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## NC State's Japan Center Hosts 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

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The Japan Center at North Carolina State University is hosting its 21st annual conference, "North Carolina and Japan: Trade and Investment," on Friday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The conference will bring together financial and trade experts to discuss the U.S.-Japan trade climate and investment opportunities, and is open to individuals in the statewide business community interested in U.S.-Japan trade.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. There is an \$85 charge to attend. Preregistration for the conference and lunch is required by Nov. 29. RSVP by phone: 919/515-3450; fax: 919/515-3686; or e-mail: tony\_moyer@ncsu.edu.

The program includes two panel sessions and a luncheon presentation.

James M. Wiseman, vice president for corporate affairs for Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America Inc., in Erlanger, Ky., is the luncheon speaker. He will be introduced by Mary P. Easley, first lady of North Carolina and NC State executive-in-residence and senior lecturer in the Office of the Provost at NC State.

Following are the panel sessions:

- "The Macro Perspective," moderated by Dr. Larry A. Nielsen, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at NC State. Panelists for this session are Dr. Jay Bryson, an economist with Wachovia, in Charlotte, N.C.; The Honorable Shoji Ogawa, Consul General of Japan, in Atlanta, Ga.; and Jennifer Sklarew, international trade specialist

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with the Office of Japan in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration.

- "Investment Opportunities, Exports, and North Carolina," moderated by N.C. Rep. Marian N. McLawhorn. Panelists are Peter Cunningham, director, International Trade Division, N.C. Dept. of Commerce; Terry Marquardt, executive director for market development, SCYNEXIS, Inc., Research Triangle Park; and Jack Fuller, chief executive officer, Global Nuclear Fuel LLC, Wilmington, N.C.

The Japan Center was established in 1980 by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. to facilitate and promote closer relations between North Carolina and Japan for the benefit of the state. It is based in the Office of the Provost at NC State. The conference is co-sponsored by NC State's College of Management.

More information about the Japan Center is available on the Web at [www.ncsu.edu/ncjapancenter/](http://www.ncsu.edu/ncjapancenter/).