The Dilena Takeyama Center for the Study of Japan and Japanese Culture is proud to join the Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco and the Economics Department at San Francisco State University in welcoming high-ranking Japanese diplomat Tomochika Uyama to our campus. Mr. Uyama will be giving a talk on Monday, November 13th, at 1 PM in LIB 286 (SFSU Main Campus) on the topic "Multilateral Trade and Economic Diplomacy: the Future of Japan-California Relations." The talk will be followed by a 15-minute discussion session.

Mr. Tomochika Uyama is Deputy Assistant Minister at the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. He entered the Ministry in 1986 and has held various important positions related to trade and economic affairs (G7, G20, WTO etc.) over his career. He has served in several overseas postings on economic affairs, such as the Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva (covering the WTO), and the Japanese Embassies in Egypt, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea.

On this occasion, the distinguished Mr. Uyama will share his perspective on Japan’s economic initiatives to foster new relations with California and the U.S. more generally. The Consulate-General of Japan summarizes the topic of his talk in the following manner:

While the global value chain is expanding and deepening in today’s world, especially in the Asia Pacific, sentiments of anti-globalization and protectionism are also on the rise. More than ever we need to reconsider the rules (and processes for rule-making) that govern multilateral and regional trade and investment systems, including the WTO and the TPP, which face significant challenges in the current global climate. Under such circumstances, Japan seeks to develop new economic ties that will enhance its connections with the US and other countries in the Asia-Pacific, as well as with the European Union. Of particular focus in this effort is California. This talk will concern some of the aims and details of these new ties and policies.

We hope that you can make this talk. If you can, please RSVP by clicking here, as seating is limited.

The Dilena Takeyama Center is also excited to have several projects underway, including a new headquarters and new programs for students, faculty, and community. Please look for announcements coming soon!

Sincerely,

Christopher Weinberger
Executive Director, Dilena Takeyama Center

PS – In case the RSVP hyperlink is unavailable, you may also RSVP to the following URL: https://sfsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6r3x5FYBCm2T87r