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## JAPAN AND THE TPP

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (“TPP”) is a sweeping trade agreement proposal involving the U.S. and eight other Pacific Rim nations – Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Peru and Vietnam. Last year, Japan announced it would begin consultations with TPP countries toward joining the TPP negotiations. Prime Minister Noda is considering joining TPP negotiations “under the right conditions,” but he faces domestic opposition as well as a challenge to his leadership. Please join our panel of experts for a timely update on the ongoing discussions, as well as an assessment of Japan’s readiness to meet the TPP’s high standards for liberalizing trade and to address specific issues of concern.



### WENDY CUTLER

#### Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs

Wendy Cutler is responsible for developing and implementing U.S. trade policy towards Japan and Korea, and for trade and investment initiatives in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. She was the Chief U.S. Negotiator for the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement Negotiations, signed in June 2007.



### THE HONORABLE JUN NIIMI

#### Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles

A graduate of Tokyo University’s Faculty of Law, Consul General Niimi’s previous assignments were to England, France, Iran, Kenya, Russia and Thailand. More recently, he was Deputy Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Assistant Vice Minister at the Foreign Ministry.



#### Opening Remarks

### BRIAN K. PECK, Adjunct Professor, USC Gould School of Law

Brian Peck’s main areas of expertise include international trade law and remedies, trade-related intellectual property matters, international negotiations, and international trade policy. Mr. Peck was Senior Director for Intellectual Property at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (2003-2005), and Director of Japanese Affairs (2001-2003).

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