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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 exchange in the Twin Cities, July 9-12, and in Washington, D.C., July 12-16.

WHAT:

1. Roundtable discussion on public policies that build strong families, held at the Tubman Family Alliance
2. Briefing on aging issues at the Medica Skyway Senior Resource Center

WHEN and WHERE: Monday, July 11, 2005

1. Tubman Family Alliance: 9:30 am – 11:30 am 3111 First Avenue South, Minneapolis.
Contact: Randy Schubring, Communications Director, 612-767-6693

2. Medica Skyway Senior Center: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm 950 Nicollet Avenue, Suite 209, Minneapolis.
Contact: Ruth Kildow, City of Minneapolis Senior Ombudsman Office, 612-673-3004

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

U.S. officials include:

Sharon Sayles-Belton, former mayor of Minneapolis and currently a senior fellow at the Humphrey Institute; founder of the Tubman Family Alliance and member of its advisory committee

Karen Schwarzwald, YWCA executive director, Columbus (OH) Board of Education member

The Japanese delegation includes:

Fujii, Kiyoko President, Yokohama Women's Association for Communication and Networking (YWACN) and former Deputy Mayor of the city of Yokohama

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

Mizushima, Hiroko Member, House of Representatives (Democratic Party of Japan)

Nakamura, Tsuyako Professor, Doshisha University

Otani, Mikiko Attorney, Otani Law Offices, Tokyo

Shikano, Sachie CEO, YWCA of Osaka
Tamai, Keiko Senior Program Officer, Asia Foundation

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