

The Impact of Japanese Baseball Players on Local Economy

Program Schedule

- 4:00PM-4:40PM - Tour begins for registered VIPs
- 4:40PM-5:00PM - VIP Reception
- 5:00PM-6:30PM - Registration and Reception
- 6:27-6:30PM - Opening remarks by MG: Ms.Akisa Fukuzawa,
JASCO's Executive Director
- 6:30PM-6:35PM - Speech from JASCO's President - Mr. Al Kinzer
- 6:35PM-6:40PM - Speech from Ms. Tsuge Yoko of the Embassy of Japan
in Washington D.C.
- 6:40PM-7:00PM - Mr. Joe Santry:Columbus Clippers
- 7:00PM-7:20PM - Mr. Nobuhisa Ito:Japanese Nippon Professional
Baseball
- 7:20PM-7:40PM - Mr. Mikio Yoshimura:Boston RedSox
- 7:40PM-8:00PM - Dr. William R. Farrell: U.S. Naval War College
- 8:00PM-8:30PM - Q & A
- 8:30PM - Closing remarks by Ms. Akisa Fukuzawa

Special Guest: Ms. Tsuge Yoko (Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C)
Ms. Tsuge is the First Secretary for public affairs to the Embassy of Japan in the United States. Ms. Tsuge has led a distinguished career in diplomatic service serving many posts throughout the world for the Japanese government. She has performed prominent roles for the Japanese government such as the First Secretary for the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Today's Speakers



Mr. Joe Santry
Columbus Clippers
Director of Communications & Media Relations, Team Historian
Mr. Santry will discuss Japanese baseball players' connection with the Columbus Clippers, as well as the common heritage of baseball in the United States and Japan.



Mr. Nobuhisa Ito
Nippon Professional Baseball
Director of Baseball Operations
Mr. Ito will explain the Posting System used to negotiate Japanese free agents seeking to join Major League Baseball in America. Mr. Ito will discuss the conflict that has arisen between Nippon Professional Baseball and Major League Baseball negotiators due to the Posting System.



Mr. Mikio Yoshimura
Boston Red Sox
Asian Business Development Specialist
Mr. Yoshimura will discuss past and present Japanese players within the Boston Red Sox organizations, as well as Boston's business development efforts in Asia.



Dr. William Farrell
US Naval War College
Professor and Executive Committee Member of the National Association of Japan America Societies
Dr. Farrell will share his experiences in traveling to Japan on behalf of Major League Baseball, and issues regarding the importance of baseball to both American and Japanese culture.

Thank You

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