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TOMODACHI Initiative
Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.

**Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. and the TOMODACHI Initiative Partnered to Launch the
“TOMODACHI Daiwa House Student Leadership Conference”**



From April 10-12, 2015, the TOMODACHI Daiwa House Student Leadership Conference will hold its first conference with 30 university students from Japan and the United States at Silicon Valley, California.

The focus of this conference is on entrepreneurship and innovation for university students with academic, career and/or personal interests in U.S.-Japan relations. For this first conference, 14 Japanese exchange students studying in the United States and 16 students attending a college or university in California were selected.

This first conference will feature former U.S. Ambassador to Japan John V. Roos as the keynote speaker. He will share his experience on being the U.S. Ambassador to Japan and about the next generation of cross-cultural leaders. In addition, through leadership training workshops focused on fostering future global leaders, students will obtain the skills to become forward-thinking, active leaders, learn about U.S.-Japan career opportunities, and network with leaders in Silicon Valley.

As part of activities in corporate social responsibility, Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. (hereafter “Daiwa House”) has become a Strategic Partner for the TOMODACHI Initiative (hereafter “TOMODACHI”), a public-private partnership between the U.S.-Japan Council and the U.S. Embassy in Japan that invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders. This conference is the first of a series of conferences to be held by Daiwa House.

“TOMODACHI Daiwa House Student Leadership Conference”

Date: April 10-12, 2015

Participants: 30 (16 university students in California studying in the United States; 14 Japanese exchange students studying at a university in California)

Location: The Cypress Hotel in **Silicon Valley, California**

Content: The conference will inspire students to think about how leadership and innovation in their academic or professional field can contribute to U.S.-Japan relations.

Eligibility: Students who demonstrate interest and passion for global issues, particularly concerning the U.S.-Japan relationship. In addition, interest in networking with other professionals and students for professional development.

Website:

<http://usjapantomodachi.org/programs-activities/tomodachi-student-leadership-conference-supported-by-daiwa-house/>

About Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.

Daiwa House Industry has expanded its operations as a pioneer of the housing industry in Japan for more than half a century, offering single-family houses, rental housing, condominiums, commercial facilities, and general business-use buildings. To date, we have supplied 1.5 million single-family houses, over 30,000 commercial facilities, and over 35,000 medical/nursing care facilities. Going forward, we will continue to promote our business operations overseas, leveraging on the strengths we have cultivated such as competitive technologies and product lines.

In addition, we have entered new businesses fields including environmental energy, robotics, and agriculture and are putting our full efforts into expanding our business operations, not only in Japan but also in the global market.

About the TOMODACHI Initiative

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 leadership programs. We seek to foster a "TOMODACHI generation" of young American and Japanese leaders who are committed to and engaged in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other's countries and cultures, and possess the global skills and mindsets needed to contribute to and thrive in a more cooperative, prosperous, and secure world.

TOMODACHI is led by the United States Embassy in Tokyo and the U.S.-Japan Council, a tax-exempt non-profit organization, and is supported by the Government of Japan, corporations, organizations and individuals from the United States and Japan.

TOMODACHI Initiative website URL: <http://www.tomodachi.org>

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