







## **TOHOKU UPDATE:**

# What's Being Done to Build a Positive Future – First-Hand Insights on the Current Progress



Free Admission
Limited Seating Available

### Tuesday, February 21, 2017

5:30-8:15 PM
5:30 PM Registration
6:00 PM Presentation
7:15 PM Reception Sponsored by the
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#### About the Program: Welcoming a Miyagi Prefecture Delegation

Since March 15, 2012, we have faithfully organized an annual program on the pace of recovery and the challenges that the Tohoku region faces since The Great East Japan Earthquake. Each and every program has featured authentic voices from Tohoku, the northeast region of Japan. These voices are from Japanese and Americans who are contributing to the recovery; who can explain to us what their experiences have been and what their future expectations are for their region. For us in Chicago, it's one way to keep in touch, to keep pace and importantly to keep strong our bond of friendship with Japan. This will be our sixth annual program, TOHOKU UPDATE and it faithfully follows those programs that have set a precedent in presenting first-hand insights to the work that is being done to build a positive future. Please welcome and interact with our speakers especially our special guests from Miyagi, Japan.

#### **Speakers:**



#### **Ichiro Soné**

Ichiro Soné, the Chief Executive Director of JETRO Chicago, will set the pace and tone of the program by presenting you with an in-depth review of the progress of the economic and business recovery of the Tohoku region. He will also describe what many are calling a New Tohoku.



#### Yoshiyuki Takasago

Yoshiyuki Takasago is the Director-General, Commerce and Industry, Commerce, Industry and Tourism Department from the Miyagi Prefecture government. He will share with us his insights on the recovery and speak on the many business opportunities available.



#### **Robert Priddy**

Rob Priddy is an Engineering Lead at Atkins Nuclear Solutions US, located in Hudson, Wisconsin. Over the last 18 months, Atkins has been performing a project to upgrade fire protection at the Fukushima Daiichi site, for which Rob has led work on the Fire Hazard Analysis. He will share his insights and experiences with us.

