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Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S. Department of State

A Business Leader’s Outlook for Japan’s Economy and Business Climate

SHINYA KATANOZAKA
President & CEO, ANA Holdings, Inc.

Networking Reception
Satoshi Kitahama is the Representative Director of Kizuna Foundation, the successor organization to All Hands Asia (AHA). AHA is the Japanese legal entity he established at the request of All Hands Volunteers, Inc., the US 501(C)3 humanitarian aid organization. Mr. Kitahama set up AHA in response to the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and ensuing events and oversaw the management of the organization, including fundraising of over $1.25 million in donation that supported its volunteer activities over a seven-month period. Currently, AHA has moved on from its volunteer roots to focus more on economic development and business development in the affected areas. Accordingly, the entity has adopted the new name Kizuna Foundation to reflect this evolution of the organization.

Prior to joining AHA, Mr. Kitahama spent over 15 years in finance. He began his career in equity capital market with Schroder Wertheim in New York, followed by a transition to credit and structured products, working with Merrill Lynch International in London. Mr. Kitahama returned to his land of birth and finished his career with RBS International as Managing Director and Head of Leveraged Capital Markets—Asia. Currently, Mr. Kitahama is a principal in R-Five, K.K., an investment vehicle focused on energy, media, agriculture & aquaculture, and food & beverage. He is also the CEO of Odigo Japan K.K., an inbound tourism startup.

Mr. Kitahama was born in Tokyo, but spent his childhood in New Orleans. He has a bachelor’s degree in East Asian Studies and Economic from Columbia College at Columbia University in the City of New York. He currently resides in Tokyo.
Joseph M. Young currently serves as the Director of Office of Japanese Affairs, the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Classics from Borromeo College and a master’s degree in Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Joining the U.S. Department of State in 1991, Mr. Young has received language training in Swahili, Chinese and Japanese at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, Beijing and Yokohama during his diplomatic career. He was a Consular Affairs Officer at U.S. Embassy of Singapore, Political Affairs Officer at U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Economics Affairs Officer at U.S. Embassy of Beijing and Political-Economic Section Chief at U.S. Embassy in Dublin. In 2009, he was appointed as the Political-Military Unit Chief at U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and was in office for three years.

Besides posting in overseas, Mr. Young was also an Economics Researcher at Foreign Service Institute in Washington, Aviation Negotiations Officer Economics Bureau of U.S. Department of State and Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor of U.S. Pacific Command.

Young is married with three daughters.
Shinya Katanozaka was born on July 4, 1955, in Kagoshima, Japan. He joined All Nippon Airways in 1979, after graduating from Tokyo University’s Faculty of Law. At ANA, Mr. Katanozaka has had a wealth of experience and taken a variety of leadership roles in core areas of business including Marketing and Sales, Corporate Planning, Personnel and Flight Operations among others.

In June of 2009, he became a member of the Board of directors of ANA as Executive Vice President of Marketing & Sales, CS Promotion, and Product & Services Strategy. His role in Corporate Planning was further elevated in April of 2012 to the status of Senior Executive Vice President.

In April of 2013, following ANA’s shift to a Holdings Company structure, he was appointed to the Board of directors of the newly established ANA Holdings, at which time he became responsible for Human Resource Strategy, Group Business Development and Corporate Planning.

Mr. Katanozaka has been President and Chief Executive Officer of ANA Holdings since April of 2015. His appointment to this role is a testament to the strong leadership he has shown in his various positions in charge of ANA’s core areas of business. Mr. Katanozaka currently resides in Kanagawa, with his wife and two daughters.