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Richard,

It was good to talk with you today about your upcoming trip to Japan. As we discussed, EPA has a long history of environmental cooperation with the Ministry of Environment (MOE), which includes cooperation on mercury pollution, regional air quality, environmental education and Fukushima remediation. ORD has been providing technical assistance in the post Fukushima offsite remediation efforts and attached is the most recent trip from the ORD expert, Sangdon Lee.

Josh Novikoff on my staff has been working with the U.S. Embassy Tokyo regarding your request to meet with the Ministry. The Embassy has arranged a meeting with Ms. Mimi Nameki, Director for the Office of Environmental Research and Technology, General Policy Division, Minister's Secretariat, which is scheduled to take place at MOE headquarters on December 15. The Embassy will join you at the meeting and has kindly offered to pick you up in an Embassy car. Based on our meeting today, I understand you will be in transit on December 15 with your wife and luggage, so logistics is a concern.

I am copying our Embassy colleagues, Emiko Sekiguchi, Junko Nagahama and Alexi Kral, who may be able to answer your questions on logistics in Tokyo. I am also copying Josh if you have any EPA related travel questions.

Hope you have a good trip to Japan.

Jane