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MISSION & ACTIVITIES

Japan America Society of St. Louis was founded in 1967 with the mission to promote the exchange, friendship, and better understanding between the people of Japan and the U.S. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-partisan, educational and cultural organization governed by a board of 20+ elected members. International Studies & Programs at UMSL provides office space and institutional support for the Society. The JAS...

- is the major information clearing house on Japan in St. Louis. We answer over 150 inquiries in a given year about Japan and provide these services free of charge.
- offers cultural & educational programs every month, including *chanoyu* (tea ceremony) and *ikebana* (flower arrangement).
- through the Japanese Activity Committee, coordinates annual programming of the Japanese Festival.
- supports the St. Louis Japanese Language School through an annual fundraising golf tournament. Since 1998, the Society has donated over \$60,000 to the School.
- provides translation services, lectures, and demonstrations for local libraries, schools, and other organizations.
- brings special business, cultural, and educational programs to the community. For example, JAS was awarded a TOMODACHI/NAJAS grant to create a youth exchange program between Ishinomaki, Japan, and St. Louis. Since 2013, 23 Japanese and American students have participated in this exchange. For more information, visit <http://usjapantomodachi.org/programs-activities/st-louis-tohoku-grassroots-exchange-program/>
- publishes A Touch of Japanese Tradition (e-Journal) every year. For more information, visit jasstl.org/Publications

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JAPAN UPDATE

How Will US-Japan Relations Change in 2017?

Tonight's Program

- 5:00 Welcome
Ken Kitajima, Novus International Inc
Dr. Chikako Usui President, Japan America Society of St. Louis
Peter Kelly, President, National Association of Japan America Societies
- 5:20 Panel
New Dynamics in Asia Pacific by Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki
Uncommon Alliance for the Common Good: Adapting the U.S.-Japan Alliance to Geopolitical Change in Asia by James L. Schoff
Accelerator Funds for Building AgTech Companies by Thad Simons
- 6:50 Sushi and Sake Reception
- 8:30 Close

Sushi Provided by

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki serves as President of the America-Japan Society in Japan and as Chairman of International Strategies at Sophia University in Tokyo. He was Ambassador of Japan to the United States from 2008-2012 and to the United Nations and World Trade Organization in Geneva prior to that.

New Dynamics in Asia Pacific



Mr. James L. Schoff is a senior fellow in the Carnegie Asia Program. His research focuses on U.S.-Japan relations and regional engagement, Japanese politics and security, and the private sector role in Japanese policymaking. He previously served as senior adviser for East Asia policy at the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense and as director of Asia Pacific Studies at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis (IFPA).

Uncommon Alliance for the Common Good:

Adapting the U.S.-Japan Alliance to Geopolitical Change in Asia



Mr. Thad Simons is Managing Director of The Yield Lab, an agricultural technology accelerator seed capital fund that brings together new innovative technologies focused on improving productivity, enhancing knowledge, eroding boundaries, and merging historically independent ecosystems into a more cohesive agricultural system.

Accelerator Funds for Building AgTech Companies

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