Overview:

As part of the U.S.-Japan Council’s (USJC) Governors’ Circle initiative, USJC and the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University have convened a Governors’ Meeting in Silicon Valley. Governors from Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Oita, Okayama, Saga and Shizuoka have each brought a delegation of business leaders and government officials involved in economic cooperation and business development. This event will serve as a catalyst for select Japanese prefectures to connect with Silicon Valley’s innovative companies, pilot projects and state-of-the-art technologies across a number of sectors, including technology licensing, market development and manufacturing agreements, cross-investments, joint ventures and strategic partnerships.

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Program:

~ Morning Session ~

8:30 – 9:00am  Orientation

9:00 – 9:10am  Transition to Group Sessions

9:10 – 9:50am  Industry-Specific Discussion/Presentation –
4 Breakout Groups: IT, BioMed, Automobile & Consumer Goods

9:50 – 10:00am  Break

10:00 – 11:15am  Introduction of Technologies and Products by Japanese
Corporate Delegates –
4 Breakout Groups: IT, BioMed, Automobile & Consumer Goods

11:15 – 11:25am  Break

11:25am – 1:00pm  Networking, Discussion & Consultation –
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~ Afternoon Session ~

2:00 – 2:35pm  Presentation – “California State Perspective: Advantages
in Doing Business in California”

Mr. Kish Rajan
Director, California Governor’s Office of
Business and Economic Development

2:35 – 2:55pm  Networking

2:55 – 3:30pm  Presentation – “Understanding University-Industry-
Government Relations at Stanford: The Role of the
Center for Integrated Systems”

Dr. Richard Dasher
Director, US-Asia Technology Management
Center; Executive Director, Center for
Integrated Systems; Consulting Professor,
Stanford University

3:30 – 4:05pm  Presentation – “What Japanese businesses should know before expanding into the U.S.”

Ms. Tasha Yorozu
Member, U.S.-Japan Council &
President, Yorozu Law Group, PC

4:05 – 4:25pm  Networking

4:25 – 5:00pm  Presentation – “Business Opportunities for Japanese SMEs in the Bay Area”

Mr. Yoichi Kimura
Executive Director, Japan External Trade
Organization (JETRO) San Francisco

5:00 – 5:20pm  Networking

5:20 – 5:40pm  Presentation – “Success Stories of Japanese Corporations in Silicon Valley”

Mr. Hiroshi Tomita
President, Konica Minolta Laboratory
USA, Inc.; Executive Advisor to the
Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern
California (JCCNC)

Experience and Struggles”

Ms. Rei Uemura
General Manager, Aichi Steel Corporation
Silicon Valley Office

5:55 – 6:00pm  Closing Remarks

Dr. Daniel Okimoto
Chairman, Board of Councilors,
U.S.-Japan Council &
Director Emeritus, Shorenstein APARC;
Senior Fellow Emeritus, Freeman Spogli Institute of International Studies; Professor Emeritus,
Political Science, Stanford University