The Japan – U.S. Relations: Present and Future

What Lies Ahead for the U.S. and Japan

On October 20th, The East Asia Institute will host Consul General Tetsuro Amano of the Consulate General of Japan in Houston to give a lecture entitled "The Japan – U.S. Relations: Present and Future--What Lies Ahead for Japan and the U.S." The 60-minute presentation will begin at 5:45-6:45 p.m., in the Business Building Room 1.01.15 on UTSA’s Main Campus. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Consul General Amano graduated from the University of Tokyo with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. Four years later, he entered the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and six year after that, he took on his first Consul General role at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong.

In the span of 15 years, Amano held many official posts in various countries, including Norway, Iraq, Myanmar, Australia, and the Philippines. He also served as the Director of Japanese Nationals Overseas Safety Division in the Consular Affairs Bureau.

In his current Consul General capacity, Amano’s mission is to further develop political and economic ties between our two countries, share Japanese culture with American citizens, and support the Japanese community in Texas and Oklahoma.

The United States is Japan's largest ally in both economy and politics. At this lecture, Consul General Tetsuro Amano of the Consulate General of Japan in Houston will discuss the present and future relationship between our two countries in light of some of Japan’s most pressing current issues. Those include the effectiveness of “Abenomics”—Prime Minister Abe’s
economic revitalizing and reform policy—as well as Japan’s highly debated security policies against North Korean’s recent actions, and territorial disputes in the South and East China seas. Amano will offer his insights for strengthening ties between the U.S. and Japan.

UTSA East Asia Institute’s mission is to promote appreciation and understanding of East Asian societies and cultures both on campus and in the community through research, outreach, networking, education, student/faculty exchange, and business development and cooperation. The East Asia Institute organizes seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, film festivals, visual art exhibitions as well as hosting performing arts groups from China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian nations. It also encourages faculty research collaborations both within UTSA and with participating East Asian university researchers.