



The Japan America Society of St. Louis in Cooperation with the Center for International Studies, University of Missouri-St. Louis, the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA) and JETRO Chicago Present

JAPAN ROBOT NIGHT



Japan has long been a global leader in the robotics industry, where state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies have reinvented factory assembly lines. More recently, a different track of Japanese robotics has taken off --- the phenomenon of service robots assisting humans. Robots -- friendly, efficient and interactive --- will play a more significant role in Japan as human helpers. One example is PARO, a baby seal robot that interacts with people and makes them feel emotionally attached. PARO, a therapy robot, provides a positive impact towards people in three areas: psychological, such as relaxation and motivation; physiological, such as improvement in vital signs; and social effects, such as facilitating communication among patients and caregivers. You will have an opportunity to meet PARO for yourself.



Japan Robot Night will feature a lecture by **DR. TAKANORI SHIBATA**, the inventor of PARO and Senior Research Scientist at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), entitled *PARO the Seal Robot: Improving and Enriching Human Lives through Robot Technology*. This program also includes a presentation on service robotics trends in Japan by **YASUSHI SUMITANI**, Director of Technology, JETRO Chicago.

For the first time in the State of Missouri, the PARO robot will be on display at our program. Additional information on Japanese service robots will be available.



Thursday 15 October 2009
5:30 pm - Registration & Reception
6:30 - 8:00 pm – Program
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Millennium Student Center
Century Room C
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO



The event is free and open to the public. However, a **PARKING PERMIT** is required for ALL visitors to UMSL. To request your **FREE** permit, a campus map and make a reservation, call the **Japan America Society of St. Louis at 314-516-5754**.

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