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Sasakawa USA to Host Public Forum to Unveil Data on U.S. and Japan Public Attitudes and Japan's Impact in the U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On April 7th, 2015, Sasakawa USA will bring together leading U.S.-Japan experts to examine the depth and strength of the relationship, unveil a study conducted by the Pew Research Center on public attitudes in the U.S. and Japan, and launch the East-West Center's interactive database quantifying Japan's contribution to the U.S. at state, national and Congressional levels at a half-day public forum in the Ronald Reagan Building at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW from 9:00am-1:30pm.

"By measuring public attitudes in the U.S. and Japan, and quantifying the real impact that Japanese companies, products, investments, students, and tourists have in the U.S., we are able to show the incredible depth and breadth of the U.S.-Japan relationship." said Admiral Dennis Blair. "You may be surprised to learn just how much Japan contributes to the everyday life in America."

The Pew Research Center study on public attitudes within the U.S. and Japan and the East-West Center's project "Japan Matters for America" will be released to the public. Highlights will be presented and discussed by a panel of experts including:

- **Admiral Dennis C. Blair, USN (ret.)**, Chairman and CEO, Sasakawa USA
- **Ambassador Thomas Schieffer**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan; founder and CEO of Envoy International LLC
- **Hiroyuki Akita**, Editorial & Senior Staff Writer, Nikkei Shimbun
- **Bruce Stokes**, Director of Global Economic Attitudes, Global Attitudes Project, Pew Research Center
- **Satu Limaye**, Director, East-West Center in Washington
- **Daniel Bob**, Senior Fellow and Director for Programs, Sasakawa USA

Discussion will cover: American and Japanese public perceptions of each other as a nation and a people; public opinion of U.S. and Japanese security, politics, and trade; and the impact of Japanese companies, industries, students, and scholars in the United States.