



The 45th Annual Joint Meeting

Japan-U.S. Southeast & Southeast U.S./Japan Associations

“Continued Success through Partnership & Innovation
for a Sustainable Future”

October 12-14, 2023

Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

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* All participants are required to register.

* Meeting functions will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, unless otherwise noted.

* Attire: Business for all functions, unless otherwise noted.

Japan / SEUS Joint Staff Office: Miyabi (3rd floor)

Wed. Oct. 11 10:00am - Sat. Oct. 14 5:00pm

Registration:

Wed. October 11 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm (Miyabi, 3rd floor)

Thu. October 12 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Miyabi, 3rd floor)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Fuji, 3rd floor)

Fri. October 13 7:00 am - 4:00 pm (Fuji, 3rd floor)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Kujaku-Higashi, 2nd floor)

Thursday, October 12, 2023

4:00 - 5:30 pm **Individual State Receptions & Meetings**

- AL (Ume, 4th floor)
- FL (Ohgi, 3rd floor)
- GA (Momo, 4th floor)
- NC (Matsu, 4th floor)
- SC&MS (Kaede, 4th floor)
- TN (Mai, 3rd floor)

5:30 - 8:30 pm **Welcome Reception/Dinner** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

5:30 - 6:00 pm Cocktail
6:00 - 6:30 pm Welcome remarks by Co-Chairs
6:30 - 8:30 pm Welcome Dinner

6:45 - 9:00 pm **Chairman's Dinner (by invitation)**

6:30 - 6:45 pm Move from the Imperial Hotel to Tokyo Kaikan
6:45 - 9:00 pm Chairman's Dinner (Tokyo Kaikan: Royal, 7th floor)

Friday, October 13, 2023

7:00 - 8:45 am **Delegates' Breakfast** (Kujaku-Higashi, 2nd floor)

9:30 - 4:30pm **Spouse/Guest Program** (Artizon Museum, Tofu Lunch at “Tofuya Ukai”, Incense Experience at “Koju” and Shopping at Kabuki-za in Ginza)

9:00 - 10:20 am **Opening Ceremony** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

Opening Remarks: **Mr. Masaaki Tsuya**, Conference Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association, External Advisor/ Immediate Past Chairman & Global CEO, Bridgestone Corporation
Mr. Eric Silagy, Conference Co-Chairman/ Retired Chairman, President & CEO, Florida Power & Light Company

Welcome Remarks: **Minister/Vice-Minister** for Foreign Affairs of Japan
Vice-Minister/Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (invited)

Responding Remarks:

Florida **The Honorable Ron DeSantis**, Governor of the State of Florida (video message)
Mr. Cord Byrd, Secretary of State

North Carolina **The Honorable Roy Cooper**, Governor of the State of North Carolina

Alabama **Mr. Greg Canfield**, Secretary of Commerce

Georgia **Mr. Pat Wilson**, Commissioner of Department of Economic Development

Mississippi **Ms. Laura Hipp**, Mississippi Development Authority Deputy Executive Director

South Carolina **Mr. Harry Lightsey**, Secretary of Commerce

Tennessee **Mr. Stuart McWhorter**, Commissioner of Department of Economic and Community Development

Remarks: **The Honorable Kazuhiro Nakai**, Consul General of Japan in Miami

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10:35 - 11:40 am **Panel Session I** (Fuji, 3rd floor)
“The US-Japan Economic Partnership Roadmap Emerges: Resiliency During a Time of Global Volatility”

Moderator **Mr. Norihiko Ishiguro**, Chairman of Japan External Trade Organization "JETRO"

Panelists (J) **Dr. Jun Suzuki**, Senior Advisor/Immediate Past Chairperson, Teijin Limited
(J) **Mr. Sean Suggs**, President, Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina
(A) **Mr. Mark Williams**, President, Strategic Development Group
(A) **Ms. Masami Tyson**, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson

11:45 - 12:05 pm **Keynote Address: The Honorable Rahm Emanuel**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan (invited)

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12:20 - 1:20 pm **Luncheon** (Kujaku Higashi, 2nd floor)
Special Interview: Two-time INDY 500 champion Mr. Takuma Sato

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1:35 - 2:55 pm **Panel Session II** (Fuji, 3rd floor)
“Transitioning the Workforce to Support Emerging Technologies and Sustainability Initiatives”

Moderator **Mr. Andrew Wylegala**, President, National Association of Japan-America Societies

Panelists

- (J) **Dr. Kimiko Murofushi**, President, Professional University of Beauty & Wellness; Professor Emeritus / Former President of Ochanomizu University
- (J) **Ms. Yukako Uchinaga**, Chairperson and Representative Director of Japan Women’s Innovative Network (J-WIN), Member of the Board, NTT
- (J) **Mr. Shuji Oda**, President, AISIN North Carolina Corporation
- (A) **Mr. TJ Villamil**, Deputy Secretary of FloridaCommerce, President of International Commerce at SelectFlorida, Inc.
- (A) **Mr. Don Hobart**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- (A) **Dr. Tadayuki Hara**, Associate Professor, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, University of Central Florida

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3:10 - 3:50 pm **Closing Ceremony** (Fuji, 3rd floor)

Remarks: **The Honorable Yoichi Matsumoto**, Consul-General of Japan in Nashville / **The Honorable Mio Maeda**, Consul-General of Japan in Atlanta.

Adoption of Joint Statement

Closing Remarks: **Mr. Eric Silagy**, Conference Co-Chairman/ Retired Chairman, President & CEO, Florida Power & Light Company
Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Conference Chairman, Japan–U.S. Southeast Association, External Advisor, Bridgestone Corporation

Exchange of Gifts

Announcement of 46th Annual Joint Meeting: Chairman elect from North Carolina

4:00 - 5:30 pm Free Time for Open Networking

5:30 - 8:30 pm **Reception & Gala Dinner** (Kujaku Higashi, 2nd floor)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

6:45 am – 5:00 pm **Invitational Golf Tournament** at Sodegaura Country Club, the champion course of Japan Golf Tour’s Bridgestone Ladies Open

8:30 am – 5:00 pm **Optional Tours**

- 1) Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, Kamakura Daibutsu, Enoshima Island
- 2) Hamarikyū Gardens, Asakusa area, Sumida River Cruise