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Japan-America Society to Host Japan Update Symposium on February 12 at Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

University President and Former U.S. Trade Negotiator Will Discuss “U.S.-Japan Economic and Security Relations One Year after Prime Minister Abe’s Historic Visit”

January 28, 2016 (Dallas, TX) – The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW) announced today that it will host its third annual **Japan Update Symposium** on Friday, February 12, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel. The program’s theme is “U.S.-Japan Economic and Security Relations One Year after Prime Minister Abe’s Historic Visit.” The symposium, which is open to the public with advance ticket purchase, begins at noon and includes a luncheon program and afternoon panel session.

Experts from Japan and the U.S. will share their perspectives on recent developments and key issues on the horizon in U.S.-Japan relations, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and new security cooperation efforts. The luncheon will feature speakers **Professor Koji Murata**, political scientist and president of Doshisha University in Kyoto; and **Ambassador Ira Shapiro**, senior advisor to the Albright Stonebridge Group and former chief U.S. trade negotiator for Japan and Canada in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

The afternoon panel will focus on economic activity between Japan and North Texas, specifically in the aerospace and defense industries. Panel members include **Bryan Daniel**, Executive Director of the Economic and Tourism Division of the Office of the Governor; **Masao Yamagami**, President and CEO of Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation Americas; and **Joel Malone**, Senior Manager for Japan F-35 Business Development at Lockheed Martin.

Tickets are available at www.jasdfw.org for \$55 per person. Advance ticket purchase is required by February 9. The luncheon program begins at 12:00 P.M., and the panel session follows from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The **Japan Update Symposium** is presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at S.M.U.

Additional cooperating organizations include the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations, Dallas Japanese Association, Dallas Regional Chamber, Frisco Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Plano Chamber of Commerce, and Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

The program is supported by a grant from the **Sasakawa Peace Foundation**. **American Airlines** is the airline sponsor.

The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth is a non-profit organization founded in 1970 to further mutual understanding and ongoing engagement between Japanese and Americans. For more information, visit www.jasdfw.org or email info@jasdfw.org or call **214-342-2022**.