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The looming problem of aging populations and shrinking workforces threatens to sap the economic growth of many of the world's leading nations, with Japan facing this quagmire first and the United States close behind. A group of seven prominent Japanese women policymakers will join their U.S. counterparts to examine social policies that respond to this problem during a weeklong visit to Washington, D.C., July 12-16. Entitled "From the Capitals to the Community: Women and Public Policy in the United States and Japan," the exchange will focus on such topics as healthcare and pension reform, immigration and human trafficking, and policies that support women in the workforce.

WHAT: A Public Forum on Women and Public Policy in the U.S. and Japan

WHEN and WHERE:

Thursday, July 14, 2005, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Japan Information and Culture Center, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Tel: 202-238-6949

WHO: Ten prominent U.S. and Japanese women policy makers.

Karen Fraser, (D) Senator, District 22, Washington State Legislature

Kiyoko Fujii, President, Yokohama Women's Association for Communication and Networking

Keiko Higuchi, President, Women's Association for a Better Aging Society, Tokyo

Hiroko Mizushima, (DPJ) Member, House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan

Tsuyako Nakamura, Assistant Professor, Doshisha University, Kyoto

Sonja Nesbit, Professional minority staff member, U.S. House Ways and Means Committee

Mikiko Otani, Attorney, Otani Law Offices, Tokyo

Sachie Shikano, Chief Secretary-General, YWCA, Osaka

Keiko Tamai, Senior Program Officer, Asia Foundation, Tokyo

Shirley Wilcher, President, Wilcher Global Diversity Consulting, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

Moderator: **Dr. Len Schoppa**, Associate Professor, University of Virginia

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