

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ADDITIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elaine CHAO, U.S. Secretary of Transportation



Secretary Chao served as U.S. Secretary of Labor from 2001 to January 2009, and is the first Asian American woman in American history to be appointed to the President's cabinet. She is also only the third woman in U.S. history to be appointed to two cabinet posts. Secretary Chao has a distinguished career in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. An immigrant who arrived in America at the age of eight speaking no English, she has devoted most of her professional life to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to build better lives for themselves and their families. She has never forgotten her roots, and has launched many programs to help Asian Pacific Americans, and other underserved communities, access opportunity in mainstream America.

As U.S. Secretary of Labor, she focused on increasing the competitiveness of America's workforce in a global economy, promoted job creation, and achieved record results in workplace safety and health. Previously, Secretary Chao served as President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of America and Director of the Peace Corps. She earned her MBA from the Harvard Business School and an economics degree from Mount Holyoke College. She is the recipient of 36 honorary doctorate degrees.

Masayoshi YOSHINO, Minister for Reconstruction



In April 2017, Mr. Yoshino assumed the role of Minister for Reconstruction. Mr. Yoshino is responsible for reconstruction efforts following the unprecedented disaster caused by the large-scale earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power plant accident that occurred as a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. As his home in Iwaki City, Fukushima was also damaged, he is committed to promoting reconstruction policies, standing shoulder to shoulder with those affected by the disaster. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000, becoming the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in 2005, and State Minister of the Environment in 2008. Within the House of Representatives, he was appointed

as Chairperson of the Committee on Environment in 2012, as Chairperson of the Special Committee on Investigation of Nuclear Power Issues in 2014 and as Chairperson of the Special Committee on Reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2016. Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, Mr. Yoshino was elected to the Fukushima Prefectural Assembly in 1987, after being employed at a timber company. He received his bachelor's degree in commerce from Waseda University.

ADDITIONAL PLENARY AND BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS

Charles BOLDEN, The Bolden Consulting Group LLC



Major General Bolden (USMC-Ret.) was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 12th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He began his duties as head of the Agency on July 17, 2009 and retired from NASA on January 20, 2017. Today he serves as the President of The Bolden Consulting Group LLC, a veteran-owned small business focusing on national security, science, aeronautics, education and leadership. At NASA, Major General Bolden oversaw the safe transition from 30 years of Space Shuttle missions to a new era of exploration focused on the full utilization of the International Space Station and space and aeronautics technology.

Margot CARRINGTON, Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy Tokyo



Ms. Carrington is Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy Tokyo, and current chair of the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (JUSEC), the binational commission that administers the Fulbright program. She was previously Director of the State Department Foreign Press Centers in Washington, DC and New York. She was the recipient of a 2010 sabbatical fellowship focused on women's advancement, and participated that same year in the International Women's Forum Leadership Foundation Fellowship. From 2007 to 2010, Ms. Carrington served as Principal Officer for the U.S. Consulate in Fukuoka, Japan. As the first female officer with children in that position, she was a sought-after speaker on women's issues. Ms. Carrington began her 24-year diplomatic career in Tokyo, and has also served in Malaysia.

Brad FARNSWORTH, Vice President, Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement, The American Council on Education*



Mr. Farnsworth is Vice President of The Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement at The American Council on Education (ACE). He is responsible for several programs, including the Internationalization Collaborative and the Institute for Leading Internationalization, and engagement with the Washington-based diplomatic community. He is also responsible for implementing the Center's fundraising strategy. From 1991 until joining ACE in early 2012, Mr. Farnsworth was Director of the Center for International Business Education in the Ross Business School at the University of Michigan. He also taught courses on international management, the world economy and business in China to MBA students, undergraduates and executives. Mr. Farnsworth holds master's degrees in business and Chinese studies from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Mr. Farnsworth will join the U.S.-Japan International Education & the Future of Exchanges workshop.*

Takehiro SHIMADA, Minister for Communications and Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America



Minister Shimada was appointed Minister for Communications and Cultural Affairs at the Japanese Embassy in the United States in August 2017. This is his second appointment on the Cultural Affairs team in the United States. Prior to his assignment in Washington, he served as the Director of the Japanese Policy Planning Division at the Headquarters for the Abduction Issue, Cabinet Secretariat. Minister Shimada joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991, and has worked in areas including international peace cooperation, China and Mongolian affairs, and foreign policy. He has experience in both economic and political affairs, in addition to cultural affairs. Minister Shimada obtained a B.A. in law from Keio University in 1991. He is married with two daughters.

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Adam YAMAGUCHI, Executive Producer and Correspondent, CBS News*



Mr. Yamaguchi is an award-winning news/documentary correspondent and producer who has contributed to many broadcast media, including Fox Sports, NBC News and CNN. Mr. Yamaguchi has worked in and visited over 90 countries, with much of his focus on reporting global conflict zones. He has reported extensively on the deadly drug wars in Mexico and throughout Latin America, on environmental and humanitarian crises, and on wildlife trafficking in Asia. Mr. Yamaguchi was a producer for TV Asahi, one of Japan’s national broadcast networks, where he reported on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He began his television career as a producer for CNN and Fox Sports. Mr. Yamaguchi earned degrees in communications studies and economics from UCLA.

**Mr. Yamaguchi will join the Japanese American Leaders, Movers and Shakers panel.*

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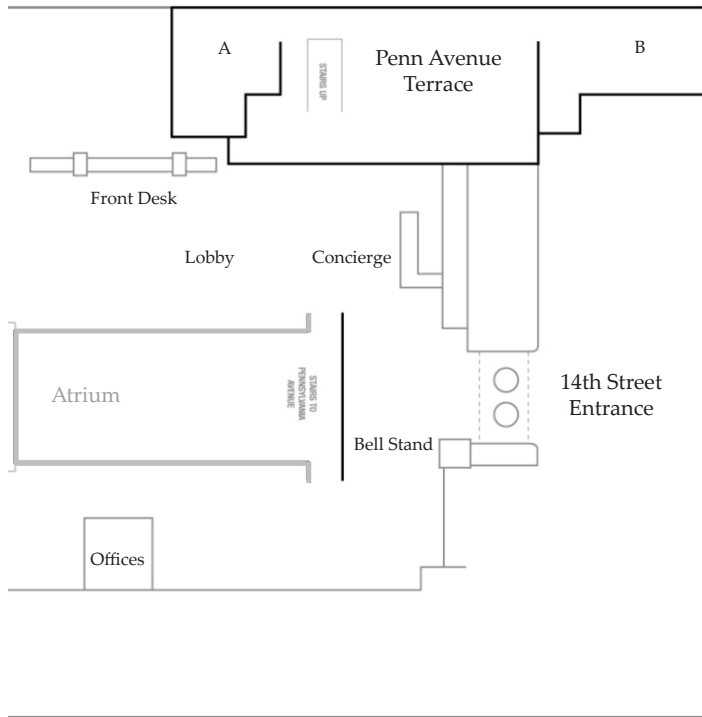
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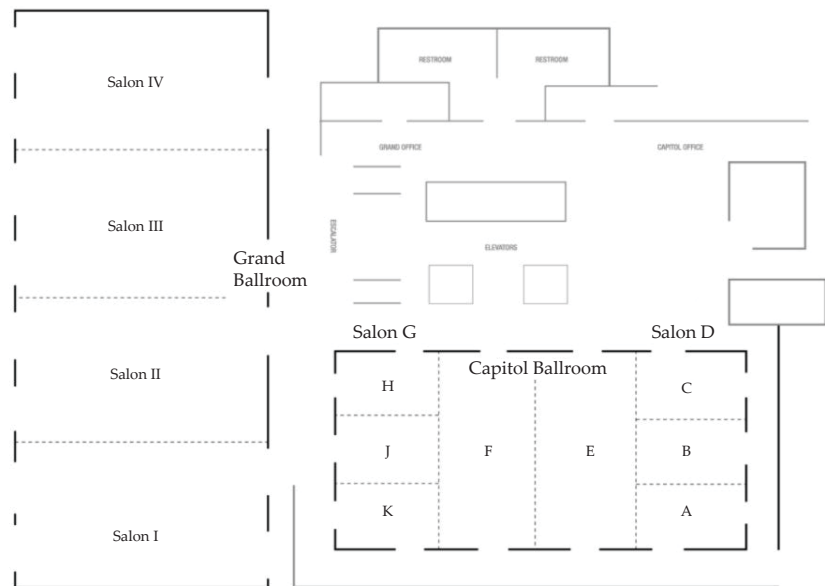


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