

## Mie Promotion

On Friday, August 23, Mie Prefecture and the Consulate General of Japan co-hosted a “Mie Promotion” event at the Consul General’s official residence to expand economic ties and education exchanges between the prefecture and Washington State. The delegation from Mie was led by Governor Eikei Suzuki and included representatives of small businesses and Mie University. In addition to meeting the delegation, local guests were able to sample products from Mie while learning about business and tourism opportunities in the prefecture.



Governor Suzuki and Consul General Omura  
welcoming guests



Remarks by Governor Suzuki

About eighty guests from around the state, including state Senators Karen Fraser and Bob Hasegawa, president of South Seattle Community College Mr. Gary Oertli, and representatives from food, tourism, education, and other sectors, attended and networked with members of the Mie delegation. A sampling of Mie’s exquisite cuisine was shipped directly from Japan and prepared especially for the evening featuring abalone, Ise lobster, and sea bream, sake and tea. The event was a forum for launching business relationships and academic exchanges between Mie Prefecture and Washington State and we are hopeful that it will facilitate vital and fruitful connections between the two regions.



Guests sampling Mie abalone



Guests enjoying networking