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Now in its eighth year, the Japan-America Society of Indiana’s Japan Update Conference provides a business, economic and international relations outlook with discussion of developments and projections for Japan and Indiana, as well as key issues for the Japan-U.S. relationship in Asia.

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

1:00 PM—Registration
1:30 PM—Speaker Program
5:00 PM—Reception

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Welcome from the Master of Ceremonies
PETER MORSE, Labor Department Administrator & Chairman, Global Services Practice Group, Barnes & Thornburg
Honorary Consul of Japan in Indianapolis

Japan and Indiana: A Growing Partnership
NAOKI ITO, Consul-General of Japan in Chicago, Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago

The Japan-U.S. Relationship: Acceleration, Deceleration, or Steady As You Go . . .
TAKEHIRO SHIMADA, Minister, Communication and Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Japan, Washington D.C.
TED SAEGER, Acting Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.
Moderator: PETER KELLEY, President, National Association of Japan-America Societies, Washington D.C.

Current Trends in Japanese Investment
RALPH INFORZATO, Chief Executive Director, JETRO Chicago

Special Presentation: Japan Accelerates in IndyCar
MARK MILES, President and CEO, Hulman & Company, NTT IndyCar Series, and The Indianapolis Motor Speedway

US Trade Policy and Tariffs and Economic Impacts
BERNARD SWIECKI, Director, Automotive Communities Partnership, Center for Automotive Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan
DAVID SPOONER, Co-Chair of International Trade Practice Group, Barnes & Thornburg, Washington D.C.

Labor on the Quick: Workforce Now
FRED PAYNE, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Workforce Development
GREG WINKLER, Director, Economic Development, City of Anderson
CHUCK HABERMAN, Leader of Workforce Development, Gaylor Electric
DAVID TUCKER, Vice President, Workforce Development and Community Services, Vincennes University
Moderator: KENNETH SIEPMAN, Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins

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5:00—6:30: Reception
Please enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres and drinks!
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Chuck Haberman
Leader of Workforce Development, Gaylor Electric

Chuck Haberman is the Leader of Workforce Development for Gaylor Electric, where he drives talent development initiatives, employee engagement and retention. Chuck also serves as the President of the Association for Talent Development-Central Indiana Chapter; a professional membership organization supporting those who develop the knowledge and skills of employees in organizations. He served 8 years in the United States Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer; two years stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Chuck holds a BS in Organizational Leadership from Purdue University and a MPS in Organization Development & Change from Penn State University.

Ralph Inforzato
Chief Executive Director, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Chicago

Ralph Inforzato, Chief Executive Director of JETRO Chicago, oversees JETRO Chicago’s activities designed to facilitate trade and investment between Japan and 12 Midwestern states served by JETRO Chicago. Previously, Mr. Inforzato served as Executive Director, Business Development wherein he implemented JETRO’s team-based projects to assist US business expansion to Japan. He initiated in-bound and out-bound technology collaboration for US & Japanese companies, which resulted in numerous business agreements. For the last thirty-three years, Mr. Inforzato has been involved in significant JETRO related business development projects: Japan-US Biotechnology Initiative, which has sent more than 500 representatives from North American life sciences companies, universities, and research institutes to Japan. He is directly involved in implementing JETRO’s Japan service robotics business development projects and JETRO’s Monozukuri program, a series of seminars focused on Japanese manufacturing philosophies for engineers in North American technology companies.

Naoki Ito
Consul-General of Japan in Chicago, Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago

Mr. Naoki Ito took up his current position of Consul-General of Japan in Chicago in February 2017. The jurisdiction of the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago covers 10 states in the Midwest and Great Plains: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. This is his sixth overseas assignment, and his previous postings include the Embassies of Japan in Myanmar, India, and the United Kingdom, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN in New York. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, Mr. Ito has directed divisions dealing with the relations between Japan and regions in Asia, notably the Korean Peninsula. From 2014 to 2015, he was also involved in Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with the European Union, as well as for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). Most recently, he worked on Japan’s development cooperation as Senior-Vice President at the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Mr. Ito joined the Ministry in April 1984 and he studied at the University of Tokyo and the University of Cambridge. Mr. Ito started the Grassroots Caravan Initiative in cooperation with JETRO Chicago. It is reaching out to local areas where Japanese companies have invested to further promote direct investment and trade. The Caravan has completed 14 visits around the Midwest.

Peter Kelley
President, National Association of Japan-America Societies, Washington D.C.

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.
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Mark Miles
President and CEO, Hulman & Company, NTT IndyCar Series, and The Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Mark D. Miles is President and CEO of Hulman & Company, comprised of Clabber Girl, Georgetown Realty, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, INDYCAR, IMS Productions, and various other business entities. Prior to joining Hulman, Miles was President and CEO of Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Inc. (“CICP”), a non-profit, regional alliance of corporate CEOs and university presidents focused on long-term growth and economic development throughout the Central Indiana region. In 2008, Miles also led a successful effort to earn Indianapolis the right to host Super Bowl XLVI. He was Chairman of the Board of the 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee which served as an extension of the NFL in the local community. In conjunction with the 2012 Super Bowl, Miles spearheaded a civic effort known as the Legacy Project to effect positive change throughout the surrounding community. Miles serves on numerous civic and non-profit boards and committees.

Peter Morse
Labor Department Administrator & Chairman, Global Services Practice Group
Barnes & Thornburg; Honorary Consul of Japan in Indianapolis

For more than 25 years, Pete has had the honor of serving as chief outside legal counsel to countless Japanese-owned companies and their American business partners. He has helped businesses navigate issues in the fields of Human Resources, litigation defense, corporate and business needs, intellectual property, government incentives, antitrust, product recall, compliance, union-avoidance, and immigration. He is known for his practical approach and bringing the right people, resources, and ideas together to simply solve problems and implement best practices, and has been the recipient of “Lawyer of the Year” honors on multiple occasions. Pete also has also served as a longtime member of JASI’s Executive Officer team, traveling to Japan on countless occasions (including accompanying the last three Indiana Governors), leading annual cultural and management training sessions for Japanese and American leaders, and enjoying the friendship and wisdom of so many Japanese and American leaders in the Japan-Indiana relationship. It’s Pete’s goal to further deepen that unique bipartisan relationship in his current role as Honorary Consul to Japan.

Fred Payne
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Fred Payne joined the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) in December 2017, as Commissioner, after being appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb. The Commissioner serves as DWD’s Chief Executive. Mr. Payne came to DWD from Honda Manufacturing of Indiana (HMIN), as Chief Administrator where he was responsible for the Business Division. Mr. Payne was one of three senior and executive leaders on the Company Operating Committee responsible for overall operations. Mr. Payne served in a variety of leadership roles, including General Counsel, Secretary and Compliance Officer, as well as representing HMIN across North America on the Retirement & 401(k) Committee and Inclusion Committee. Mr. Payne is also credited with starting the following foundational processes and units at HMIN: Corporate Governance, Risk Management, and the Office of Inclusion & Diversity. Prior to Honda, Mr. Payne was in private practice representing employers in employment and labor law matters before federal & state courts and governmental/administrative agencies throughout the U.S. such as the National Labor Relations Board, civil rights commissions, and the Department of Labor.
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Ted Saeger  
Acting Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.  

Ted Saeger is Acting Director of the Office of Japan Affairs at the State Department in Washington DC. A career Foreign Service Officer since 2000, he has served in Islamabad, Taipei, Jakarta, New Delhi, and Seoul, and in Washington with the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. Prior to the State Department, Ted worked for the World Bank. He holds a Master’s degree in international security and economic policy from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor’s degree from Colgate University. He is married with two children, a daughter and son.

Takehiro Shimada  
Minister, Communication and Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Japan, Washington D.C.  

Takehiro Shimada was appointed the Japanese Embassy’s Minister of Communications and Cultural Affairs in the United States in August 2017, making this his second appointment on the Cultural Affairs team in the United States. Prior to his assignment in Washington, he served as the Director of the Japanese Policy Planning Division for the Headquarters for the Abduction Issue, as Cabinet Secretariat. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991, and worked in the areas of international peace cooperation, China and Mongolian Affairs, and foreign policy among others. He has extensive experience in both economic and political affairs in addition to cultural affairs. Shimada-san graduated from Keio University in Law and received a second BA in Modern History from Oxford University. He is married with two daughters, one of whom is a student at University of Pennsylvania. Hobbies include baseball, swimming, golf, and gardening.

Kenneth Siepman  
Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins  

For nearly 30 years, Ken Siepman has represented and advised employers on a wide array of labor and employment issues, including ADA, ADEA, FLSA, FMLA, Title VII, NLRA, covenant not to compete/trade secret matters, wage claims, and wrongful discharge. Ken regularly serves as lead counsel for employers in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and administrative agencies such as the EEOC, NLRB, OSHA, and the Indiana and United States Departments of Labor. He also has represented employers before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits on several occasions. Ken devotes a significant portion of his practice to litigation avoidance and counseling. He partners with employers to provide training on ADA, FMLA, OSHA, wage-hour, hiring/interviewing, employee terminations, workplace harassment, and positive employee relations. He also assists employers to develop employment applications, contracts, personnel policies and handbooks, non-compete agreements, severance agreements, and other employment-related documents.

David Spooner  
Co-Chair of International Trade Practice Group, Barnes & Thornburg, Washington D.C.  

David M. Spooner is a partner in the Corporate Department and Co-Chair of the International Trade Practice Group at Barnes & Thornburg. He uses his past experience as a high-level political appointee in the Executive Branch and Capitol Hill to assist clients before both branches of government, as well as before foreign governments. Prior to entering private practice, David served as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration where he led U.S. Government enforcement of trade remedy laws. He administered the Foreign Trade Zone system; managed trade remedy negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as dispute resolution proceedings at the WTO; chaired U.S.-China talks on macroeconomic reforms and the steel industry; and supervised the US Department of Commerce’s import safety initiatives. Before this, he served as the Chief Textile and Apparel Negotiator and Transition Coordinator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) where he was a principal negotiator for free trade agreements with Central America, the Dominican Republic, Singapore, Australia, Chile, Panama, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Colombia and Peru. He was heavily involved in building support for congressional passage of the Bush Administration’s trade agenda. David also negotiated a comprehensive apparel trade agreement with China and concluded bilateral customs and quota arrangements with several nations.
Bernard Swiecki
Director, Automotive Communities Partnership, Center of Automotive Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Bernard Swiecki serves as Director of the Automotive Communities Partnership (ACP) at the Center for Automotive Research (CAR), as well as Assistant Director of CAR’s Industry, Labor, and Economics (ILE) group. He joined CAR in 1994. Mr. Swiecki manages research projects studying a wide breadth of automotive industry structure and technology topics. He manages CAR’s analysis of vehicle market and production data. He has also led trade missions to China, Italy, India, and Russia. Mr. Swiecki has authored numerous articles for print publications, as well as a monthly column, on the automotive industry. He regularly presents at conferences and industry events around the world, as well as providing interviews to local, national, and global media. Mr. Swiecki is a member of the Society of Automotive Analysts (SAA). He has served on the U.S. Department of Commerce Eastern Michigan District Export Council. He received his BA from the University of Michigan in 1998 and his MS from Eastern Michigan University in 2003.

David Tucker
Vice President for Workforce Development and Community Services, Vincennes University

David Tucker is Vice President for Workforce Development and Community Services at Vincennes University. He works with LEDO’s across the state, collaborating on workforce solutions to meet employer needs. Those workforce solutions are typically provided at VU training facilities, but are also often available at employer locations, career centers, and learning centers. Mr. Tucker is responsible for a range of VU educational, training, and social programs statewide. Those programs include business and industry training, focusing on machining, industrial maintenance, robotics, quality control, workplace and mine safety, heavy equipment operation, crane operation, logistics, construction trades, leadership and soft skills. He provides leadership for all phases of VU Distance Education and the Military Education Program. He also leads Work One case management services in 14 counties, Adult Basic Education in 17 counties, TRIO Programs in 4 counties and Generations (a six-county Area Agency on Aging). Mr. Tucker serves on numerous boards and volunteer organizations. He is a graduate of DePauw University and Indiana University Law School – Bloomington.

Greg Winkler
Director, Economic Development, City of Anderson

Mr. Winkler has worked in the consulting engineering field for over 20 years with national firms in the southwest and the mid-west developing public and private projects in excess of $3 Billion. The more notable of these projects include: the Design-build of the Salt Lake City I-15 corridor for the 2002 Winter Olympics, the Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, the 2 Million sqf Las Vegas Convention Center expansion, the Las Vegas Justice Center, the Reno-Retrac Union Pacific Railroad, the US 95 widening in Clark County Nevada, multiple bridges for the Clark County / Las Vegas beltway, Segment 4 of the 1-69 extension in Indiana, and the Colorado River crossing just south of Hoover Dam. In 2004, Mr. Winkler founded Lead Climber, LLC to serve the City of Anderson, Indiana as the city’s economic development global sales consultant responsible for the attraction, retention, and expansion of investment by companies resulting in the creation of new jobs. In 2012 Mr. Winkler assumed the responsibility for the city’s overall economic development effort including redevelopment. To date, this collaboration has resulted in some 6000 new jobs and over $2 Billion in new investment for the City of Anderson, including the four Japanese companies Keihin, Greenville Technologies, NTN, and NTK.
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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