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Japanese Technology Symposium to Unlock the Secrets of Innovation Secrets of Honda, JAXA, and Hitachi

The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) is pleased to present a special **Symposium Dinner, U.S.-Japan Now: Technology & Innovation** on **February 19, 2015** at **Le Meridien Perimeter Atlanta**. Speakers in several technological fields will highlight the history, current trends, and future outlook of the application and development of their respective use of technology and innovation in relation to Japan's cooperation with the U.S. and the rest of the world.

The event features presentations from **Mr. Greg Benedict**, Senior Manager of Manufacturing/MRO for Honda Aero, Inc.; **Mr. Nobuto Yoshioka**, Deputy Director of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and **Dr. Yutaka Kokai**, Vice President of Infrastructure Projects Office of Hitachi America, Ltd., who will discuss their ability to stay competitive in today's global economy through the development and advancement of new technologies and innovative products.

Mr. Greg Benedict is Senior Manager of Manufacturing/MRO for Honda Aero, Inc (HAI) in Burlington, NC. HAI is responsible for Honda's aviation engine operations including Sales, Marketing, Purchasing, Manufacturing, and Maintenance. Benedict has supported HAI since 2008 for facility construction and the establishment of manufacturing and maintenance operations. Prior to this assignment, Benedict worked for 19 years at Honda manufacturing facilities in Alabama, Ohio, and Japan.

Mr. Nobuto Yoshioka is Deputy Director of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). JAXA is responsible for research, technology development and the launch of satellites into orbit, and is involved in many more advanced missions, such as asteroid exploration and possible manned exploration of the Moon. Mr. Yoshioka manages JAXA's international collaborations between many US agencies such as NASA and NOAA, as well as collaborations and negotiations with Canada and Europe. His career at JAXA began in 1993 as a Robotics engineer contributing greatly to the R&D department.

Dr. Yutaka Kokai received his M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Yokohama National University in 1981 and 1992, respectively. In 1981, he joined Hitachi Research Laboratory of Hitachi, Ltd., where he engaged in research and development work on power system analysis and control systems. In 1993, he moved to Omika Works of Hitachi, Ltd. to develop the world first On-line TSC (transient stability control) system for Chubu Electric Power Company in Japan.

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