



ACCJ Leadership Forum – 6 April 2016

Coming Attractions, Headline News, Highlights

COMMERCE-RELATED COMING ACTIVITIES

- Apr 13-15:** APCAC General Meeting (ACCJ, CS for Japan market one-on-one meetings), Beijing
- Apr 14-15:** Aerospace & Defense Supplier Summit, Seattle
- Apr 17-19:** Asia Pacific Business Outlook Conference, Los Angeles
- Apr 21:** TPP Outreach Seminars (Wylegala), Southern California
- Apr 24-29:** Hannover Messe – Representing the "Partner Country," and SelectUSA, Pres. Obama Opens USA Pavilion at World's Largest Industrial Show
- May 16-17:** Commerce Assistant Secretary to Lead Cybersecurity Mission of 15 companies to Japan
- May 17:** Fifth Embassy/ACCJ "Solutions 2020 & Beyond" Spotlight, on Cybersecurity at Keio University
- June 19-21:** SelectUSA Investment Summit, DC: 3 CS Japan staff to lead Japan delegation.

HEADLINE NEWS/ACTION REQUESTS:

President Obama's call to have Commerce Secretary Pritzker and leaders of his Export Council join his path-breaking trip to Havana necessitated a postponement of the Secretary/PEC visit to Tokyo eagerly anticipated over same dates. With TPP enabling legislation moving into the Diet, interest in a rescheduled visit is strong, so CS Japan will keep ACCJ fully informed. Meanwhile, much of the Embassy's focus is directed toward Secretary of State Kerry's upcoming visit and the full G-7 program and Summit with the President.

The Embassy thanks ACCJ for all its support. Currently we request additional assistance in recruiting current or prospective Japanese investors in the United States to attend the 2016 SelectUSA Investment Summit. Please direct candidate firms to: <http://selectusasummit.us> for more information or Ms. Junko Chino (Junko.Chino@trade.gov) in Tokyo or Ms. Yuko Nakaoka (Yuko.Nakaoka@trade.gov) in Osaka.

SELECTED RECENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMERCIAL SERVICE JAPAN

CS Japan Breaks Ground – and Builds on It -- with Third-country Infrastructure Seminar: Building on an initiative of Assistant Secretary of Commerce Arun Kumar dating to his March 2015 Japan visit, CS Japan, CS Philippines and the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) co-hosted the "Japan-U.S. Joint Seminar on Infrastructure" in Manila on March 15. Gregory Taevs moderated the event with presentations from A/S Kumar and MLIT Vice Minister Kaibori, followed by high-powered speakers from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, JICA, USAID, AmCham, private companies, and other GOJ and GOP officials who shared infrastructure visions, policies, and best practices to over 160 representatives from U.S., Japanese, and Philippine infrastructure construction companies. The underlying concept is that U.S. and Japanese firm share common approaches to infrastructure development – and complementary strengths – so a combined approach may benefit the companies of both nations, and the state of global infrastructure.



CS Western Japan Urges Okayama Businesses to SelectUSA: CO Mayeda and SelectUSA Specialist Nakaoka spoke at the Okayama International Business Association and JETRO U.S. Business Seminar on March 15. CO Mayeda provided an overview of the U.S. economy and Specialist Nakaoka discussed the FDI climate in the U.S. and encouraged participation in the June SelectUSA Summit to over 35 executives from manufacturing firms. Colleagues from the Consular section gave a presentation on U.S. visa. This seminar was an outgrowth of the recently signed Memorandum of Intent between SelectUSA and JETRO.



CSJ Joined TPP Briefing for House Ways & Means Staffdel Ellard; March 7: SCO took part in a team briefing for this key staffdel whose fact finding mission is aimed at addressing member and constituent concerns on a host of issues related to TPP terms (e.g., support for Japanese pork production, access to the Japanese rice market, Japan’s new geographic indicator system, the tobacco “carve out” under the investor-state dispute clauses) and implementation (e.g., action plans, enforcement mechanisms and expansion template). The staffers reiterated their intent to “make the deal work” for committee members who remain staunch supporters of the TPP.