

Through the **Japan Update Grant** offered by The Sasakawa Peace Foundation and The National Association of Japan-America Societies, The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) is pleased to present a special Symposium Dinner, **U.S.-Japan Now: Technology & Innovation**. This event will highlight the history, current trends, and future outlook of Japanese technology and innovation in relation to Japan's relationship with the U.S. and the rest of the world. Special guest speakers from leading Japanese companies, **Honda Aero**, **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**, and **Hitachi America**, will discuss their ability to stay competitive in today's global economy through the development and advancement of new technologies and innovative products.

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**U.S. - JAPAN NOW:  
 TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION  
 SYMPOSIUM DINNER**



**CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF CUTTING  
 EDGE JAPANESE INNOVATION**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015**  
**2月19日(木)**

**LE MERIDIEN PERIMETER ATLANTA**  
**111 PERIMETER CENTER WEST**  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30346**

## Passed Hors D'Oeuvres & Dinner

- Warm Goat Cheese Tart, Roasted Tomatoes, Caramelized Onions, Balsamic Reduction
- Tuna Tartar in Black Sesame Cone with Avocado Mousse
- Baby Mixed Greens, Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, Cucumber Bouquet, with Herb Vinaigrette
- Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Potatoes Boulangere, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables, Green Peppercorn and Cognac Demi
- Tahitian Vanilla Bean Crème Brulee, Macerated Berries, Biscotti

## Program Schedule

Registration & Reception

Welcome

Yoshi Domoto  
Executive Director

Chairman's Remarks

Robert Marsh  
Chairman

Message by Consul General  
of Japan

Honorable Kazuo Sunaga  
Consul General of Japan

Honda Aero Presentation

Greg Benedict  
Senior Manager of  
MFG/MRO, Honda Aero

JAXA Presentation

Nobuto Yoshioka,  
Deputy Director, JAXA

Hitachi America Presentation

Yutaka Kokai,  
Vice President of  
Infrastructure Projects,  
Hitachi America

Q&A Session

James Hoadley, Co-Chair  
Programs Committee

Closing Remarks

Peter Kelly, President  
NAJAS

## Special Guest Speakers



**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. He is now the Vice President of Infrastructure Projects Office of Hitachi America, Ltd. in New York. He is a member of IEEE, IEE of Japan and CIGRE. He was a secretary of Japanese National Committee of CIGRE and also a secretary of Asia-Oceania Regional Council of CIGRE. He was a chairman of Power System Technology Committee of Japan Electrical Manufacture's Association.