



46th ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
Southeast U.S./Japan & Japan-U.S. Southeast Associations
**“Shaping the Future with Partnership,
Innovation, and Growth”**

October 27-29, 2024

The Charlotte Convention Center (CCC)
501 South College Street
Charlotte NC 28202

Conference Information: NC.gov/seusjapan

- Notes: 1. All participants must be registered delegates or guests** of a delegate.
2. All meetings to be held at The Charlotte Convention Center, unless otherwise specified.
3. **Times AND Room Locations are subject to change.**

Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration Open (Main Desk)
Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Charlotte Convention Center
- 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Golf Event
Buses Depart: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Convention Center
Location: To Be Confirmed
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Higher Education Networking Reception
Location: Room E-217, Charlotte Convention Center
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration Open (Mint Museum Location)
Exclusively for Japan & North Carolina Delegates ONLY
(name badge only available + ticket to claim conference bag later at
CCC Main Registration Desk)
Location: Mint Museum, 500 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC 28202
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Host State Welcome Event | *Exclusively for Japan & North Carolina Delegates*
Location: Mint Museum, 500 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC 28202
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Individual State Delegation Receptions
Location: Charlotte Convention Center
State of Alabama – Room E219B
State of Florida – Room E219C
State of Georgia – Room E221A
States of Mississippi & South Carolina – Room E218
State of Tennessee – Room E221B
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Dinner On Your Own (Conference delegates)**
- 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Chairman’s Dinner | *Delegation Leaders Only; By Invitation Only*
Location: Mint Museum Terrace 5th Fl, 500 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte NC 28202

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Monday, October 28, 2024

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open
Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Charlotte Convention Center
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. Joint Networking Buffet Breakfast | *All Delegates*
Location: Room E-220 A-F, Charlotte Convention Center
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Governors/Head of Delegation Leaders Breakfast (attendance restricted)
- 9:00a.m. – 3: 30 p.m. Optional Guests' Tour
Buses Depart: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Convention Center
• Venue(s) TBD – includes lunch for the guests
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**
Location: Richardson Ballroom A & D, Charlotte Convention Center

Explanation of Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment
Presentation of the Official Party/Playing of National Anthems

Welcome Remarks: Mr. Sean M. Suggs
Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association
President, Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina (TBMNC)

Opening Remarks: Mr. Masaaki Tsuya
Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association
External Advisor/Immediate Past Chairman & CEO, Bridgestone Corp.

Opening Remarks by Delegation Leaders. Final Speaking Order Determined by Office Rank, Then Alphabetical by state (i.e. Governors attending speak first):

State of North Carolina • Governor Roy Cooper (invited)
State of Alabama • Head of Delegation TBD
State of Florida • Head of Delegation TBD
State of Georgia • Head of Delegation TBD
State of Mississippi • Head of Delegation TBD
State of South Carolina • Head of Delegation TBD
State of Tennessee • Head of Delegation TBD
Japan • Consul General Mio Maeda, Japanese Consulate in Atlanta [TBC]

- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break and Free Period to Prepare for Departures to Offsite Sessions**
Location: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Charlotte Convention Center
- 10:30 a.m. Buses to Offsite Locations Depart
Location: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Charlotte Convention Center

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10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: Future Innovation in Aviation
Honda Aircraft Company – Greensboro/Piedmont Triad International Airport
See the HondaJet manufacturing facility and meet company leaders bringing the aviation future to life

Buses Depart: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area
Charlotte Convention Center
• Featuring: Honda Aircraft Co.

NOTE: Travel time to this offsite location is approximately 90 minutes each way; Our transport busses come equipped with WiFi

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: Experience Vehicle Performance Up Close
Charlotte Motor Speedway
Racing teams and the track are the performance laboratories for the future

Buses Depart: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area
Charlotte Convention Center
• Featuring: Toyota

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. OFFSITE SESSION: New Approaches for Human Health in the Life Sciences
North Carolina Research Campus - Kannapolis
Explore the latest breakthroughs that cutting-edge science is bringing to the world.
Bonus: See the innovative research campus that rose on the site of a closed textile mill, helping the region recover from the largest company layoff in state history

Buses Depart: Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Convention Center
• Featuring: Fujifilm Diosynth, Lilly

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Artificial Intelligence – Monday Session
A session focused on demonstrating today's most anticipated and potentially revolutionary technology – Artificial Intelligence, or AI

Location: Room E219CD, Charlotte Convention Center

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Welcome All-Conference Reception & Dinner: All delegates
Location: NASCAR Hall of Fame, 400 East MLK Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28202

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open
Richardson Ballroom Pre-Function Area, Charlotte Convention Center

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Formal Breakfast – Featuring Keynote Address from Mr. Shigeo Yamada, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States [TBC]

Location: Richardson Ballroom A & D, Charlotte Convention Center

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9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Plenary Panel Session – Current Security Considerations in the Asia-Pacific Region**
Location: Richardson Ballroom A & D, Charlotte Convention Center

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Panel Sessions** (Moderator & Speakers)

Session 1 Future Innovation in Aviation
Location: Room 219A, The Charlotte Convention Center

- *Speakers from Japan and the Southeast will be featured.*

Session 2 Electric Vehicles and Other Green Energy Solutions for the Automotive Industry
Location: Room 219D, The Charlotte Convention Center

- *Speakers from Japan and the Southeast will be featured.*

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Luncheon**
Location: Room E-220 A-F, Charlotte Convention Center

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

Session 3 New Approaches for Human Health in the Life Sciences
Location: Room 219A, The Charlotte Convention Center

- *Speakers from Japan and the Southeast will be featured.*

Session 4 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Implications for the Future of Business
Location: Room 219D, The Charlotte Convention Center

- *Speakers from Japan and the Southeast will be featured.*

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break
Location: TBD, The Charlotte Convention Center

3:45 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. **Adoption of Joint Statement & Closing Ceremony**
Location: Richardson Ballroom A & D, The Charlotte Convention Center

Includes remarks by:

Consul General Yoichi Matsumoto, Japanese Consulate in Nashville | **TBC**

Consul General Kazuhiro Nakai, Japanese Consulate in Miami | **TBC**

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Closing Remarks by: Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Chairman, Japan – U.S. Southeast Association
Mr. Sean M. Suggs, Chairman, Southeast U.S./Japan Association

Location: Richardson Ballroom A & D, The Charlotte Convention Center

Exchange of Gifts by Chairmen

Announcement of dates/venue 2025 Joint Meeting (Chairman Tsuya)
***** Business Meeting Adjourns *****

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All Conference Closing Reception, Dinner, & Entertainment
Location: Richardson Ballroom B & C, The Charlotte Convention Center

****Note:** For 2024, the term “Guest” replaces the use of the term “Spouse”
Guests of a Delegate are welcome and as in past years, must register at the required fee