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Japan-America Society to Host Japan Update Symposium on February 27 at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

Japanese Professor and Council on Foreign Relations Expert Will Discuss “U.S.-Japan Relations: One Year into the Trump Administration”

January 30, 2018 (Dallas, TX) – The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth (JASDFW) announces the fifth **Japan Update Symposium** on Tuesday, February 27, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel. 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: One Year into the Trump 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 current state of the U.S.-Japan relationship under the Trump administration. The luncheon will feature speakers **Dr. Toshihiro Nakayama**, Professor of American Politics and Foreign Policy at the Faculty of Policy Management at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan; and **Dr. Sheila A. Smith**, Senior Fellow for Japan Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

The afternoon panel will focus on technology and innovation in North Texas in addition to commercial relations between Texas and Japan. Panel members include **Brian Kursar**, Vice President and Chief Data Scientist at Toyota Connected; **Girish Nazhiyath**, Solutions Architect Director for Retail Solutions at NEC Corporation America; and **Paul Havalala**, Vice President of Product Line Management at Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc. Additionally, **Dr. Hiroki Takeuchi**, Associate Professor and Director of the Sun & Star Japan and East Asia Program at the Tower Center for Political Studies at SMU, will chair the panel.

Tickets are available at www.jasdfw.org for \$65 per person. Advance ticket purchase is required by February 22. 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) and the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at SMU.

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