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David W. Cook Appointed Honorary Consul of Japan for the State of Ohio

DETROIT, Mich. – April 10, 2017 The Consul General of Japan in Detroit, Mr. Mitsuhiro Wada, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David W. Cook as Honorary Consul of Japan in Columbus, Ohio with statewide jurisdiction. “Mr. Cook brings to this post unique skills gained from his close association to Japan for more than 35 years and legal expertise in all matters of immigration. With his understanding of the cultures and people of both Japan and the U.S. Mr. Cook is an ideal choice to assist us in supporting the friendship between Japan and Ohio.”



The role of an Honorary Consul is to assist the mission of the Consulate-General office in promoting U.S. – Japan relations and protecting the welfare of local Japanese residents. The five-year term is from April 10, 2017 through April 10, 2022.

"I am very honored by this appointment," Mr. Cook responded. "In today's world, it is so important that we continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship professionally, culturally and personally between Japan, the State of Ohio and the United States. I am pleased to have the opportunity to do just that."

Mr. Cook is a partner at the Columbus office of the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. He specializes in immigration and naturalization law for businesses and individuals. Prior to joining Vorys, Mr. Cook served as Senior Assistant Counsel to Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc., responsible for the company's visa and immigration matters. He also served as the Director of the Columbus Council on World Affairs for 13 years. Mr. Cook has a B.A. in Economics/Japanese from Brigham Young University and J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law.

Ohio's single largest foreign investor is Japan, with 482 Japanese facilities directly employing more than 73,400 people in the state. There are more than 2,300 university students and 1,300 K-12 students currently studying Japanese in Ohio's schools. In addition, there are sixteen active sister/friendship city relationships with Japan, and a sister state partnership with Saitama Prefecture dating back to 1990.

About the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

The Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 by the Government of Japan to serve in the states of Michigan and Ohio. The Detroit office is one of 14 Japanese Consulates General in the United States. The Consulate strives to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture through educational and cultural programs. The office protects the interests of Japanese citizens and strengthens the Japan-U.S. alliance through furthering relations with local governments, companies, educational institutions, cultural organizations and the general public. For more information, visit www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ or call (313) 567-0120.

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