

AN INVITATION TO JOIN
HIS EXCELLENCY ICHIRO FUJISAKI
FORMER AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED STATES
JAPAN—U.S. RELATIONS: WHERE TO AND WHY

PANEL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY A SUSHI NETWORKING RECEPTION

Join us for an exciting opportunity to meet former Ambassador of Japan Ichiro Fujisaki and his team of Japan panelists! Engage with the Ambassador and his team members in a stimulating dialogue on Japan-U.S. relations as well as on regional and global Japan-related issues. This project is organized by the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan and is open to all.

Following the program, a Sushi Networking Reception with wine and beer will be hosted by the Honorable Masaharu Yoshida, Consul General of Japan at Chicago. Special thanks to Barnes & Thornburg for providing the venue. The program and reception are free.

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Location: Barnes & Thornburg
11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Sushi Networking Reception to follow hosted by
The Consulate General of Japan at Chicago

Admission: Free (RSVP required)

Reserve by: **Monday, June 2nd**
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Please indicate if you will attend both the program and reception or only one.

Panelists: **Tomokazu Irie**, Senior Research Fellow,
The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan
& General Manager, Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre
Yukiko Nakamura, President OPTIMA Co., Ltd.
& President and CEO, Dr. K & Co. Inc.
Gary DeCoker, Director, Japan Study, Earlham College
& Executive Director, ASIANetwork



The recent visit to Asia by President Barack Obama in April proved to be a historic pivoting or rebalancing of U.S. policies toward Asia. It reflected the rapid and significant political and economic changes in the region.

Prime Minister Abe's office decided to send special teams to major cities in the United States to discuss various issues against this backdrop. The teams will be comprised of members from a variety of backgrounds, including business executives, professionals and students. They will be selected through an open application process. These teams will be headed by former Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki who represented Japan to the United States until November 2012.

The members are ready to discuss the situation in Asia in general. They are also happy to discuss Japanese policies including Abenomics and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement. This is designed to be a two-way dialogue. Your questions and views are most welcome. **Please do come, participate, and enjoy!**

**This program is co-organized by the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago
and the Japan-America Society of Indiana**

