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Networking Breakfast Meeting “Meet with Japan”

JETRO held a networking breakfast meeting on June 10, the first day of the Select USA Investment Summit, to which the representatives of Japanese companies, state governments, and economic development organizations taking part in the Summit were invited. More than 100 attendees from Japan and the U.S. gathered at the Washington Hilton Hotel which served as the meeting venue.

The U.S. state representatives capitalized on the meeting as a PR opportunity for their states, while for the Japanese companies it was a chance to deepen their exchanges with representatives of the states in which they were interested.



U.S. Department of Commerce, Steve Knode giving welcoming remarks

During the opening address, Executive Vice President Shigeki Maeda extolled the excellence of the U.S. investment environment to the Japanese companies' representatives, remarking that "Officials in the states, counties, and cities seeking investments in the U.S. are taking measures with enthusiasm and great care. The value they have placed on their relationships with the headquarters of foreign companies investing in their localities is something that can't be found anywhere in the world outside of the U.S." In addition, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer Steve Knode from the U.S. Embassy Tokyo, gave welcoming remarks in which he invited active exchanges among the event participants, saying: "For the Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) gathered here today from different states, this networking event is a unique chance to speak directly with representatives from Japanese companies. I encourage you all to make full use of this opportunity ."