Immigration and Workforce Diversity: Contrasting Issues for Japan and the United States

February 20, 2018
6:30 — 8:00 PM
William H. Gates Hall (Room 138)
University of Washington
Program

Welcome .............................................Dongsheng Zang
University of Washington Asian Law Center

Opening remarks.................................Yoichiro Yamada
Consul General of Japan in Seattle

Master of Ceremonies ............................ Chris Helm
Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP

Keynote Speaker .................................Yoshio Ishizaka
Outlook Foundation

Keynote Speaker .................................Steven Gonzalez
Washington State Supreme Court

Q&A .....................................................All
Email questions to events@jassw.org

Closing remarks .................................Dale Watanabe
Japan-America Society of the State of Washington

Grassroots Summit in Washington State

September 18—24, 2018

In September 2018, JASSW and Washington State communities welcome the 28th Japan-America Grassroots Summit, bringing together people from Japan and the United State to celebrate and strengthen our long and positive partnerships in trade, culture and peace. This is a timely opportunity for all of us to demonstrate our continuing commitment to one of our greatest alliances. Participate by being a volunteer or host family.

Sponsored by:

- City of Seattle
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Annual Meeting 2018

This year’s Annual Meeting will feature Washington wines and focus on the trade between Japan and the U.S. with Washington Wine Commission President, Steve Warner, and executives from our featured wineries. Guests will have a chance to taste wines provided by our featured wineries. Experience wines from Browne Family Vineyards’ newly-opened Pioneer Square tasting room and established Woodinville favorites, Delille Cellars and Chateau Ste. Michelle.

Ticket:
- Members $30.00
- Non-members $40.00

Register at http://jassw.org

Wing Luke Museum
719 S King Street

Upcoming Event

Features Wineries:

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Featured Cuisine:

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Featured Speakers

Consul General of Japan in Seattle Yoichiro Yamada

Yoichiro (Giro) Yamada joined the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984. After serving as DCM in Kenya and Belgium, he was appointed as Consul-General of Japan in Seattle in April 2017.

He believes that the best service an overseas mission can provide is to facilitate exchanges by connecting good-willed people with potential partners across the borders. His past overseas postings include Moscow, Brussels (twice), Warsaw, New York and Nairobi.

Mr. Yamada has BA from University of Tokyo and MPA from Columbia University.

Christopher R. Helm
Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Christopher Helm provides immigration assistance, including visas and labor certifications, to executives, managers, researchers, and other professionals.

His professional & community activities include:

- Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 1995-Present (Chair, Immigration Practice Group, 2011-2015; Chair, Pro Bono Committee, 2015-2017)
- Director and Treasurer, OneAmerica (2016 to present)
- Director and Past Chair, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, 1998-present
- Director, Japanese American Chamber of Commerce 1999-2008; General Counsel, 1999-2001
Mr. Ishizaka continues as an advisor to the Toyota Motor Corporation Board of Directors. His experience includes:

- Senior Advisor, Toyota Motor Corporation, 2005–present
- Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor Corporation, 2001-2005
- Director, Corporation Institute for International Economics
- Oversaw the development of the Lexus Division

Steven Gonzalez was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in 2012 and subsequently won a contested race for a six-year term. He speaks Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish and is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars.

Justice Gonzalez’s experience includes:

- King County Superior Court Judge, 2002-2011
- Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle, 1996-1997
- Domestic Violence Prosecutor for the City of Seattle, 1996-1997
- Associate Attorney, Hillis Clark Martin and Peterson, 1991-1996