

USJC Kansai Business Forum: “Furthering Kansai-US Business Ties”

WHEN

October 10, 2019, 18:30-20:30 (Doors open at 18:00)

WHERE

Hilton Osaka, 4F KIN Banquet Room

The U.S.-Japan Council is proud to announce the first USJC Kansai Business Forum, convening leaders spanning business, government, academia and non-profit sectors to discuss how we can further Kansai-US business ties. The discussions will cover both the economic outlook of Kansai for 2025 and beyond as well as opportunities to further the business relationship between Kansai and the U.S.

Consul General Karen Kelley will be sharing the U.S.’s mission to deepen economic and trade relations with Kansai businesses. Renowned economist Mr. Robert Feldman will explore the current economies of Kansai, Japan, and the globe, and will join fellow panelists in examining the track record of and future opportunities for the commercial relationship between Kansai and the U.S.

Attendance will be free, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

■Program

18:30 – 19:45 Keynote Speeches & Panel Discussion

19:45 – 20:30 Networking Dinner

■Participation

Please register to attend at bit.ly/USJCforum

Should you have any questions, please contact Miki Takahashi of U.S.-Japan Council (Japan) at 03-4510-3400 or mtakahashi@usjapanCouncil.org.

■Speakers

Keynote & Panel

Robert Alan Feldman

Senior Advisor, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.

Robert Alan Feldman is Senior Advisor to the Research Department of Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities. He has been part of Morgan Stanley's global economics team since 1998, where he is responsible for thematic research on the Japanese economy. He also serves as a member of several economic study committees of various ministries of the Japanese government, and has served as a commissioner of the Japan-US Friendship Commission. Since 2000, he has been a regular commentator on World Business Satellite, the nightly business program of TV Tokyo. Since 2017, Robert has also been a professor at Tokyo University of Science, in the Management of Technology program. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 1998, Robert was the chief economist for Japan for Salomon Brothers from 1990-97. He worked for the International Monetary Fund from 1983-89, in the Asian, European, and Research Departments.

Robert has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he concentrated on international finance and development. He did his undergraduate work at Yale University, where he took BAs in both Economics and in Japanese Studies, graduating phi beta kappa, summa cum laude. Before entering graduate school, he worked at both the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and at the Chase Manhattan Bank. Robert has published nine books, *Japanese Financial Markets: Deficits, Dilemmas, and Deregulation* (MIT Press, 1986), *Nihon no Suijaku* ("The Weakening of Japan", Toyo Keizai 1996, in Japanese) and *Nihon no Saiki* ("Starting Over", Toyo Keizai 2001, in Japanese), *Kozo kaikaku no saki wo yomu* ("Beyond Structural Reform", Toyo Keizai 2005, in Japanese), *Ichiryu Anarisuto no Nanatsu Dogu* ("The Seven Skills of Top Analysts", President-sha 2008, in Japanese), "Public Debts: Nuts, Bolts and Worries" with Barry Eichengreen et al., CEPR, 2011), *Nihon Keizai - Kishikaisei no sutori* ("Japanese Economy: A Rebirth Story", PHP, 2011, in Japanese, with Seiichi Takarabe), *Feldman-shiki Chiteki Seizan-jutsu* ("Feldman's Intellectual Production Method", President 2012, in Japanese), and the recent book, *Feldman-hakase no Nihon Keizai Saishin Kogi* ("Dr. Feldman's the Latest Lecture on the Japan Economy, Bungeishunju, 2015, in Japanese). A fluent speaker of Japanese, he has also translated four books from Japanese to English, including *Economic Growth in Prewar Japan* (by Takafusa Nakamura, Yale U. Press).

Robert first came to Japan in 1970, as an exchange student, spending a year in Nagoya. He subsequently spent study years at both the Nomura Research Institute (1973-74), and at the Bank of Japan (1981-82).

Keynote

Karen Kelley

Consul General, American Consulate General Osaka-Kobe

Karen Kelley is a Senior Foreign Service officer with overseas experience in the Asia Pacific and Africa regions. Her service as Consul General in Osaka began in late August 2017. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Kelley was the Counselor for Public Affairs in the U.S. Embassy, Harare, Zimbabwe from August 2013 through June 2016, where she also served as the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission from July through November 2016. Previously, she served as the Deputy Office Director and as the Acting Office Director in the Office of Japanese Affairs in Washington, D.C. from August 2008 through July 2009. From 2005-2008, she was the State Department Public Diplomacy Advisor to the U.S. Pacific Commander, USPACOM in Camp Smith, Hawaii. Earlier in her career, she served as Spokesperson at U.S. embassies in Yaoundé, Cameroon, in Manila, Republic of the Philippines and in Tokyo, Japan, and held previous positions in the Japan Mission as the Public Affairs Officer in the U.S. Consulates General in Osaka and Naha.

Panel

Soichiro Seki

Senior Managing Director, Kansai Economic Federation

1983	Joined MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry)
2001-2003	Director, Global Environmental Affairs Office, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
2003-2006	Counselor, Mission of Japan to the European Union, Brussels
2006-2007	Director, Service Affairs Policy Division, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, METI
2007-2009	Counselor, Cabinet Office
2009-2011	Deputy Director-General for International Energy Negotiation, METI
2011-2012	Deputy Director-General for Global Environmental Affairs, METI
2012-2014	Director-General for International Affairs, Global ICT Strategy Bureau, MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)
2014-2016	Director-General, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI
2017-	Executive Officer, Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
2017.5-	Senior Managing Director, Kansai Economic Federation

Panel

Tasha A. Yorozu

Managing Attorney, Yorozu Law Group, PC

Board Officer, U.S.-Japan Council

Ms. Tasha A. Yorozu is the Managing Attorney at Yorozu Law Group, a San Francisco-based law firm that specializes in commercial transactions, tax strategy, M&A, strategic alliances, technology licensing, and employment law. For over 20 years, Ms. Yorozu has served as outside general counsel for Japanese corporations and their U.S. subsidiaries and start-up companies. Ms. Yorozu is often retained by in-house counsel at U.S.-based corporations to negotiate deals with Japanese corporations. Ms. Yorozu enjoys serving on the Board of Directors for the U.S.-Japan Council, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, and the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association. She is also a member of the Alliance Forum Foundation Executive Study Group. Ms. Yorozu has been selected as JETRO San Francisco's Coordinator for Japanese Small and Medium Sized Companies. She holds a BA from Bryn Mawr College and an MBA and JD from Willamette University. Born in Oregon and raised in the Kansai area of Japan, Ms. Yorozu seamlessly navigates between both cultures and languages.

Remarks

Royanne K. Doi

Representative Director, U.S.-Japan Council (Japan)

Global Legal, Ethics & Compliance Adviser, Legal Division, Yamaha Corporation

Ms. Doi is currently serving as a Global Legal, Ethics & Compliance Adviser at Yamaha Corporation. She is a corporate governance specialist with past positions as Chief Legal Officer, Corporate Chief Ethics Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Head of corporate secretary team, Regional Director of Government Affairs. She has work experience in life and non-life insurance, banking, asset management, securities and construction industries. During her tenure as a global ethics officer, Ms. Doi's company received Ethisphere's designation as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the first time in 2015, and multiple times thereafter. Royanne has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, from Washington University in St. Louis, graduating Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law, and is a member of the California bar. She has also lived in Japan since 1994 and has three passions: economic empowerment for women, the cross-study of behavioral ethic & neuroscience and forever learning.