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The TOMODACHI Initiative and the TOMODACHI Generation

We are honored to have Suzanne Basalla, Executive Vice President of the U.S.-Japan Council in Washington, D.C., present the ***TOMODACHI Initiative*** to interested educators, civic leaders, business people, parents and students. Our goal is to generate interest in hosting TOMODACHI participants from Japan in the Chicago area, as well as gain support for TOMODACHI exchanges from schools, businesses and students and their families.

The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership, born out of support for Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, that invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders through educational and cultural exchanges as well as entrepreneurship and leadership programs. TOMODACHI provides opportunities for young Japanese and Americans to learn from and be inspired by each other, to develop a sense of common interest and common cause, and to form bonds that enable them to work together to take on any challenge or opportunity.

TOMODACHI programs include educational and exchange programs, collaborations to learn about and develop enduring interests in each other's cultures, and leadership programs to help the next generation of entrepreneurs and young leaders.



**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Renaissance Schaumburg Convention
Center Hotel**

The Knowledge Room, 1st Floor
1551 Thoreau Dr. N.
Schaumburg, Illinois
(off Meacham Rd. between I-90 and Algonquin Road)

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