

# List of Speakers

## *Moderators*

### Irene Hirano Inouye, President, U.S.-Japan Council



Irene Hirano Inouye is President of the U.S.-Japan Council. She is the former President and founding CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, a position she held for twenty years. A recipient of bachelor's and master's degrees in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Ms. Hirano Inouye has extensive experience in nonprofit administration, community education and public affairs with culturally diverse communities nationwide. Ms. Hirano Inouye's professional and community activities include serving as Chair, and Trustee Ford Foundation, Trustee and immediate past chair, Kresge Foundation; Trustee, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Trustee, Washington Center, and Trustee, Independent Sector. She was married to the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii.

### Royanne K. Doi, Corporate Chief Ethics Officer, Prudential Financial, Inc.



Royanne Doi is Corporate Chief Ethics Officer at Prudential Financial, Inc. She is head of the Global Business Ethics & Integrity Office, and has oversight responsibility for implementing strategies to drive high ethical standards, educating the company's global workforce and reinforcing the integration of ethics across Prudential's businesses worldwide. She has spent more than 17 years in Japan. Previously she was Senior Regional Counsel for Asia Pacific for State Street Bank and Trust Company, and before that, Regional Director, ASIA for Legal/Government Affairs for CIGNA Songai/ACE Insurance. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and received her law degree from UCLA School of Law. She serves on the U.S.-Japan Council Board of Directors.

## *Panelists*

### Kim K. Azzarelli, Founding Partner, Seneca Point Global; Senior Vice President, Women in the World, Strategy, Partnerships & Philanthropy



Kim Azzarelli is a Founding Partner of Seneca Point Global, a global women's strategy firm, and leads strategy, philanthropy and partnerships for Women in the World at Tina Brown Live Media. Ms. Azzarelli has held senior legal, public affairs and philanthropic roles in U.S. public companies, including Goldman Sachs, the Hain Celestial Group and Avon Products. She is co-founder and Chair of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School and serves on the Board of the Avon Foundation for Women, Cornell Law School Advisory Council, the President's Council of Cornell Women, and the Cornell University Trustee Council.

### Kumiko Bando, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)



Kumiko Bando graduated from the University of Tokyo and entered the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (Monbusho) in 1977. After holding posts such as Director of the Women's Education Division of the Lifelong Learning Bureau, Ms. Bando served as Deputy Governor of Akita Prefecture from 1998 to 2000. Returning to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Ms. Bando then held positions that include Deputy Director-General of the Minister's Secretariat. She was appointed Director-General of the Gender Equality Bureau in the Cabinet Office in 2006. Returning to MEXT, she became Director-General of the Lifelong Learning Policy Bureau in 2009 and Director-General of the Higher Education Bureau in 2012. She was appointed Deputy Minister in 2013.

### Wendy Cutler, Acting Deputy U.S. Trade Representative



Wendy Cutler became Acting Deputy U.S. Trade Representative on June 26, 2013. She is responsible for U.S. trade negotiations and enforcement in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations and bilateral trade relations with all TPP countries, and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum. Ms. Cutler also oversees engagement with Japan in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, as well as in the bilateral negotiations with Japan parallel to the TPP. Ms. Cutler joined USTR in 1988. She has negotiated a wide range of agreements with Japan on such issues as telecommunications, insurance and semiconductors. Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Cutler worked on trade issues at the Commerce Department. Ms. Cutler received her Masters degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and her B.A. from the George Washington University.

**Keiko Honda, Executive Vice President, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank Group**



Keiko Honda is the Executive Vice President of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance arm of the World Bank Group. Previously, Ms. Honda was the first woman senior partner in Asia at McKinsey & Company. Prior to joining McKinsey, Ms. Honda worked for Bain & Company and Lehman Brothers. Ms. Honda has also taught at the business schools of Hitotsubashi University and Chuo University. She has served on a number of Japanese government committees, including the Council of Regulatory Reform. She was the Vice Chair of the Committee on the Promotion of Economic Partnership Agreements and Free Trade Agreements for Keizai Doyukai, the Japanese association of corporate executives. Ms. Honda has authored and co-authored several books. She holds a bachelor's degree from Ochanomizu University and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

**Kathryn Ibata-Arens, Director, Global Asian Studies, DePaul University**



Kathryn Ibata-Arens advises governments, institutions and firms on innovation and entrepreneurship strategy and policy. Her scholarly work focuses on high technology policy and Japanese political economy. She serves on the Board for the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center, DePaul University. She served on the METI-State Department Japan-US Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council from 2012 to 2013. From 2011 to 2012, she was a visiting researcher at the Research Center for Economy, Trade and Industry in Tokyo. In 2008, Dr. Ibata-Arens was a Japan Policy Fellow at CSIS. She published her book, *Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Japan: Politics, Organizations and High Technology Firms*, in 2005. She received a BA from Loyola University Chicago and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. She is a U.S.-Japan Council Member.

**Kaoriko Kuge, Senior Anchor and Reporter, Fujisankei Communications International, Inc.**



Kaoriko Kuge works as a reporter and anchor for Fuji Television's subsidiary, Fujisankei Communications International NY. She reports for Fuji's morning news program in Japan and anchors a daily news show serving Japanese living abroad. Ms Kuge began her career as a simultaneous interpreter for Simul International. She then switched to journalism. She anchored news programs at NHK BS7. Following that, she co-anchored the Sunday political show on Fuji, *Hodou 2001*. Ms. Kuge has produced three documentaries on the history of Japanese Americans that aired in Japan and the United States, including biographies on two of the highest ranking Japanese American politicians on Capitol Hill: former U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta and the former Senate President Pro Tempore, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

**Hiroko Kuniya, Anchor and Presenter, Today's Close-Up, NHK**



Hiroko Kuniya is an anchor and presenter for NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). She has been the host of *Today's Close-Up*, a current affairs program broadcast four days a week, since 1993. She has also presented many NHK Special programs. Prior to her current assignment, she was the anchor for NHK satellite channel's nightly international news program. She has also worked on English-language broadcasts, and *Asia Now*, a program she was assigned to in 1990, was picked up by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) in the United States. She was recognized with an award by The Society of Women in Radio and Television in 1997, and by the National Press Club in 2011. She holds BA degrees in International Relations and Economics from Brown University. She is a Member of the U.S.-Japan Council Board of Councilors.

***Guest Speaker (TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program)***

**Asuka Kobayashi, Student, Keio University**



Asuka Kobayashi is currently studying law and political science at Keio University. She has also studied at SciencesPo in Paris (February to March 2013) and at the Plat Institute in New York (July to August 2013). Ms. Kobayashi was born in the United States and lived there for three years before moving back to Japan. She is an avid traveler who has been to all five continents and over 15 countries. She was also a participant of the Building the TOMODACHI Generation program in Washington, DC earlier in 2014. Ms. Kobayashi is passionate about building a strong partnership between the United States and Japan through her future career.