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12:00-2:00 PM

Historic Academy of Medicine at Georgia Tech
875 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

Program Agenda

- 12:00-12:30 Registration/Lunch
- 12:30-12:45 Welcome remarks by
Ms. Julie Chung, Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State
The Honorable Takashi Shinozuka, Consul-General of Japan in Atlanta
Ambassador James P. Zumwalt, CEO, Sasakawa USA
- 12:45-1:15 Panel Presentations
Dr. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College
Phil Sutton, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation
Michael Phillips, Senior Director, Global Talent Acquisition, InComm
- Moderated by:
James Hoadley, Associate Director, Center for International Business Education and Research (GT CIBER), Georgia Institute of Technology
- 1:15-2:00 Discussion and Audience Q&A
- 2:00- Conclusion, networking & desserts

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Speaker Bios



Julie Chung is currently the Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, she has served previously as Deputy Chief of Mission in Cambodia and Economic Counselor in Thailand. From 2009-2010, Ms. Chung served as the Chief of Staff for Transition in Baghdad coordinating civilian-military foreign assistance. While working on the Korea Desk in Washington, she traveled to Pyongyang multiple times and coordinated programs with the Korean Energy Development Organization. As an Economic officer in Tokyo, she worked closely with the private sector to advocate for the civil aviation and automobile industries. She has also served in Bogota, Hanoi, and Guangzhou. She received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California San Diego and an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University. Her foreign languages include Japanese, Korean, Khmer, and Spanish.



James Hoadley brings extensive personal experience to the Georgia Tech CIBER. He lived in Japan for nearly eight years, where he worked for Seiko Epson Corporation. He also worked as Human Resources manager for a Japanese-owned auto parts supplier in South Carolina before coming to Georgia Tech. He has an MBA from Georgia Tech and a graduate diploma in foreign language teaching and B.A. in international studies from the University of South Carolina. He is fluent in Japanese.



Dr. Ray Perren is President of Lanier Technical College. In his 39th year as an educator, Perren is currently leading efforts to construct a new main campus for Lanier Technical College in Hall County. This new campus is the largest single building project ever undertaken by the Technical College System of Georgia.

Perren previously served as President of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College in Valdosta, as Assistant Commissioner for Technical Education for the Technical College System of Georgia, as President of East Central Technical College in Fitzgerald, and as Dean of Academic Affairs for DeVry University's operations in Georgia and North Carolina. Dr. Perren's first 20 years as an educator were spent in the Paulding County School System in Dallas, Georgia, where he served as a classroom teacher, elementary school and middle school principal, and as the district's Superintendent of Schools. Under Perren's leadership both Lanier Tech (2014) and Wiregrass Georgia Tech (2010) were recognized at Georgia's Technical College of the Year. Perren was a member of Governor Deal's Higher Education Funding Commission. Perren serves on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Perren has received numerous service awards over his career including being recognized as a "Notable Georgian" by Georgia Trend Magazine in 2018.

A native of Villa Rica, Georgia, Perren earned the Bachelor of Science in Education, Magna Cum Laude, from The University of Georgia; the Master in Education and Education Specialist Degrees from The University of West Georgia; and the Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Regent University.



Mike Phillips serves as the Senior Director for Global Talent Acquisition at InComm. In his current role, he is responsible for branding, people, process and systems utilized to acquire the talent resources needed to operate InComm's rapidly growing financial technology business. On average, Mike and his team deliver over 1,000 new hires to InComm annually, and are responsible for the continued development of the total talent acquisition program at InComm, to include operations in over 30 countries. Mike holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of Georgia and has worked with some of the leading talent acquisition and technology delivery organizations in the U.S. over his 15-year career.



Consulate-General Takashi Shinozuka assumed the position of Consul-General of Japan in Atlanta on January 9, 2016. Prior to this post, he served as Vice Grand Master of the Ceremonies in the Imperial Household Agency. He has also held director-level posts in the Cabinet Office, the National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA), and the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, he has served abroad in France and Myanmar. This is his first post in the United States.



Phil Sutton is the Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation in Gainesville, Georgia and Kubota Industrial Equipment Corporation in Jefferson, Georgia. In this capacity, he is responsible for Accounting, General Affairs, Human Resources, Safety, Security, Training, Information Technology and the Legal Department as well as Government and Community Relations. Phil is an active member of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce where he previously served as the Vice Chair of Economic Development and Chair of the Human Resources Council. He actively supports the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as well. Governor Deal appointed Phil to the State Board for the Technical College System of Georgia and recently, Governor Deal appointed him to serve on the Workforce Development Board for the State of Georgia.

Phil is a retired veteran of the United States Air Force where he served in various capacities in his 20 year career, including Law Enforcement Operations, Criminal Investigations, Antiterrorism, Electronic Security Program Manager, Training and Public Affairs.

Phil has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University and a Master of Science in Public Administration Troy University. Phil is also a graduate of the 187th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.



Ambassador James P. Zumwalt became Chief Executive Officer of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA in February 2017. Ambassador Zumwalt was the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea Bissau from 2015 to January 2017. Previously, he was responsible for policy toward Japan and Korea as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia Affairs. When the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck Japan in 2011, Ambassador Zumwalt was serving as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, where he coordinated the United States' support for the Japanese Government's response to that crisis.

During his 36-year Foreign Service career, Ambassador Zumwalt has served in a variety of assignments with a focus on Asia and international economics in Washington, Tokyo, Beijing, Kinshasa, Dakar, and Bissau. In Washington, D.C., he worked in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Japan, Korea, and Philippines desks and also at the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the United States Trade Representative's Office. He speaks Japanese, French, and some Chinese. Ambassador Zumwalt received a master's degree in International Security Studies from the National War College in 1998 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and also in Japanese Language from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. He is from El Cajon, California and is married to Ann Kambara, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now pursuing a second career in social work.