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U.S.-Japan Relations:
One Year into the Trump Administration
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The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth furthers mutual understanding and ongoing engagement between Japanese and Americans. We provide quality programs in arts and culture, education, business, public policy, and international exchange, and create opportunities for friendship and meaningful interaction.

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AGENDA

Friday, February 27, 2018

12:00 – 1:30 pm Luncheon Program - Texas 5-8

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WELCOME

John Bowers
Vice President, Co-Brand Partnerships, American Airlines
President, Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi
Associate Professor, Tower Center for Political Studies, SMU
Director, Sun & Star Japan and East Asia Program

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Dr. Toshihiro Nakayama
Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University

Dr. Sheila A. Smith
Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

DISCUSSION / Q&A

1:30 – 2:00 pm Break - Move to Texas Foyer

2:00 – 3:30 pm Panel Session - Texas 5-8

Technology & Innovation in North Texas/Japan Business Relations

PANEL MEMBERS

Paul Havala
Vice President, Planning, Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Brian Kursar
Vice President and Chief Data Scientist, Toyota Connected

Girish Nazhiyath
Solutions Architect Director, Retail Solutions, NEC Corporation of America

PANEL CHAIR

Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi

DISCUSSION / Q&A

SILVER

Brierley+Partners
Canon Solutions America, Inc.
Central Japan Railway Company
Dallas County Community College District
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Fisher & Phillips LLP
Gladney Ranch
HULFT, Inc.
iiicareer/Gephyro Consulting
JETRO – Houston
Key International, Inc.
Marketwave
Marsh USA Inc.
Mitsubishi International Corporation
Mitsubishi Bussan Aerospace Corporation
Mitsubishi Bussan Logistics Inc.

BRONZE

Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management (U.S.A.), Inc.
MM Mobile Inc.
MOL Logistics (U.S.A.) Inc.
Nippon Express USA, Inc.
Ohashi & Horn LLP
Panasonic Automotive Systems
Pasona N A, Inc.
Sanden of America Inc.
SCSK USA Inc.
Sompo America Insurance Services LLC
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Third Generation Financial LLC
Tokio Marine Management, Inc.
John G. Tower Center for Political Studies
Toyota Tourist Authority
Naveen Jindal School of Management,
The University of Texas at Dallas
Yamato Transport U.S.A. Inc.

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Crow Collection of Asian Art
Ikebana International Dallas Chapter 13
Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
SMU Abroad
Southlake Sister Cities
Texas Global Education & Cultural Exchange
The annual Japan Update Symposium provides an in-depth look at key trends in U.S.-Japan relations and their particular relevance to North Texas business and trade. This year’s luncheon speakers will address developments in the bilateral relationship during President Trump’s first year in office. In the afternoon panel session, the audience will learn about technological innovations in North Texas-Japan business relations.

The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, as the leading nonprofit organization promoting U.S.-Japan relations in North Texas, is strongly committed to presenting high-quality and timely discussions on economics, trade, and business. The growing number of Japanese businesses in North Texas underscores the importance of the Japan Update Symposium as well as other programs offered by the Japan-America Society which promote mutual understanding, friendship, and economic cooperation.

Today’s program is part of a series presented by Japan-America Societies across the U.S., made possible through the cooperation of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the National Association of Japan-America Societies. This series brings expert perspectives on contemporary issues to local audiences and fills an important need for information at a time of increased interest in the bilateral relationship between the two countries.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Paul Havala
Vice President, Planning
Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

In his role at Fujitsu, Paul Havala leads strategy and planning for the company’s optical, wireless, and software solutions. Mr. Havala is an experienced product line management leader with a passion for solving business problems and developing other leaders. He has more than 28 years of experience in the telecom industry. Prior to joining Fujitsu, he served in technical marketing, business development, product line management, and senior technical roles at Ericsson, Nokia, and White Rock Networks. Mr. Havala earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Michigan State University.

Brian Kursar
Vice President and Chief Data Scientist
Toyota Connected

Brian Kursar leads Toyota Connected Global Big Data Strategy as Vice President and Chief Data Scientist for the Toyota Connected Data Services group. He joined Toyota Motors North America in 2001 as a Quality Assurance Engineer and Automotive Systems Architect. In 2008, he served as Principal Architect for the Product Quality Analytics and then as Chief Architect on the Toyota Customer 360 Insights platform. He left Toyota in 2015 to serve as Vice President and Chief Architect of Warner Bros.’ Big Data Direct to Consumer Activation and Analytics platform. After three years, and following the formation of Toyota Connected, Mr. Kursar decided to return to Toyota to continue driving innovation in Big Data and Mobility.

Girish Nazhiyath
Solutions Architect Director, Retail Solutions
NEC Corporation of America

Girish Nazhiyath is a senior professional with over 20 years of experience in creating, selling, and delivering innovative technology value solutions into vertical markets with specialization in the retail industry. He is highly skilled at selling the vision and value of emerging technology advances that enable business innovation. Mr. Nazhiyath also has extensive experience in global cross-team creation and collaboration between customer organizations, internal teams, and partner ecosystems to enable strategic partnerships, planning, and execution. He holds a Bachelor of Technology in electronics engineering from the National Institutes of Technology in India, and before joining NEC in 2012, he worked at Microsoft and IBM.

Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi
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Dr. Takeuchi’s research and teaching interests include Chinese and Japanese politics, comparative political economy of authoritarian regimes, international relations of East Asia, and applying game theory to political science. He has published articles in numerous professional journals and is the author of Rural Tax Reforms in Contemporary China: Revenue, Resistance, and Authoritarian Rule (Cambridge University Press, 2014). Previously, he taught at UCLA as a faculty fellow in the Political Science Department and at Stanford University as a postdoctoral teaching fellow of public policy. Dr. Takeuchi received his B.A. in economics from Keio University, his M.A. in Asian studies from the University of California at Berkeley, and his Ph.D. in political science from UCLA.
Dr. Toshihiro Nakayama
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Toshihiro Nakayama is a Professor of American Politics and Foreign Policy at Keio University and also an Adjunct Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs. An expert on American politics, foreign policy, and international relations, he appears regularly on Japanese media and writes a monthly column for Japan News (English daily of Yomiuri Shimbun). A prolific author, he has published two books and numerous articles in his field of study. Previously, Dr. Nakayama was a Special Correspondent for The Washington Post at its Far Eastern Bureau, Special Assistant at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York, Senior Research Fellow at The Japan Institute of International Affairs, Associate Professor at Tsuda College, and CNAPS Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Most recently, he was Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University (2010-14) and Sir Howard Kippenberger Chair Visiting Professor at the Center for Strategic Studies, Victoria University in Wellington (2017). Dr. Nakayama received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Aoyama Gakuin University. In 2014, he received the Nakasone Yasuhiro Award (Incentive Award).

Dr. Sheila A. Smith
Senior Fellow for Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Sheila Smith, an expert on Japanese politics and foreign policy, is the author of Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China (Columbia University Press, 2015) and Japan’s New Politics and the U.S.-Japan Alliance (Council on Foreign Relations, 2014). Dr. Smith joined CFR from the East-West Center in 2007, where she directed a multinational research team in a cross-national study of the domestic politics of the U.S. military presence in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines. She has been a visiting scholar and researcher at major Japanese universities and policy think tanks. Currently she serves as Vice Chair of the U.S. advisors to the U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Exchange (CULCON), a bi-national advisory panel of government officials and private sector members. She also serves on the advisory committee for the U.S.-Japan Network for the Future program of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. Dr. Smith is an adjunct professor at the Asian Studies Department of Georgetown University. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science at Columbia University.