

## **Sunday, October 27, 2024**

12:00 Noon – 5:30 p.m. Registration Open (Main Desk)

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Golf Event

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Higher Education Networking Reception

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Individual State Delegation Receptions | State of Georgia – Room E-221A

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

## **Monday, October 28, 2024**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. Joint Networking Buffet Breakfast

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Governors/Head of Delegation Leaders Breakfast (attendance restricted)

8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Optional Guests' Tour | Paddywax Candle Bar, Charlotte, NC

*Buses Depart:* Offsite Session Transportation Desk, Convention Center

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony

- *Welcome Remarks:* Mr. Sean M. Suggs
- Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association
- President, Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina (TBMNC)
- *Opening Remarks:* Mr. Masaaki Tsuya
- Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association
- External Advisor/Immediate Past Chairman & CEO, Bridgestone Corp.

*Opening Remarks by Delegation Leaders.*

- State of North Carolina • Governor Roy Cooper
- State of South Carolina • Governor Henry McMaster
- State of Alabama • Ellen G. McNair, Secretary of Commerce
- State of Florida • Cord Byrd, Secretary of State
- State of Georgia • Head of Delegation TBD
- State of Mississippi • Bill Cork, Executive Director, Mississippi Development Authority
- State of Tennessee • Stuart McWhorter, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- Japan • Consul General Mio Maeda, Japanese Consulate in Atlanta

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break and Free Period to Prepare for Departures to Offsite Sessions

10:00 a.m. Transport Bus Boarding and Departures to Offsite Locations Begin

*Note: Confirm departure time for your specific offsite session, as times differ.*

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: Future Innovation in Aviation | Honda Aircraft Company – Greensboro/Piedmont Triad International Airport

*Buses Depart: Offsite Session Transportation Desk, Convention Center*

- FEATURED SPEAKERS: Honda Aircraft Co.

*NOTE: Travel time to this offsite location is approximately 90 minutes each way;*

*Our transport busses come equipped with Wi-Fi.*

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: Experience Vehicle Performance Up Close | Charlotte Motor Speedway

*Buses Depart: Offsite Session Transportation Desk, Convention Center*

- FEATURED SPEAKERS: Person to Be Announced, Toyota

*NOTE: Travel time to this offsite location is approximately 30 minutes each way;*

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10:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: New Approaches for Human Health in the Life Sciences | North Carolina Research Campus - Kannapolis

FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Dr. Cory Brouwer, Executive Director of Research, North Carolina Research

Campus; Professor, Bioinformatics and Genomics and Director of

Bioinformatics Services, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- Doug Edgeton, CEO & President, North Carolina Biotechnology Center
- Darrell Hinnant, Mayor, City of Kannapolis
- Ryan Dayvault, Associate Director of Planning and Operations, UNC Nutrition

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10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Artificial Intelligence – Monday Demonstrations Session

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All-Conference Welcome Event | NASCAR Hall of Fame

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## **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Formal Breakfast

Keynote Addresses: Mr. Shigeo Yamada, Ambassador of Japan to the United States

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session – Current Security Considerations in the Asia-Pacific Region

Barbara J. Stephenson, Vice Provost for Global Affairs and Chief Global Officer,

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions (Moderator & Speakers)

Session 1 Future Innovation in Aviation | Room 219A, The Charlotte Convention Center

- Mr. Anders Solem, Vice-President, Sales & Marketing Division, Honda Aircraft
  - Company | Japan-USSE
- Mr. Shinichiro Shimizu, Vice Chairperson, Japan Airlines | Japan-USSE
- Mr. David Tyler, Operations Director, Skydweller Aero, Inc. | SEUS
- Mr. Bill Carter, Vice-President, Materials and Manufacturing Technology, Boeing |
  - SEUS

Session 2 Electric Vehicles and Other Green Energy Solutions for the Automotive Industry | Room 219D, The Charlotte Convention Center

- Moderator: Erin Keating, Executive Analyst and Senior Director of Economics and Industry Insights, Cox Automotive
- Mr. Cooper Ericksen, Senior VP, Product, BEV and Mobility Planning and Strategy Toyota Motor North America | *Japan-USSE*
- Mr. Chad Edwin Schuchmann, CEO, Polypore International, LLC (an Asahi Kasei Group Company) | *Japan-USSE*
- Mr. Michael Oatridge, Executive Director, Alabama Mobility and Power Center |
- *SEUS*

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon | Room E-220 A-F

Keynote Address: Mr. Norihiko Ishiguro, Chairman, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Panel Sessions

Session 3 New Approaches for Human Health in the Life Sciences | Room 219A

- Moderator: William O. Bullock, MBA, Senior Vice President, Economic Development and Statewide Operations, North Carolina Biotechnology Center
- Mr. Toshihisa Iida, Director, Corporate VP; General Manager, Life Science Headquarters Office and General Manager, Bio CDMO Division, Fujifilm Corporation; Chairman, Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies Group | Japan-USSE
- Mr. Naoki Aoyama, Senior VP, Divisional Operating Officer of Wellness Business Division, MITSUI & CO. (U.S.A.), INC. | Japan-USSE
- Dr. Oliver Hampton, Chief Data Officer, Southern Research | SEUS

Session 4 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Implications for the Future of Business | Room 219D, The Charlotte Convention Center

- Mr. Gajen Kandiah, President & COO, Hitachi Digital / Executive Chairman, Hitachi Digital Services | Japan-USSE

- Mr. Kenji Motohashi, Head of Global Generative AI Office, Global Innovation Headquarters, NTT Data Group Corp. | Japan-USSE

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Adoption of Joint Statement & Closing Ceremony

*Includes remarks by:*

- Consul General Shinji Watanabe, Japanese Consulate in Nashville
- Consul General Kazuhiro Nakai, Japanese Consulate in Miami
- Closing Remarks by: *Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association*
- *Mr. Sean M. Suggs, Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association*

*Exchange of Gifts by Chairmen*

Announcement of dates/venue 2025 Joint Meeting (Chairman Tsuya)

\*\*\* Business Meeting Adjourns \*\*\*

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All Conference Closing Reception, Dinner, and Entertainment

*\*\*Note: For 2024, the term “Guest” replaces the use of the term “Spouse”*

*Guests of a Delegate are welcome and as in past years, must register at the required fee.*