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**CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN DETROIT
CO-SPONSORS TOWN HALL MEETINGS AT EASTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
WITH FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR**

WHAT: On Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15 the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit will co-sponsor town hall meetings at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan, respectively, with a Japanese delegation headed by the Honorable Shuji Shimokoji, the former Japanese Ambassador to Panama and Venezuela.

The “Walk in the U.S., Talk on Japan” events, supported by the Prime Minister’s Office, are to increase awareness about Japan on a variety of issues and further develop the U.S. – Japan relationship through people-to-people diplomacy. Accompanying Ambassador Shimokoji will be a retired businessman from the auto industry, a retired Air Force General in Japan’s Ministry of Defense, a young CEO/owner of a travel company, and a Shizuoka University student to discuss issues on Japan’s society, business, education, security, politics and economy.

“These town halls are a wonderful opportunity for students and community members to informally discuss Japan-U.S. relations, ask questions and interact with different representatives from Japan,” said Mitsuhiro Wada, Consul General of Japan in Detroit. “The friendship between Japan and the United States has never been stronger and events like this which promote open dialogue are a great way to enhance both countries’ economic and cultural contributions to one another.”

Admission is free and open to the public.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TOWN HALL:

WHEN: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Room 330, McKenny Hall, 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti, MI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TOWN HALL:

WHEN: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Room 1636, School of Social Work, 1080 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor, MI

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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