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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Mike Honda
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/20/13 Return: 8/28/13  
 b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None
4. Departure city: San Francisco, CA Destination: Istanbul, Turkey Return city: San Francisco, CA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Pacifica Institute
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Attached.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:



DATE: 9/11/13

U.S. House of Representatives  
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**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

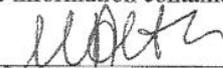
**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Pacifica Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Turkey
3. Date of Departure: 08.20.2013 Date of Return: 08.28.2013
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Michael Makoto Honda  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3,975.00	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:   
 Name: Mahmut Altun Title: Director of Pacifica Institute, Northern California  
 Organization: Pacifica Institute

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):**

Address: 1257 Tasman Drive ,suite B, Sunnyvale 94089

Telephone number: 818 599 3315

Email Address: m.altun@pacificasv.org , msaltun@hotmail.com

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Rep. Mike Honda

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 1713 Longworth HOB

Telephone number: 202-225-2631

Email address of contact person: daniel.oliver@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)  
Travel email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov)

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Mike Honda
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Pacifica Institute
3. Travel destination(s): Turkiye
4. a. Date of departure August 20, 2013 Date of return: August 29, 2013  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
This trip will inform my work on the Appropriations Committee by providing a better understanding of bilateral relations between the US and Turkey regarding economic trade, security, and regional stability.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:  
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

**ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
Pacifica Institute
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Micheal Makoto Honda
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: 08.20.2013 Date of return: 08.29.2013
7. a. City of departure: San Francisco SFO / Los Angeles LAX  
b. Destination(s): Istanbul IST  
c. City of return: San Jose SJC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:   
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Please see the detail at the attachment

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
50 USD per day

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Most of our founders / volunteers are Turkish Americans and We host Journalist, Legislative and businessman from

Turkey in California so We take our California Representatives to Turkey develop relation and understand each other in a better way.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Hotel Ramada City: Istanbul Cost per night: 130

Reason(s) for selecting: Close to city center and close to airport good price rate per day

Hotel name: Hotel Hilton or Hotel Princess City: izmir Cost per night: 130

Reason(s) for selecting: at the city center and good rate

Hotel name: Hotel Sheraton City: Ankara Cost per night: 150

Reason(s) for selecting: Close to meeting area easy to acces city center good rate

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	3800	1200	500
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying relative		

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Mahmut Altun

Title: Director of North California for Pacifica Institute

Organization: Pacifica Institute

Address: 1257 Tasman Dr. Suite B Sunnyvale Ca 94089

Telephone number: 818 599-3315

Email address: m.altun@pacificasv.org msaltun@hotmail.com

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 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

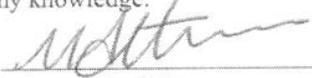
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Committee on Ethics

GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Pacifica Institute  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Pacifica Institute
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
- a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
- b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) Turkiye on (date) 08.20-29.2013 that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
- a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
- b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Mahmut Altun Title: Director

Organization: Pacifica Institute

Address: 1257 Tasman Dr. Suite B Sunnyvale CA 94089

Telephone number: 818 599-3315 Email: m.altun@pacificasv.org msaltun@hotmail.com

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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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August 14, 2013

The Honorable Michael M. Honda  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1713 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey, scheduled for August 20 to 29, 2013, sponsored by the Pacifica Institute.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>August 21, Wednesday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>	

Arrive in Istanbul at (5:10 p.m.)  
Dinner at a Restaurant (6:45 p.m.)  
Check in Hotel (8:00 p.m.)

<b>August 22, Thursday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>	
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8:00am	Breakfast at Hotel	
9:00am	Visit Topkapi Palace	
12:00pm	Meeting with Mayor of Istanbul	
13:00pm	Lunch	
15:00pm	Meeting with Istanbul Chamber of Commerce	
18:00pm	Visit SultanAhmet Blue Mosque and Bazalica Cistern	
21:30pm	Dinner Reception by TUSKON (with Prominent Businessmen)	
	Stay at the Hotel	

<b>August 23, Friday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>	
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8:00am	Meeting with Zaman News Agency	
10:00am	Meeting with Armenian Patriarch	
11:00am	Meeting Kimse Yokmu ( Hizmet Relief )	
12:00pm	Lunch with Assembly Members	
13:30pm	Visit Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar	
17:00 pm	Meeting with Governor of Istanbul	
21:30pm	Dinner and back to hotel	

<b>August 24, Saturday</b>	<b>Izmir</b>	
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Flight to Izmir (8:00am)	Early flight to Izmir (7:00 am)	
9:00am	Meeting Yamanlar High School	
11:00am	Visit Ephesus ( <a href="http://www.ephesus.us/">http://www.ephesus.us/</a> )	
15:00pm	Visit Virgin Mary's house	
15:45 pm	Meeting with Mayor of Selcuk City	
18:30pm	Izmir City Tour	
20:00 pm	Meeting with Governor of Izmir Dinner and Stay at the hotel	

<i>August 25, Sunday</i>	<i>Izmir</i>	
6:45 AM		Early Flight to Sanliurfa by Anadolu Jet via Ankara arrive at 10:45 am
10:45 AM		Arrive Urfa
11:15 AM		Visit Tutoring Center
12:00 PM		<b>Meeting Mayor of Sanliurfa</b>
1:00 PM		Lunch
2:00 PM		Visit Abraham's Cave and BalikliGol
3:30 PM		Visit Traditional Bazaar
5:00 PM		Syrian Refugees (if possible)
<b>7:00 PM</b>		<b>Dinner at Family House</b>
9:00 PM		<b>Drive to Gaziantep and Stay at hotel</b>
<i>August 26 Monday</i>	<i>Gaziantep</i>	
8:00 AM		Breakfast at Hotel
9:00 AM		Meeting with Business Community and Chamber of Commerce
10:30 AM		Visit Zeugma Museum
12:30 PM		Lunch at Dunya TV
2:30 PM		Lecture giving at Zirve University (American Foreign Policy)
5:30 PM		Fly to Ankara
8:00 PM		<b>Dinner at Restaurant and Hotel Check in</b>
<i>August 27 Ankara Tuesday</i>	<i>Ankara</i>	
9:00 AM		Breakfast at the Hotel
10:30 AM		Meeting with the President of Republic of Turkey, Abdullah Gul
11:30 AM		<b>Meeting the President of the Turkish Parliament</b>
1:00 PM		<b>Meeting with Secretary of State 1:00 p.m.</b>
1:45 PM		Lunch at Journalists and Writers Foundation (GYV)
3:30 PM		Meeting with the Ambassador of U.S.A to Turkey, Francis Ricciardone
5:00 PM		Fly back to Istanbul
7:30 PM		Dinner at Restaurant
9:00 PM		Check in Hotel
<i>28-Aug</i>	<i>Istanbul</i>	
9:00 AM		Breakfast at Hotel
12:45 PM		Flying back home USA



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Subject: Permission to visit Turkey for the Congressman Michael Makoto Honda

To: Committee on Ethics

We as Pacifica Institute organization, organize many social activities to bring people together to understand each other and to share the values in a better way. Since most of the founders are Turkish -Americans, we host members from House of Representatives of Republic of Turkey and Turkish business delegations here in U.S. And also we take the counterparts from U.S. to Turkey to observe the life, the culture and to understand the importance of living together.

On this regard we set up a new Turkey Trip for Congress Member Michael Makoto Honda between the dates of August 20<sup>th</sup> - August 29<sup>th</sup> 2013.

We attached the required documents and provided the information about the trip.

Please contact us for further information.

Sincerely,

Mahmut Altun

Director of North California

Cell: 818-599-3315

Email: [m.altun@pacificasv.org](mailto:m.altun@pacificasv.org)



To whom it may concern,

We are inviting Congressman Mike Honda to Turkey trip August 20- 29, 2013

Sincerely,

Mahmut Altun, MaEd, MS

Director of Pacifica North California,

Silicon Valley Branch of Pacifica Institute

[www.pacificasv.org](http://www.pacificasv.org)

Attachment for the Clause 4 and 12: For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited.

### About Pacifica Institute

Pacifica Institute was established in 2003 as a non-profit organization by a group of Turkish-Americans. Pacifica Institute designs and executes projects covering social welfare, education, poverty, and conflict resolution issues in collaboration with scholars, activists, artists, politicians, and religious leaders-communities. The Pacifica Institute has a proven track record of working within and across communities. This work is planned and complemented through the input of the Board of Advisors, a distinguished group of individuals representing a wide range of expertise and experience.

### **Our Vision**

Pacifica Institute's vision is to develop social capital—the creation and extension of positive connections within and between disparate social networks to achieve mutual understanding and common commitments to enriching the social good.

### **Our Mission**

The Institute seeks to accomplish this vision by engaging in a variety of civic activities and inviting others to generate and share insights, thereby removing barriers to confidence-building and trust. This sharing of insights and understanding can then create real opportunities for mutual respect and appreciation, offering an environment in which a shared narrative can be rooted.

### **Goals**

- To promote cross-cultural awareness to help establish a society where individuals love, respect, and accept each other as they are.
- To encourage dialogue between various cultural, spiritual, ethical and belief traditions to find a common ground where compassion can be restored and collaborative action can be initiated.
- To organize and actively participate in social responsibility projects.
- To contribute to the cultivation of consciousness toward our shared bio-physical environment and work on issues pertaining to environmental ethics and related topics.
- To organize lectures, discussions, conferences, festivals, dinners, and trips to enrich dialogue among communities.
- To encourage scholarly and intellectual researches and discussions on how to fight poverty, social conflicts, lack of access to education and support universal values.

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CITY	DAY/HOUR	ACTIVITIES
	20-Aug	TENTATIVE ITINERARY
Los Angeles	Day 1	Depart, LAX Turkish Airlines 6:25pm
Istanbul	21 Aug	Istanbul
	5:10pm	Arrive in Istanbul
	18:30pm	Check into hotel
	19:30pm	Dinner
	21:30pm	Stay at Hotel
Istanbul	22 Aug	Istanbul/Ankara
	8:00am	Breakfast at Hotel
	9:00am	Visit Topkapi Palace
	12:00pm	Lunch at Sultanahmet Kofteci
	13:00pm	Visit Hagia Sophia
	15:00pm	Visit SultanAhmet Blue Mosque and Bazalica Cistern
	18:00pm	Dinner Reception by TUSKON (with Prominent Businessmen)
	21:30pm	Stay at the Hotel
Cappadocia/ Nigde	Day 4	Cappadocia/Nigde
	24-Aug	7:00am
		Early flight to Kayseri Airport
	8:15am	Arrival to the City of Kayseri
	8:45am	Meeting with Mayor of Kayseri
	10:00am	Drive to Cappadocia
	11:00am	Visit Underground City
	12:15pm	Lunch at Restaurant
	14:00 PM	Continue Cappadocia Tour
	17:00pm	Drive to Nigde
	18:30pm	Dinner at Sunguroglu High School
	21:30pm	Stay with a Local Family
Ankara	Day 5	Ankara
	25-Aug	8:00am
		Breakfast with Turkish Families
	9:30am	Drive to Ankara
	12:00pm	Lunch on the Way to Ankara
	14:30pm	Meeting with Foreign Ministry
	15:30pm	Visit Grand National Assembly of Turkey and lunch with the members of parliament
	17:00pm	Visit US Embassy, meet Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone
	18:30pm	Dinner at Authors and Journalists Foundation
	21:30pm	Check in the Hotel

Ankara/ Izmir	Day 6	
26-Aug		Flight to Izmir (8:00am)
	9:00am	Visiting Yamanlar High School
	11:00am	Visit Ephesus ( <a href="http://www.ephesus.us/">http://www.ephesus.us/</a> )
	15:00pm	Lunch at Restaurant
	15:45am	Visit Virgin Mary's house ( <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_the_Virgin_Mary">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_the_Virgin_Mary</a> )
	18:30pm	Izmir City Tour
	21:00pm	Dinner with Governor of Izmir
	22:30pm	Flight to Istanbul from Izmir
Istanbul	Day 7	Istanbul
27-Aug	8:00am	Visiting Zaman Newspaper
	10:00am	Visit Armenian Patriarch
	11:00am	Visiting Kimse Yokmu
	12:00pm	Lunch at Restaurant
	13:30pm	Visit Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar
	20:00pm	Dinner with Governor of Istanbul
	21:30pm	Check in the hotel
Istanbul/ Angeles	Los Day 8	Istanbul/LA
28-Aug		Flight back to US at - Plane arrives same day-in LAX Airport