News Tonight and at the Council on Foreign Relations. Her overseas experience includes time spent as a visiting scholar at Tsinghua University in Beijing, as a legislative aide for a Japanese Diet member in Tokyo, and as a prefectural adviser in Nagano, Japan.

Lane received an M.A. in international security policy and East Asian regional affairs from Columbia University and a B.A. in political science and international relations from Northwestern University. She is a two-time recipient of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, as well as the Secretary of Defense Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal.

Lane resides in Bethesda, Maryland, with her husband and two children.



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