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JAPANESE WOMEN: PURSUING A CAREER IN AMERICA

Panel Discussion with Chiyo Kobayashi, Seiko Watanabe, Chiharu Saito,
& Moderator Dr. Anne E. Imamura

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3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

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Join us for a panel discussion that examines why some Japanese women have made the decision to pursue a career in America, not Japan. Each panelist is currently at a different stage in her career, and they all have taken a different path to America. The panelists will discuss why they chose to work in America, and what the differences and opportunities are for Japanese women in both countries.

PANELISTS

Ms. Chiyo Kobayashi is currently the Co-CEO at Washington|CORE, where she has created a consulting firm that provides insight and expertise to major corporations and governments around the world. She is a frequent contributor to Japanese publications and journals, including the Nihon Keizai Shimbun. Ms. Kobayashi is a sought-after speaker on US - Japan business issues and gave seminars throughout Japan and the US. Prior to establishing Washington|CORE, Ms. Kobayashi was a business consultant for General Electric, where she helped forge an innovative joint venture with Japan. She earned her M.A. in political science from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Seiko Watanabe is the Manager of the Washington DC Office at iicareer division of Interesse International Inc., one of Japan's largest recruiting companies. Prior to joining Interesse International in 2005, Ms. Watanabe was the HR Associate/Sales Agent Supervisor for AFLAC in Japan. Ms. Watanabe holds a Masters in HR Management & HR Development from Webster University and a Bachelor's degree from Waseda University. Her publications include "Stress Management in the US" and "Industrial Relations in the US" (JSHRM Insight, vol45 & vol49).

Ms. Chiharu Saito recently graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Technology Administration. Before moving to the Washington DC area, Ms. Saito lived and worked in Tokyo as the Assistant Manager of the English Conversation School for AEON Corporation. Currently, she works for Happi Enterprises in Bethesda, Maryland.

MODERATOR

Dr. Anne E. Imamura is the Area Studies Division Director at the Foreign Service Institute, United States Department of State, and an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University. Much of her research focuses on Japanese women and the Japanese family. Her publications include *Re-Imaging Japanese Women* (1996), *Urban Japanese Housewives: At Home and in the Community* (1987), as well as articles on Japanese women and international marriage. Dr. Imamura received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Columbia University.

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