The Japan-America Society of Indiana presents the 2015 annual Japan Update Conference with support from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2015
Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

Cosmopolitan Ballroom—3rd Floor
11:30 AM—Registration
Noon—Luncheon Program

Regency Ballroom—2nd Floor
1:30 PM—Afternoon Sessions

The annual Japan Update Conference provides a forecast for the year with discussion of developments for Japan and Indiana, as well as key issues for the Japan-U.S. alliance around the world. Distinguished speakers and industry leaders will take an in-depth look at the Indiana-Japan relationship in the areas of investment, manufacturing and trade. The 2015 program features perspectives on the globalization and the localization of Japanese manufacturing and business.

Supporting Organizations
Consulate General of Japan at Chicago; Indiana Economic Development Association; Indiana Manufacturers Association; Japan External Trade Organization, Chicago
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Luncheon – Cosmopolitan Ballroom – 3rd Floor

11:30 am  Registration
12:00 pm  Introductory Remarks

MELANIE HART, President, Japan-America Society of Indiana
CEO, Tsuchiya Group North America

Lunch

Introduction of Consul General Masaharu Yoshida
PAWEL FLUDZINSKI, Honorary Consul of Japan in Indiana

Welcome Remarks from the Consulate General of Japan
THE HONORABLE MASAHARU YOSHIDA, Consul General of Japan at Chicago

Introduction of Governor Pence: Melanie Hart

Luncheon Keynote Address
THE HONORABLE MIKE PENCE, Governor, State of Indiana

Program – Regency Ballroom – 2nd Floor

1:30 pm  Conference Overview
MELANIE HART, President, Japan-America Society of Indiana
CEO, Tsuchiya Group North America Corporation

Opening Remarks
PETER KELLEY, President, National Association of Japan-America Societies

“Japan Update” Plenary Address
TAKEO NISHITANI, Chairman, Weber Shandwick Japan

The Japan-U.S. Alliance and Global Issues
JOE YOUNG, Director of Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Session 1: Leadership Across Cultures: Challenges of Globalization
Moderator: PETE MORSE, Barnes & Thornburg
DOUG JOHNSON, President, JA Benefits
BRAD RHORER, Manager of Associate Development, Subaru of Indiana Automotive
KEVIN BUTT, General Manager/Regional Environmental Director, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America

3:00 pm  Break

3:10 pm  Session 2: Indiana, the Midwest, and Japan: Successful Partnerships
Moderator: ICHIRO SONÉ, Chief Executive Director, JETRO-Chicago
JEFF PLATON, Chief Marketing Officer, Interactive Intelligence
HENRY JACKSON, CEO, Millennium Steel Services
DARREN WILDMAN, Representative, Cummins Komatsu Engine Company

Session 3: Indiana Works for Us
Moderator: TOM EASTERDAY, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Chief Legal Officer, Subaru of Indiana Automotive
TONY SUZUKI, Director, State of Indiana Japan Office
YOSHIKI TAKADA, President, SMC Corporation
SHINICHI IIZUKA, President, TOA Industries Co., Limited, Japan; CEO & Chairman, TOA (USA) LLC; Vice-Chairman, OTA Chamber of Commerce and Industry

5:15 pm  Networking Reception
Special Speakers

The Honorable Governor Mike Pence  
Governor, State of Indiana

Governor Mike Pence, a lifelong Hoosier, was elected Indiana’s 50th Governor in 2012 and inaugurated January 14, 2013. Governor Pence is dedicated to continuing Indiana on a pathway to success through fiscal responsibility, economic development and educational opportunity for every Hoosier child. As Governor, Pence manages a State employee workforce of approximately 28,000 and a State budget of $30.6 billion. He oversees the duties of the executive branch as the state’s chief executive officer, recommends and reviews legislation with members of the Indiana General Assembly, and also serves as the commander-in-chief of the Indiana National Guard. Prior to being elected Governor, Pence represented Indiana in Congress from 2001 to 2012. There, he brought his Hoosier sensibility to the table and quickly established a record of serving his constituents and championing fiscal responsibility, smaller government and economic growth—skills and values he brought with him to state government. Pence was born and raised in Columbus, Indiana, graduated from Hanover College (1981) and earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law (1986).

Takeo Nishitani,  
Chairman, Weber Shandwick Japan

Mr. Nishitani has been acknowledged as one of Japan’s most articulate communications “bridges” and has served as a link between foreign companies and government agencies in Japan for more than forty years. He provides strategic counsel to major clients in utilities, healthcare, manufacturing, financial and consumer/entertainment organizations, and public institutions. His broad experience includes consulting to multinational companies (MNCs) on their international strategies, on partnerships with Japanese companies, media relations, industrial relations, international trade issues and government affairs, and crisis management planning and execution. Prior to joining Weber Shandwick, Mr. Nishitani worked in the Netherlands promoting Japanese inward direct investment and tourism for the Amsterdam Promotion Foundation. He has also had postings in Saudi Arabia for Weber Shandwick to help Japanese MNCs develop their position in new markets. He is the author of “Public Affairs Strategy”, published by Toyo Keizai in December, 2011 and co-authored “Future Managers” by the Japan Productivity Center. He supervised the Japanese edition of “Corporate Reputation” published by Ittousha. He was awarded the decoration as an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau by His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands. Mr. Nishitani graduated from Sophia University with a B.A. in Literature.

The Honorable Masaharu Yoshida  
Consul General of Japan in Chicago

The Honorable Masaharu Yoshida, Consul General of Japan, Consulate General of Japan at Chicago Masaharu Yoshida was appointed Consul General of Japan at Chicago for the Midwest region in January 2013. A graduate of the University of Tokyo, he entered Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978. During the next twenty years, he received a succession of promotions and assignments, including serving as the Special Advisor of the Government of Japan at the 55th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. In 2002, he was appointed Minister at the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines. After serving for two years at the Embassy of Japan in the People’s Republic of China, he was promoted to Consul General at the Consulate General of Japan at Guangzhou, People’s Republic of China, in 2006. More recently, he was Director General of the International Affairs Department in the House of Representatives, Japanese Diet.
Melanie Hart
President, Japan-America Society of Indiana
CEO, Tsuchiya Group North America

After graduating from Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and holding positions with Mobil Oil and Chemical, and Schlegel Corporation, Melanie began her career with Tsuchiya Company of Nagoya, Japan, 25 years ago (www.tsuchiya-group.co.jp). Tsuchiya, established in 1950, is a $1.3 billion company, with 26 manufacturing and sales operations in 32 cities around the globe (Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Czech Republic, the U.S. and Canada). In 1994 Melanie was named President of TASUS Corporation (www.tasus.com), Tsuchiya’s first North American subsidiary. She was believed to be the first and youngest female president of a Japanese owned manufacturing company in North America. During the past 20 years of Melanie’s presidency, she established four more Tsuchiya companies in North America: TASUS Canada, of Ontario Canada, Craft Mexico, in Mexico City, TASUS Texas in Georgetown, Texas, and most recently, TASUS Alabama in Florence, Alabama. These Tsuchiya Group North America companies employ over 500, with annual combined revenues of over $80 million. They manufacture plastic injection molded assemblies, blow molded assemblies, extrusions, labels, overlays and dimensional graphic products for the automotive industry. In addition to leading and growing Tsuchiya’s presence in North America, Melanie also works closely with the headquarters leadership in Japan in matters of the operations of the Tsuchiya businesses around the globe.

Pawel Fludzinski
Honorary Consul of Japan in Indiana

Pawel Fludzinski, Ph.D., was named Honorary Consul of Japan for Indiana in 2014. He joined the Board of the Japan America Society of Indiana in 2003, and recently served a term as president (2009-12). Dr. Fludzinski recently retired from Eli Lilly & Co. after more than 30 years of employment, with the last 20 years being in Executive Level leadership positions. With a PhD in synthetic organic chemistry, he began his career as a bench scientist, but has spent the majority of his career in research management. He has enjoyed overseas assignments twice – in England in the early 90s and in Japan in the late 90s. In addition to his career at Lilly, Dr. Fludzinski has been an active member of the Indianapolis Community. He is passionate about the Indianapolis Zoo, having served on the Board since 1996, including two years as Board Chair (2006-08). He is currently on the Founders Board of the Zoo. More recently, he has joined the board of the Sycamore School (2010 - ). He has also served on the Board of the Indiana Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) (2007-2009) and the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (2011-2013).

Tom Easterday
Executive Vice President, Secretary, Chief Legal Officer, Subaru of Indiana Automotive

Tom joined Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. (SIA) in 1989 as Corporate Counsel, and has been promoted to various positions within SIA. He currently serves as Executive Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer; and is a Member of SIA’s Board of Directors. Tom is active in several organizations, including service as a Director of the: SIA Foundation, Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Automotive Council and National Association of Manufacturers. Tom has served as a speaker at numerous conferences on legal, business and environmental matters. He was the recipient of the 2009 Excellence in Manufacturing Innovation Award.

Kevin Butt
General Manager/Regional Environmental Director
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America

Kevin Butt is the General Manager/Regional Environmental Director. He is responsible for the development of Environmental Programs and Regulatory/Legislative development for all of Toyota's North American operations. Under Mr. Butt’s leadership, TEMA has accomplished a number of environmental improvements including: a 27% reduction in energy consumption/vehicle produced since 2000; a 23% reduction in CO2 emissions/vehicle produced since 2000; achieving zero landfill status at nearly all North American manufacturing and engineering locations; a reduction in water usage per vehicle produced by 26% since 1999. Since 1992, Mr. Butt has served in a variety of roles within the organization including Body Production Engineering, overseeing the welding, stamping and paint operations. Mr. Butt serves on a number of boards including the National Wildlife Habitat Council, World Wildlife Foundation (WWF), National Council and the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Through Mr. Butt’s leadership, Toyota is working with the WWF to help preserve and sustain the Galapagos Islands. This partnership focuses on the areas of energy and waste management solutions for the animals and people of the islands. Mr. Butt earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Science from Georgetown College, Lexington, Kentucky.

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Shinichi Iizuka  
**President, TOA Industries Co., Limited (Japan), CEO & Chairman, TOA (USA) LLC**  
Vice-Chairman, OTA Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Shinichi Iizuka earned his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from The Senshu University in 1984. During this same year Mr. Iizuka joined the Amada Metrecs Co. Ltd. 5 years later in 1989 Mr. Iizuka joined TOA Industries Co., Ltd a manufacturer of both Automotive Body Structure and Automotive Suspension components assuming the responsibility as the Director of Corporate Systems Development. In 1993 Mr. Iizuka was promoted to the role of Managing Director of TOA Industries Co., Ltd. only to be promoted once again in just a few short years to the role of Senior Managing Director in 1995. In 2000 as the Vice President of TOA Industries Co., Ltd. Mr. Iizuka established TOA (USA) LLC. TOA Industries Co., Ltd.’s first North American subsidiary to supply both Automotive Body Structure and Automotive Suspension components to the North American Automotive Industry. Today Mr. Iizuka is the President of TOA Industries Co., Ltd as well as the CEO of TOA (USA) LLC.

Henry Jackson  
**CEO, Millennium Steel Services**  
Henry Jackson started his Business Career with a stint in the Army where he served in Vietnam in 1969-1970. After that he moved from entry level accounting to higher positions within Accounting and Management in Manufacturing Companies. Jackson has had extensive manufacturing background as a Senior Executive with both domestic and international assignments for a $700 million US Corporation. The roots of the Millennium Steel joint venture date back 12-1/2 years to a meeting between Toyota and Henry Jackson, then president and CEO of Jackson Plastics Inc., a plastic injection moulded in Nicholasville, Ky., and a Tier I and II supplier to Toyota. This resulted in a Minority Owned Joint Venture with Toyota Tsusho America Inc. called Millennium Steel Service, LLC. Millennium Steel Service is a Tier 1 Raw Material supplier to Toyota and other Toyota related parts makers. Millennium Steel is responsible for all logistical aspects of the steel supply chain including ordering, purchasing, processing, warehousing and delivery of steel. Mr. Jackson’s mission for Millennium Steel Companies is to provide Steel products and Logistics Services of Unequalled Quality to our Customers. Jackson has a Bachelor’s of Science and Commerce from DePaul University and an MBA from the University Of Notre Dame.

Doug Johnson  
**President, JA Benefits**  
In 1988, Doug established JA Benefits as a privately held company devoted to quality, expertise and personal relationships. His clients value his personal attention, timeliness and depth of knowledge. With over 25 years of industry experience, Doug has an extensive background in financial and employee benefits planning. He is responsible for overall management of the firm, including new business development, delivery of services and client satisfaction. Doug’s years of experience help clients work effectively towards their employee benefit goals by designing benefit plans that are based on informed choices and clients' needs. Doug has served on numerous advisory boards for insurance companies and third party administrators. He is a frequent speaker on industry issues at local and regional conferences, including Indiana Society of Human Resource Managers meetings.

Peter Kelley  
**President, National Association of Japan America Societies**  
Peter Kelley became the fifth President of NAJAS in September, 2009. He comes to NAJAS with long experience with Japan in both the private and not-for-profit sectors. From 1985-2003, he worked for Teradyne, Inc., a Boston-based supplier of semiconductor test equipment, spending five years each in Japan and Europe and establishing the company's Connection Systems Division in Japan. From 2004-2009, he was Executive Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Cambridge, Mass., an independent foundation dedicated to the promotion of the humanities in higher education in Asia. He is a graduate of Harvard College, with a major in East Asian Studies, and the University of Maine School of Law.
Brad Rhorer  
Manager of Associate Development, Subaru of Indiana Automotive  
Brad has been with Subaru of Indiana Automotive for 20 plus years with 16 of those years in Human Resources. He is a member of the Region 4 works council, the Indiana Automotive Council, and the Chamber Workforce Development Policy Committee. Brad has served on the Indiana Career Council Core 40 as well as the Advisory Councils for both the Purdue School of Technology and the Indiana Afterschool Network (Stem Taskforce). He is also a Board member for the Indiana Youth Institute. Brad graduated from Purdue University.

Ichiro Soné  
Chief Executive Director, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Chicago  
He was appointed Chief Executive Director at JETRO Chicago in July, 2013. He oversees JETRO Chicago’s activities designed to facilitate trade and investment between Japan and 12 Midwestern states. He has served a number of positions in JETRO; Director at Overseas Offices Division, PR Director at Invest Japan Division at Tokyo HQ and Director at JETRO Los Angeles from 1994 to 1998 and Executive Director at JETRO San Francisco from 2005 to 2008. Also, he served Deputy Director at Second North America Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

In alphabetical Order

Pete Morse  
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg  
A partner with Barnes & Thornburg, Mr. Morse is Administrator of the Labor Department and Chairman of the firm’s Global Services Practice Group. With a national practice in which he has supported clients in all 50 states, Mr. Morse assists businesses in matters involving HR management, litigation defense, union avoidance, workforce reorganizations, employee benefits, management training, and developing best employment practices. Mr. Morse has also a unique international component to his practice – having managed client legal needs and business expansion in more than 45 countries (including Mexico, Canada, Europe South America, and all across Southeast Asia). Mr. Morse is perhaps most proud of his role serving as chief legal advisor for numerous Japanese companies. In that role, he not only helps guide Japanese clients on wide-ranging issues such as immigration, legal compliance, site selection, tax incentives and antitrust, but he also assists on personal matters for Japanese executives. Mr. Morse is a frequently featured speaker at seminars and workshops in Japan, makes recurring trips to Japan every year, serves on the Executive Board of the Japan-America Society of Indiana, and has had the privilege of accompanying State leadership on multiple Japan mission trips.

Jeff Platon  
Chief Marketing Officer, Interactive Intelligence  
Jeff Platon has more than 20 years of marketing and product management experience specializing in IT security, networking, cloud, and communications technologies. As chief marketing officer, Jeff manages the company’s global marketing organization with responsibility for driving market leadership, global awareness, demand generation, strategic events, and communications. Prior to joining Interactive Intelligence, Jeff served for 12 years in vice president marketing roles for leading global networking company Cisco Systems. During his tenure at Cisco, Jeff received numerous awards, including a Gold Effie, and Cisco’s Marketing Excellence and Outstanding Engineering Awards two years in a row. Previously, Jeff had been CEO and president of network security management firm AlertSoft, and vice president of marketing for McAfee, the world’s largest security technology company. Jeff has completed executive MBA courses at the London School of Business, and the MIT Sloane School of Management.
Tony Suzuki  
**Director, State of Indiana-Japan Office, Tokyo**  
Toshikazu Suzuki worked for Marubeni Corporation, a major Japanese trading firm, for about 30 years. He was stationed in Indianapolis and in Columbus, IN from 1986 through 1992, establishing and directing two business facilities. The first was the Indianapolis office of Marubeni Plant Contractor, a general contractor in Indianapolis encouraging the Japanese automotive industry to invest in the Mid-West and which now has more than 100 clients in Indiana. The second, Precision Tools Service Inc. (PTS), which originated in Columbus, IN, is a “just-in-time” delivery service company providing services via 10 branch offices in North America to more than a thousand clients. He also established MC-Komori Corporation, London, UK, in 1997 for the purpose of marketing bank-note printing equipment to the world market where he helped negotiate the contracts for three governmental printing factories in India, Nigeria, and Thailand. In 2002, he joined the Japanese leading confectionary company, Lotte Co., Ltd., as General Manager of the International Department, expanding its operation in Michigan, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and elsewhere.

Yoshiki Takada  
**President, SMC Corporation**  
Mr. Yoshiki Takada is President and COO of SMC Corporation of America. He serves on the US Board as well as SMC Japan’s Board of Directors. He graduated from Sophia University in 1982 with a law degree and a post graduate diploma in finance and accounting from London School of Economics and Political Science. Mr. Takada began working for Mitsubishi Corporation in their LNG Division importing LNG gas in 1982, and in 1988, moved to SMC Switzerland as General Manager. From there, he moved to a few different SMC European subsidiaries until he moved to the US in 1991 and was promoted to General Manager of SMC US in 2004. Mr. Takada has also been in charge of global operations and strategic initiatives for SMC as a whole where he continues to focus on growing SMC to be number one in the market globally.

Darren Wildman  
**Representative, Cummins Komatsu Engine Company**  
Darren Wildman began employment at Cummins UK straight out of high school in 1984. He held various hourly positions until late 1994 when he began his career in Operational Management up to Operations Director. In 2007, he moved to Seymour, Indiana to take over the Cummins facility and added the Cummins Komatsu joint venture and Cummins Natural Gas facility in Clovis New Mexico to his responsibilities in 2008. In that time Seymour has grown and secured the position of manufacturing site for the new QSK95 Liter engine for Cummins, the highest displacement engine manufactured by Cummins.

Joe Young  
**Director of Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S. Department of State**  
Joe Young began his career at the U.S. Embassy in Singapore as a Consular Affairs Officer. He has since travelled all over the world, working as a Political Affairs Officer for the U.S. Embassy, Nairobi, an Economics Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy, Beijing, a Political-Economic Section Chief at the U.S. Embassy, Dublin, and most recently as a Political-Military Unit Chief at the U.S. Embassy, Tokyo. In 2012 he became a Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor for the U.S. Pacific Command. He also spent two years as an Aviation Negotiations Officer for the Economics Bureau, U.S. Department of State. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in Classics at Borromeo College and his Master’s degree in Foreign Service at Georgetown University.
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The Japan-America Society of Indiana was selected as one of five sites to host a Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) Coordinator for the 2014-2016 cycle. This competitive program, funded by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and jointly administered with The Laurasian Institution, awarded JASI a “staff” person, Ms. Chiaki Tokiwa, who is responsible for promoting understanding about Japan, its culture, language, and customs in Indiana. We hope you will have the opportunity to interact with her during her tenure at JASI. To invite Ms. Tokiwa to give a presentation about Japan to your students or group, please contact Chiaki Tokiwa (chiaki.tokiwa@japanindiana.org).

Japan-America Society of Indiana

The Japan-America Society of Indiana (JASI) is a not-for-profit cultural and educational organization whose mission is to serve as a bridge of friendship between the people of Indiana and Japan, and to facilitate cultural understanding, business relationships, and people to people exchange and friendships.

Founded in 1988 by community, business, and academic leaders, membership in the Society includes over 1500 corporate and individual members located throughout the state. JASI sponsors programs dealing with current issues in the Japan-U.S. relationship and organizes opportunities for networking, and business development.

The Society’s office serves as an information center and the bilingual staff provides support to Japanese individuals, family members, and executives, and responds in Japanese to requests for assistance, practical living information, and educational information. JASI provides its individual members and communities in Indiana with authentic and unique experiences in the culture, traditions, lifestyles, language, music, art and society of Japan and the United States.

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