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## Womenomics Symposium

Through the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation's Japan Update Series, The Japan-America Society of Georgia presents U.S.-Japan Now: **Womenomics Symposium Luncheon**, on **March 7, 2017** at the **Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**. The JASG welcomes 2 esteemed guests as keynote speakers for the program, **Dr. Mieko Nakabayashi**, Associate Professor at Waseda University and former Member of Japan's House of Representatives, and **Ms. Audrey Boone Tillman**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Aflac, Inc.

The speakers will highlight the progress of Womenomics in Japan and what initiatives are being put in place to promote gender equality in the workplace not only in Japan but also in the U.S. This program will allow participants to learn more about the history, current trends, and future outlook of Japan's endorsement of diversity in society and what still needs to be done in both Japan and the U.S. to maintain each country's position as world leaders in the global economy.

**Dr. Mieko Nakabayashi** is an associate professor, as well as the Associate Director for Global Leadership Program, at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. Among her numerous accomplishments, she served on the republican professional staff of the Senate Committee on the Budget under Chairman Pete Domenici for almost 11 years. She has taught as an associate Professor at Atomi Women's University, served the Japanese government as a Commissioner of the Council on the Fiscal System, and served as a Member of Japan's House of Representatives from 2009 to 2012. Additionally, she is the best-selling author of the book, *Simple Habits of Global Competitive Professional Women* (2012). Dr. Nakabayashi has also served as the Vice Director-General of the International Department, as well as the Assistant Director-General of the then-ruling Democratic Party of Japan.

**Ms. Audrey Boone Tillman** is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Aflac Incorporated. She directs Aflac's legal division and functions related to Corporate Communications, Compliance, Government Relations, Federal Relations, Global Cyber Security, and the office of the Corporate Secretary. Ms. Tillman joined Aflac in January of 1996 as a member of the Legal Department where she was then promoted to Vice President the following year and has continued to help the Aflac Inc. to thrive. She has received numerous honors including the Black Professionals Magazine dubbing her as one of the Top 100 Blacks in Corporate America for two consecutive years. In 2016 she received the Diamond Award, the highest honor given by the Corporate Counsel Women of Color Association.

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