



An Invitation to Join **Tomohiko TANIGUCHI**

Professor, Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management (SDM)
Special Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet

Walk in Canada, Talk on Japan

Join us for an exciting and unique opportunity to meet Professor Taniguchi, and his team of panelists! Engage with the Special Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet in a stimulating dialogue on regional and global Japan-related issues as well as issues on Japanese society. This project is by the Prime Minister's Office of Japan, and is open to everyone.



Panel and Luncheon

Location: McMillan LLP

Brookfield Place, Suite 4400, 181 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2T3

Date: October 2

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The goal of “Walk in Canada, Talk on Japan” is to increase awareness about Japan in Canada on a variety of issues and to further develop the Japan-Canada relationship through people-to-people diplomacy. Prior to Canada, several groups of Japanese citizens with various backgrounds have been travelling to the U.S. under the “Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan” program, and shared their perspectives and encouraged open discussions with the local communities. Following a visit to Vancouver last year, this year the program will visit Toronto, in the hopes of developing the Japan-Canada relationship further.

This team will be led by the Professor Tomohiko Taniguchi professor at Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management (SDM), and Special Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Cabinet. The team will also include three other members, each with a background in business, aesthetics and tourism – all ready to discuss issues on the Japan's political climate, Japanese Sake Culture, and immigration policy. There will be a Q & A session at the end of the event. Your questions and views are most welcome.

This programs is co-organized by Japan Society Canada
and the Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto.



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Members & Speech Topics



Kazuo OKURA

- Grew up in Tokyo, Chicago and New York
- President and Founder of the New York-based IT company / President of the Eastchester Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce
- Former banker for international megabanks for over 30 years
- BFA / MBA from New York University
- Competitive dancer

Stories I would like to share:

Changes in the workforce in Japan.



Koji UENOYAMA

- Raised in Osaka
- A Japanese Sake sommelier
- Former travel agent
- Associates of Arts degree at San Diego Mesa College

Stories I would like to share:

Personal experiences promoting Japanese Sake to the world as an English-speaking sake sommelier.



Junko UCHIGAMI

- An Osaka native
- Former broadcaster, director, and reporter for several TV stations
- Enrolled in English course at Southern Illinois University
- Translator and writer for news scripts at Kyodo News in Tokyo.

Stories I would like to share:

My experience working in a male-dominated media industry and how I survived in such an industry.