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## OFFICIALS FROM U.S. AND JAPAN DISCUSS EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR GEORGIA'S NEXT GENERATION WORKERS

*Japanese companies across the state employ over 26,000 workers*

**Washington, D.C.** -- On September 6, Sasakawa USA, the U.S. Department of State, the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, and the Georgia Institute of Technology will co-host a luncheon panel discussion to explore how Japanese and U.S. firms, state and local authorities, and educational institutions can work together to train and develop Georgia's workforce. Panelists will address Georgia's future workforce needs, approaches to workforce development, and opportunities for stakeholder collaboration.

Georgia is home to a young, growing population of over 10 million people entering an increasingly technologically-advanced twenty-first century workplace. With more than 432 facilities in Georgia, Japan is a leading international investor employing over 26,000 workers.

The on-the-record discussion is open to the public. Members of the local government, businesses, educational institutions, and the media are invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

### Location

The Historic Academy of Medicine  
875 W. Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
Noon – 2pm

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### Agenda

Noon	Registration and lunch
12:30 p.m.	Welcome remarks
12:45 p.m.	Panel presentations
1:15 p.m.	Discussion and audience Q&A

### Speakers

**Julie Chung**, Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**James Hoadley**, Associate Director, Center for International Business Education and Research (GT CIBER), Georgia Institute of Technology

**Dr. Ray Perren**, President, Lanier Technical College

**Michael Phillips**, Senior Director, Global Talent Acquisition, InComm

**The Honorable Takashi Shinozuka**, Consul-General of Japan in Atlanta

**Phil Sutton**, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation

**Ambassador James Zumwalt**, CEO, Sasakawa USA

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