In partnership with the National Association of Japan-America Societies, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) is pleased to present **U.S.-Japan Now: Smart City Technology Business Luncheon**, featuring guest speakers Takashi Hatchoji and Ben Easterling. This program will highlight the history, current trends, and future outlook of Internet of Things (IoT) and Smart City Technology and Japanese corporate activity and investment in America, demonstrating the ability of Japan and the U.S. to stay competitive in today’s global market through its development of new technologies and innovative products.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Welcome by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Raphael Bostic
President & CEO, FRB

Introduction by The Japan-America Society of Georgia
William Strang
Chairman, JASG

Remarks from the Consulate General of Japan
Yukata Nakamura
Deputy Consul General of Japan in Atlanta

Lunch

AT&T IoT & Smart Cities Technology
Ben Easterling
AT&T

Japan Update Series
Peter Kelly
President, NAJAS

Japanese Technology & Investment in the U.S.
Takashi Hatchoji
Nitto Denko Corporation

Q&A Session
R. Anton Braun
Research Economist & Senior Adviser, FRB

Optional Tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Ben Easterling is Strategic Alliance Lead of AT&T Smart Cities, a business unit inside of AT&T’s Internet of Things Solutions. Ben is responsible for the ecosystem of solution providers & strategic alliance partners that drive the product development, business development and go-to-market strategy for AT&T’s Smart Cities initiatives. As a Strategic Alliance Lead, Ben is responsible for finding & cultivating strategic relationships with the right best in class companies with the best in class technologies that builds a robust ecosystem of partners leveraging ATT 4G LTE connectivity to deliver a complete solution to Cities. These include Fortune 100 companies like GE, Hitachi, and Southern Company. This solution delivers economic development, public safety, transportation, and sustainability benefits to the City to improve operational efficiencies for the city and improve the quality of life for their citizens.

Mr. Takashi Hatchoji has served on the Board of Directors of Nitto Denko Corporation since June 2016. Since its foundation in 1918, the Nitto Group has swiftly identified market needs, and based on its key technologies such as adhesives and coating, have conducted business globally across various industries including electronics, automotive, housing, infrastructure, medical, and environmental. Before his time with Nitto Denko, Mr. Hatchoji was a member of the Board of Hitachi Ltd. from June 2011 until his retirement from Hitachi in June 2016. He served as Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd. starting in April 2009 before being named Chairman of Hitachi America Ltd. in April 2011. Mr. Hatchoji has also held many positions with Hitachi including its Research Institute, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, Business Solution Systems Division, Corporate Planning & Development Office, and Industrial Machinery Division since joining Hitachi Ltd. in April 1970. He received his degree from Hitotsubashi University’s Department of Commerce in March 1970.