

# The 9th US-Japan Future Forum

## "The Future of High-Speed Rail in the U.S."

-- Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Shinkansen --

We are pleased to announce that "The 9th US-Japan Future Forum" is to be held on Friday, September 19th, 2014 at San Jose State University to discuss the future of high-speed rail in California, and to commemorate the inauguration of the first Japanese Shinkansen bullet train. Keynote speeches by the Chair of the California High Speed Rail Authority and the Vice Chairman of the East Japan Railway will be followed by a panel discussion.

Attendees include: the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, present and emeritus Executive Directors of the Mineta Transport Institute, Humanities Department Chair of San Jose State University, and students and academia from 12 Japanese universities. Student-led presentations on the future of high-speed rail, with regards to the environment, economy, safety, and the next generation technology, will also be presented.

■ Date & Time: Friday, September 19, 2014, 11:30 – 18:00

■ Place: San Jose State University    BBC 202 (Boccardo Business Complex)

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### Program:

- 11:30                    **Registration**  
12:00 - 12:40        **Lunch Reception** (at the BBC courtyard)
- 13:00 - 13:30        (Moderator: Miyuki Grace, President of Grace Consulting)  
                         **Opening Remarks:** Yuji Ide (President, US-Japan Forum)  
                         **Welcome Remarks:** Chris Jochim (Chair, Humanities Department, SJSU)  
   Karen Philbrick (Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute, SJSU)  
                         **Congratulatory Remarks:** Masato Watanabe (Consul General of Japan in San Francisco)  
   Masayuki Izutsu (Director, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in San Francisco)
- 13:30-14:50        **Keynote Speeches:**  
                         **"The Current Status and Future Plan of the California High-Speed Rail"**  
   Dan Richard (Chair of the Board, the California High Speed Rail Authority)  
                         **"Management and Technology of High-Speed Rail of East Japan Railway Company"**  
   Masaki Ogata (Vice Chairman, East Japan Railway Company)
- 14:50 - 15:10        **Break**  
15:10 - 16:40        **For the Future (Study Abroad Report and Students' Presentations)**  
                         Study Abroad Report (Yuji Ide)  
                         Student's presentations for the High-Speed Rail by Japanese students and SJSU students
- 16:40 - 18:00        **Panel Discussions: --The Future of High Speed Rail in the U.S. and Japan--**  
                         (Moderator: Yuji Ide)  
                         -Masato Watanabe (Consul General of Japan in San Francisco)  
                         -Rod Diridon, Sr. (Emeritus Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute, SJSU)  
                         -Ben Tripousis (Northern Regional Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority)  
                         -Chris Jochim (Chair, Humanities Department, SJSU)  
                         -Masaki Ogata (Vice Chairman, East Japan Railway Company)  
                         -Matsuo Uemura (Vice President, International Cooperation, Iwate University)  
                         **Closing Remarks:** Yuji Ide (President, US-Japan Forum)

■ Organizer: US-Japan Forum,    Co-organizer: San Jose State University

■ Participating universities and students:

Iwate Univ., Tohoku Univ., Chiba Univ., The Univ. of Tokyo, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo Dental College, Takushoku Univ., Kyoto Institute of Technology, Shiga Medical University, Shimane Univ., The Univ. of Tokushima, Fukuoka Institution of Technology, and San Jose State University

■ Supporters: Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Japanese University Network in the Bay Area,

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