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The Forestry & Wood-Product Industry and Climate Action in Japan and Washington – A virtual event

Feb 18 (Thursday) 2021, 5:00 ~ 6:30pm (Pacific Time)

Feb 19 (Friday) 2021, 10:00 ~ 11:30am (Japan Time)

[Official event website and registration](#)

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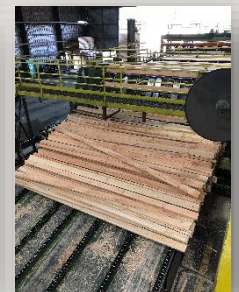
○Program○

Event Background

Learn about how forestry and wood products are playing an important role in efforts to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change.

The [Consulate General of Japan in Seattle](#), [Washington State Department of Commerce](#), the [Forestry Agency of Japan](#), and [JETRO San Francisco](#) are partnering to host this webinar with presentations from experts in Japan and Washington state on sustainable forestry, the production and use of cross laminated timber, and government initiatives for promoting wood construction and utilization.

Japan and Washington state are both taking active steps to address climate change and considering the forest sector as an important component in this effort. With a history of strong trade ties and industry expertise, this webinar is an opportunity to highlight trends in sustainable forest practices and wood use, promoting even closer economic cooperation in both countries.



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Program Lineup

○ Welcome remarks

INAGAKI Hisao, Consul General of Japan in Seattle

The Consulate represents Japanese interests in Washington and Montana and works to support close economic and cultural ties shared by Japan and this region through partnership and engagement with local businesses, governments, organizations and the broader community.

○ Welcome remarks and introduction of Washington state panel speakers

Brian Hatfield, Washington State Department of Commerce/Gov. Inslee's Forest Products & Rural Economic Development Sector Lead

The forest sector has historically been a key industry in Washington, and the state Department of Commerce is promoting this sector as both an economic engine and a part of the state's sustainable future.

○ Policy and current measures to promote wood utilization in Japan

HONDA Tomoyuki, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries of Japan, Forest Agency, Wood Utilization Division

Japan's Forest Agency is not only responsible for administering forest policy and promoting wood products in Japan, but also for promoting wood construction in cooperation with the Japanese Housing and Construction Bureau.

○ Features and trends of Japanese wood use

Dr. ENDO Kusao, Japan Wood-Products Export Association, Former Professor at Kagoshima University

Japan Wood Products Export Association is an NPO that promotes products made from Japanese soft-wood species including Sugi cypress and Hinoki cedar, and Japanese wood-construction techniques in overseas markets.

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Program Lineup – *continued*

○ The Evolution of Forest Practices in Washington State

Mark Doumit, Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association

The WFPA represents private forest owners in Washington state and is actively advancing sustainable forestry and the benefits of renewable timber products in reducing carbon emissions.

○ The Emergence of Mass Timber in the U.S. Fight Against Climate Change: From Forests to Cities

Susan Jones, Seattle Architect, founder of atelierjones

Susan is driving new pathways within architecture to advance new lower carbon, mass timber systems by designing and building prototypes at multiple scales, girded by her leadership in multiple international collaborations to create change at scale and insure rigor on multiple levels.

○ Environmental Benefits Associated with Wood-Based Construction (especially CLT) and Wood-Based Bioenergy

Indroneil Ganguly, Faculty, University of Washington Center for International Trade in Forests Products

CINTRAFOR is committed to research, analysis, education, and outreach to support sustainable forestry and forest products trade.

○ Development of WA-grade and J-grade lamstock for modular construction

Todd Beyreuther, Mass Timber Systems LLC

MTS integrates raw material supply, cross-laminated timber design, and advanced manufacturing of assemblies to enable high-performance mass timber systems.

Curated Resources

○ 2019 Japanese Forestry and Wood use policy report

Forestry Agency of Japan

<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/e/attach/pdf/200401-1.pdf>

○ Japan Wood Brand

Japan Wood-Products Export Association

<http://www.j-wood.org/pamph/lang/en.pdf>

○ Wisdom of Traditional Japanese Homes Lives on Today

Housing and Construction Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism

<https://www.mlit.go.jp/common/001260985.pdf>

○ Business Support Services for U.S. Companies

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

<https://www.jetro.go.jp/usa/japan-external-trade-organization-jetro-services.html>

○ The Act on Promotion of Use and Distribution of Legally-harvested Wood and Wood Products (the Clean Wood Act)

Forestry Agency of Japan

<https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/riyou/goho/english/english-index.html>

○ The Memorandum of Cooperation between Japan and Washington state on Economic and Trade Relations

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

https://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000438.html

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