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44TH ANNUAL MIDWEST U.S.-JAPAN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

GLOBAL STRATEGIES *for* ECONOMIC GROWTH

Japan and the United States have a major impact on the world economy, accounting for 30 percent of all goods and services traded annually. These two nations contribute significantly to each other's economies through foreign trade and investment.

The Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference will focus on the strong economic relationship of these two countries and explore strategies for improving foreign trade and investment during this time of global economic uncertainty.

Six U.S. Governors and Executives from Toyota, 3M, All Nippon Airways, Medtronic, Ecolab, Sumitomo, McQuay International and more will share their insights about new technology, sustainable energy, and trade and partnerships in the Asia/Pacific region.

Conference participants also will have a chance to explore Minneapolis-Saint Paul at a reception at the Minnesota History Center, a dinner at the Nicollet Island Pavilion and a scenic boat cruise on the Mississippi River.

This is the first time that the conference has been held in Minnesota in 27 years. Don't miss this chance to build relationships with global business leaders and introduce your company to this influential audience.

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SEPTEMBER 16 – 18, 2012

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HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Welcome reception at Minnesota History Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Welcome remarks

Hon. Yoshifumi Okamura, Consul General of Japan at Chicago

U.S. and Japanese governors:

Gov. Mark Dayton, State of Minnesota, conference host

Gov. Mitch Daniels, State of Indiana

Gov. Dave Heineman, State of Nebraska

Gov. Pat Quinn, State of Illinois

Gov. Rick Snyder, State of Michigan

Gov. Scott Walker, State of Wisconsin

Gov. Kiyoshi Ueda, Saitama Prefecture

Keynote addresses:

Ichiro Fujisaki, Japanese Ambassador to the United States

Douglas Baker, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Ecolab

Toru Nagashima, Chairman of the Board, Teijin Limited

Christopher O'Connell, Executive Vice President and Group President, Restorative Therapies Group, Medtronic

Panel Discussion: *Nurturing Growth through Technological Advances*

MODERATOR:

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, President and CEO, Minnesota High Tech Association

PANELISTS:

William Brown Jr., Group Vice President of International and Commercial Businesses, The Toro Co.

Kichisaburo Nomura, Executive Adviser, All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd.

Larry Wendling, Vice President, Corporate Research Laboratory and International Technical Operations, 3M Co.

Kaoru Yano, Chairman of the Board, NEC Corp.

Panel Discussion: *Sustainable Energy Solutions*

MODERATOR:

Dr. Eric Kaler, President, University of Minnesota

PANELISTS:

Motoyuki Oka, Chairman of the Board, Sumitomo Corp.

Michael Schwartz, CEO, McQuay International

Hiro Yoshi Yoshiki, Managing Officer, Toyota Motor Corporation

John Van Dine, CEO and Founder, SAGE Electrochromics

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Panel Discussion: *Trade and Partnerships in the Asia/Pacific Region*

MODERATOR:

Hiro Yuki Ishige, Chairman, Japan External Trade Organization

PANELISTS:

Takeo Inokuchi, Senior Adviser, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co.

Kaneichi Maehara, Vice Chairman and President, Japan Association of Corporate Executives

Mark Palmquist, Executive Vice President and COO – Ag Business, CHS Inc.

Closing ceremony