



## An Invitation to Join **Shotaro OSHIMA**

Chairman of the Institute for International Economic Studies  
Visiting Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

### **Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan**

Join us for an exciting and unique opportunity to meet Ambassador Oshima and his team of panelists! Engage with the Ambassador in a stimulating dialogue on the relationship between the U.S and Japan. This project is supported by the Prime Minister's Office of Japan, and is open to everyone.



### **Panel and Reception**

**Location:** Southern Methodist University  
Hughes-Trigg Student Center

**Date:** Monday, October 23

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

The goal of “Walk in U.S., Talk on Japan” is to increase awareness about Japan in the United States on a variety of issues and to further develop the Japan-U.S. relationship through people-to-people diplomacy. Supported by the Prime Minister's Office, teams of Japanese citizens of various backgrounds, led by former, high-ranking Japanese diplomats, travel to the U.S. to share their perspectives and encourage open discussions with the local communities. This team will be led by the Ambassador Shotaro Oshima, who is the Chairman of the Institute for International Economic Studies, and Visiting Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. The team will also include three other members, each with a background in Japanese ‘Chado’ (way of tea), international business, and sports marketing – all ready to introduce Japanese traditional tea ceremony, the positive side of Japan's aging society, and sports tourism.

There will be a Q & A session at the end of the event. Your questions and views are most welcome.

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Presented by the **Consulate-General of Japan in Houston**, in cooperation with the **John G. Tower Center for Political Studies** and the **Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth**.



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## Members & Speech Topics



### Soushin IKEDA

- Born in Tanegashima, currently living in Kagoshima Prefecture
- A master of the 'Urasenke' style of tea ceremony
- Worked as an etiquette trainer, teaching both general manners and the manners of tea ceremony
- Currently teaching the 'Urasenke' style of tea ceremony at her own school

#### Stories I would like to share:

A real 'Chado' tea ceremony with great tradition and hospitality.



### Akio OGASAWARA

- Obtained a Master's degree in Computer Science from the Rutgers University in 1974
- Worked for IBM Japan for 30 years, followed 4 years at Lenovo
- Currently teaching at the Nihon University college of International Relations

#### Stories I would like to share:

Energizing the aging society of Japan based on my own career experience.



### Hokuto SUZUKI

- Currently studying sports marketing at Waseda University's Graduate School
- Studied marketing and management at UCLA for a year
- Participated in youth leadership programs including the Japan America Student Conference ever

#### Stories I would like to share:

The appeals of visiting Japan to experience sports in Japan.