

Political Prospects; the views expressed by Brian Imagawa who
aspires to be a newly emerging leadership for the next generation

On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama sworn in as the 44th President of the United States of America as the first African American to be in that position. It was an epoch making historical moment as we have witnessed the advent of a new political era in the United States. Although when he becomes the President, he was inherited with the huge debts from his predecessor, George W. Bush. President Obama is expected to bring about the nation to be united again by way of re-vitalizing the resources available in the States to re-make America to be the strongest nation in the world. The new type of the leadership he pledged and advocated during his Presidential campaign and his inaugural speech, designed to re-make American has been enthusiastically supported by the majority of American people but the leadership he hopes to exercise for this newly emerging America to be firmly in place may yet to be seen. However, under the strong and well supported leadership President Obama is changing the minds of Americans, in particular, among the youth.

Brian Imagawa was born as the third generation of Japanese American (to be exact, he may be described as between the second and third generation as his mother was born in Japan). He has grown to be an adult under the environment of an ordinal upper middle class family in the United States with his father being a dentist and mother to be an intellectually and educationally cultivated lady. Brian believes that President Obama's vision has changed him completely. He confesses that he used to be a supporter at one time for the Republican and voted for George H. W. Bush in 2000. But, he voted for John Kerry at the later general election. He believed in his political philosophy earlier that it is better to have a small government and less tax. He states that he was convinced himself that Barack Obama will be a fine and may be only the President who could save America from the mess created under the Bush Administration when he read the book, "Audacity of Hope"

Brian has been attracted by the political philosophy and vision that President Obama has envisioned. He says that he began to realize that in order to escape America's cycle of politics it is necessary to abandon absolute idealism and become more rational. On

some of the major issues now being debated both in the House and Senate of the US Congress, Brian touches on the issues of health care reform plans for which President Obama has been very eager to make it changed to meet the rising needs of the better health care system. He believes in “highly regulated health care market because health care is not optional but it needs to be regulated from large influences toward monopolization”. On the issue of education, Brian believes that the higher educational system needs “overhaul” in order to provide the youth with the opportunity of having good education for all the youth and the old which will make American society to be less class oriented society; it must be changed into a normal and healthy society from the disrupted society which may be the case that the rich will get the richer and the poor will be the poorer. In other words, he thinks that the disparity between the nations’s rich and poor is taking on alarming propositions. This phenomenon is brought about by demographic, economic, cultural and other factors. Just as elsewhere in the world, the issue of the disparity between the nations’s rich and poor is taking on alarming proposition not only in terms of physical way but also in psychological and mental way, which could be very detrimental to the wealth of the nation.

His view on the issue of environmental affairs is that it is the time for Americans to focus on the effective way of promoting the better environmental society and that some of the problems like, as he says, e-waste, ship scrapping, nuclear waste, garbage dumps, toxic waste can be solved and create a new economy with it. On the issue of the multi-bilateral relationship with other countries, Brian express his hope that the United States should learn the lessons from what she did wrong to African nations in American foreign aid programs, for an instance, executed through the deployment of development programs and assistance programs which did not motivate and trained African peoples to lead their lives more independently rather than being helped and dependent on the gifts of corn and soybeans shipped from the States which did not lead to increase the self-motivating working sprit and enhancement of quality of skills for Africans in agricultural field.

Why he is now more optimistic about the future of American society? Under the leadership of President Obama and his closer working relationship with the US Congress as well as the continuing expectation and support for the President by those who supported to put him in White House in January of this year, President Obama will overcome the current difficulties facing the nation in economic and financial field and place America once again in a safer and healthier place. It is pointed out that those

younger generations is now rejuvenating themselves to be one of the prime movers to re-make America by participating at and involving themselves with the roots based political activities in line with what President Obama is aspiring for the re-making of America.

Brian is one of those youths who volunteered to support Obama to be elected to be the President of the United States. His devoted support is recognized by President Obama who wrote his personal appreciation for the vision an aspiration that Brian shares with President Obama.

The writer thinks that the vision and devotion Brian has now sharing with that of President Obama in order to re-make America and for the healthy and peaceful world to be prevailing by sharing the common and mutual understandings regardless of the ethnic background, religious background and other heritages and the roots of their birth is what is needed to make the world to be safer and peaceful for the years ahead. In this sense, the writer admires for the strong aspiration and conviction that the youth in America are again taking a positive and productive role which will “Change America and the World” to be healthy and peaceful. Please see the letter addressed to Brian by President Obama.

US Foundation for International Economic Policy which was incorporated under the leadership of the US Congress and its counterparts in Japanese Diet as well as the leadership in the sectors of business, educational field, cultural and other professional fields, designed to promote the bilateral relationship on trade, education, culture and health care, is very pleased to see that Brian is taking a positive move to be involved with reality of facing and dealing with political activities in order to advance and enhance the wellbeing of the human being.

Dr. John B. Tsu Foundation which was incorporated in the United States in the year 2005, designed to encourage the youth of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to aspire to serve for the wellbeing of those Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and serve themselves, in particular, in the public sectors is pleased to see that there will be the rising Asian American youth to be more eager to be involved with the grass roots political activities.

Dr. Jon B. Tsu Foundation was incorporated in the memory and honor of the enormous

contributions he made while he was alive by serving as the Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Dr. John B. Tsu played many important role in promoting for the betterment of the multi-national relationship including the role he played as one of the key players for the restoration of Sino-American relationship working closely with Dr. Kissinger and the former President George H. W. Bush under Nixon Administration. He was a noted scholar who developed Asian studies at the major universities in the States and also promoted international educational interactions with many of the foreign countries including China and Japan. He was the past Chairman of US Foundation for International Economic Policy and in that capacity he contributed to the betterment of Japan-United States bilateral relationship on trade, education and health care programs.

The writer and editor of this article is very pleased that the youth such as Brian Imagawa are now in a full swing to re-make America in a new fashion and sprit together with his colleagues for the closer involvement in grass roots political activities by voicing what should be right for President Obama to promote for his political vision and strategic directions which should include the reflection of what the majority of American peoples are now wishing to make it a realistic one to make their lives to be safer and healthier without the disparity of the rich and the poor.. In nutshell, the youth in America are now changing their vision and deeds to re-make America to be what it should be to show the world that America is the nation blessed with “Democracy” ; the nation should be the one made by the people, of the people for the people.

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