



The 47th Annual Joint Meeting

Japan-U.S. Southeast & Southeast U.S./Japan Associations

“Shaping the Future with Partnership, Innovation, and Growth”

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 - Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Hotel New Otani Tokyo
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October 28 (Tuesday)

9:00am – 3:00pm

Offsite Session

A. Industrial Tour (For Japanese and U.S. participants)

<Company names in alphabetical order>

- Bridgestone Corporation
“[Bridgestone Innovation Park](#)” (Kodaira-shi, Tokyo)
- Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.
“[JAL Sky Museum & Hangar](#)” (Haneda Airport, Tokyo)
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.
“[Mitsubishi Minatomirai Industrial Museum](#)” (Minatomirai, Yokohama)
“[Yokohama Hardtech Hub](#)” (Honmoku, Yokohama)
- Shimizu Corporation
“[Smart Innovation Ecosystem NOVARE](#)” (Koto-ku, Tokyo)

B. Cultural Tour (For U.S. participants)

- [Naritasan Shinshoji Temple](#) - Ogoma prayer experience & Temple walk

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Individual State Reception

[Location: Hotel New Otani Tokyo]

Alabama - [Room TBD]
Florida - [Room TBD]
Georgia - [Room TBD]
Mississippi & South Carolina - [Room TBD]
North Carolina - [Room TBD]
Tennessee - [Room TBD]

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Welcome Reception & Dinner

[Location: Garden Tower Banquet Hall, HÔ]

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Chairman's Dinner (Invitation only)

[Location: Myojin Kaikan, [Kanda Myoujin](#)]

October 29 (Wednesday)

7:00am – 8:40am Joint Networking Buffet Breakfast

[Location: Garden Tower Banquet Hall, HŌ]

7:45am – 8:30am Governors/Head of Delegation Leaders Breakfast

[Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, AZALEA]

**Limited to specific members*

8:45am – 10:15am Opening Ceremony

[Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (West)]

Opening Remarks :

Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association,
External Advisor / Immediate Past Chairman & Global CEO, Bridgestone
Corporation

Mr. Don Stewart, Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association
Group Vice President, Region 7, Toyota Motor North America
President, Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina

Guest Remarks : Guest from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)

Guest from Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (TBC)

Delegation Leader Remarks :

**Final speaking order determined by office rank, then alphabetical by state
(i.e. Governors attending speak first):*

State of North Carolina - **Governor Josh Stein** (TBC)

State of Mississippi - **Governor Tate Reeves** (TBC)

State of Tennessee - **Governor Bill Lee** (TBC)

State of Alabama - **Ellen McNair**, Secretary of Commerce (TBC)

State of Florida - **Alex Kelly**, Secretary of Commerce (TBC)

State of Georgia - **Pat Wilson**, Commissioner, Department of Economic
Development (TBC)

State of South Carolina - **Harry Lightsey**, Secretary of Commerce (TBC)

Welcome Remarks :

Consul General Mio Maeda, Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta

10:30am – 11:45pm Panel Session I

[Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (West)]

Theme (Tentative): **"Strengthening Ties: The Enduring Value of Bilateral
Partnerships in Business"**

Moderator **Mr. Norihiko Ishiguro**, Chairman of Japan External Trade
Organization "JETRO"

Panelists (J) **Mr. Satoshi Komiya**, Managing Director & Senior Partner,
Boston Consulting Group

(J) **Ms. Reiko Kusunose**, Independent Director of Nippo Corporation,
Teijin Limited, Bunka Shatter Co. Ltd.

(A) **Ms. Masami Tyson**,
Board Chair, Japan-America Society of Tennessee /
Government Relations Committee Co-Chair, U.S.-Japan Council

(A) **TBD**

- 11:55am – 12:15pm **Keynote Address & Interview Session:**
 [Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (West)]
- The Honorable George Glass**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan (TBC)
- 12:30pm – 1:45pm **Lunch & Interview Session:** (TBD)
 [Location: Garden Tower Banquet Hall, HŌ]
- 2:00pm – 3:15pm **Panel Session II**
 [Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (West)]
- Theme (Tentative): **"The Final Frontier: Commercializing Space and Building Future Opportunities in Japan and the Southeast U.S."**
- Moderator **TBD**
- Panelists (J) **TBD**
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- 3:30pm – 4:15pm **Closing Ceremony**
 [Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (West)]
- Guest Remarks
Consul General Shinji Watanabe, Consulate General of Japan in Nashville
Consul General Junya Nakano, Consulate General of Japan in Miami
- Adoption of Joint Statement
- Closing Remarks
Mr. Don Stewart, Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association
Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association
- Exchange of Gifts by Chairmen
 Host State Transition Ceremony
 Announcement of the 48th Joint Meeting
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm **Higher Education Session**
 [Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Tsuru (East)]
 *Participants expected from universities in the Southeast U.S. and partner universities in Japan
- Theme (Tentative): **"How Higher Education Institutions Help Accelerate Industry Technology and Business Development"**
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm **Reception & Gala Dinner**
 [Location: The Main Bldg. Banquet Floor, Fuyo]

(End of Joint Meeting Schedule)