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**CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN DETROIT
CO-SPONSORS LECTURE BY RENOWNED JAPANESE
ECONOMIST ON TPP TRADE AGREEMENT**

Dr. Fukunari Kimura to speak at University of Cincinnati on February 9

WHAT: The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit has announced it is co-sponsoring a lecture by well-known Japanese economist Dr. Fukunari Kimura. The lecture will take place on February 9 at the University of Cincinnati. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Kimura's lectures are co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Dr. Kimura will speak about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Agreement and the East Asian Political Economy. The TPP is currently facing ratification in the United States, after years of negotiations. The TPP has been called the largest regional trade accord in history and would set new terms for trade and business investment among the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim nations, including Japan.

WHO: Dr. Kimura is currently a Professor in the Faculty of Economics of Keio University in Tokyo. He also is the Chief Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia. Dr. Kimura earned a PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He recently published books and articles on international production networks and economic integration in East Asia.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center Student Union, 2766 UC Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45221

"The TPP is of utmost importance to Japan and the United States. We are pleased to co-sponsor an event featuring such a well respected economic expert to talk about its implications," said Mitsuhiro Wada, Consul General of Japan in Detroit. "Dr. Kimura's impeccable credentials make him the ideal candidate to speak about this trade agreement. It will be a very informative speech."

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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