



Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan

We Are *Tomodachi*

Wednesday, November 5th, 2014

10:00 A.M.~11:30 A.M.

Pugh Hall Ocora

FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In order to deepen the understanding about Japan in today's global world, the Government of Japan has been sending small teams of citizens representing all segments of Japanese society to talk about Japan with American citizens. This grassroots relationship building project is named "Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan: We Are Tomodachi" (Tomodachi is the Japanese word for friend). A delegation who were selected by the Japanese government will come to the University of Florida to talk about Japanese society, economy, politics, business and culture in English. Each group is headed by a distinguished person who is a recognized leader in their field. The group coming to Gainesville will be led by the Honorable Ken Shimanouchi, Former Japanese Ambassador. The former Ambassador already visited Illinois, Kansas and Missouri on an earlier tour.



Panel Discussion to be moderated by Dr. Mary Watt, Chair, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Participating Panelists

Ken Shimanouchi – Former Ambassador

Takao (Tak) Kawasaki – Former President of NSG Group (multinational glass manufacturer) Asian Business Unit

Keiji Hata – Retired Air Force General (Lieutenant General)

Yoko Chivers – Vice President at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (specialist in environment, energy and natural resources)

Yohei Komatsuzaki – Japanese Executive Committee Chair of 66th Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)

Nicholas Suhar - Senior at the University of Florida pursuing a dual degree in Material Science Engineering and East Asian Languages and Literature – Japanese



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