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Japan-America Society to Host Japan Update Symposium on February 17 at InterContinental Dallas

Japanese Professor and U.S. Diplomat Will Discuss “U.S.-Japan Relations under the New U.S. Administration”

January 25, 2017 (Dallas, TX) – The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW) announces the fourth **Japan Update Symposium** on Friday, February 17, at the InterContinental Dallas. This annual program offers insight into recent developments in U.S.-Japan relations and how they affect North Texas; this year’s theme is “U.S.-Japan Relations under the New U.S. Administration.” 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 the baseline for the U.S.-Japan relationship under the Trump administration. The luncheon will feature speakers **Dr. Haruo Iguchi**, Professor of International Studies at Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan; and **Joseph M. Young**, Director for Japanese Affairs at the East Asian/Pacific Affairs Bureau, U.S. Department of State.

The afternoon panel will focus on the importance of mobility in the globalized world and the potential impact in Texas of the nation’s first high-speed passenger train. Panel members include **Junji Kurokawa**, Chief Executive Director of JETRO Houston (Japan External Trade Organization); **Tim B. Keith**, President of Texas Central Partners, the private Texas-based company developing the new high-speed passenger train connecting North Texas and Houston; and **Howard E. Kass**, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at American Airlines. **Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi**, Associate Professor and Director of the Sun & Star Japan and East Asia Program at the Tower Center for Political Studies, SMU, will chair the panel.

Tickets are available at www.jasdfw.org for \$55 per person. Advance ticket purchase is required by February 13. Registration opens at 11:30 A.M., 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), the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at SMU, and the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth.

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

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