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Japan Times ESG Consortium kickoff forum to be held March 12

Featuring Hiro Mizuno (Executive Managing Director and CIO, Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF)) and Michiyo Morisawa (Head of Japan, PRI/Japan Director, CDP)

Tokyo, Feb. 28, 2018 – Japan Times ESG Consortium (Representative: Takeharu Tsutsumi, President, The Japan Times, Ltd.) will hold a kickoff forum on Monday, March 12.

This forum, consisting of three sessions, will be held as an opportunity to widely understand the activities of this consortium, which highlights the importance of external dissemination of ESG information.

In the first asset-owner session, a lecture will be given by Hiro Mizuno (Executive Managing Director and CIO, Government Pension Investment Fund(GPIF)).

In the second one, Yasumasa Nishi (President and CEO, Asset Management One Co., Ltd.) will talk about expectations for Japanese companies concerning ESG.

For the corporate session, Michiyo Morisawa (Head of Japan, PRI/Japan Director, CDP) will moderate a panel discussion title "ESG: Efforts and Issues of Japanese Companies."

[Details of the kick-off forum]

Date: Monday, March 12, 2018, 13:30-17:00 (doors open at 13:00)

Venue: Roppongi Academyhills Auditorium

(49F Roppongi Hills Mori Tower 49F, 6-10-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

※No entry fee

● Program

13:30 Opening/greetings

Takeharu Tsutsumi (Representative, ESG Consortium/President, The Japan Times, Ltd.)

Kiyotaka Sasaki (Vice Commissioner for Policy Coordination, Financial Services Agency)

13:40 Session

[Part 1: Asset owner session]

Lecture: "Stewardship and ESG activities of GPIF: For a sustainable relationship among companies, asset managers, and public pension systems"

Hiro Mizuno (Executive Managing Director and CIO, Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF))

Contributor: Ken Shibusawa (Founding Partner and Chairman, Commons Asset Management Inc.)

Moderator: Hiroyasu Mizuno (Director and Executive Editor, The Japan Times, Ltd.)

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14:40 Session

[Part 2: Asset manager session]

Interview: "Expectations for Japanese companies involved in ESG"

Yasumasa Nishi (President and CEO, Asset Management One Co., Ltd.)

Naonori Kimura (Partner and Managing Director, Industrial Growth Platform, Inc. (IGPI))

15:30 Intermission

15:45 Session

[Part 3: Corporate session]

Panel discussion: "ESG: Efforts and Issues of Japanese Companies"

Moderator: Michiyo Morisawa (Head of Japan, PRI/Japan Director, CDP)

Panelist: Kenji Naiki (Senior General Manager, Sustainability Strategy Department, Corporate Communications Division, Suntory Holdings Ltd.)

Masahiro Takeda (Senior Manager, Sustainability Office, Mori Building Co., Ltd.)

Contributor: Peter David Pedersen (Co-founder, Nelis)

17:00 End

*Program subject to change without notice. All sessions are conducted in Japanese (no translation available.)

Organizer: Japan Times ESG Consortium

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■ **About Japan Times ESG Consortium**

The consortium was established to convey English-language information about ESG initiatives in Japan to overseas investors and investment institutions.

Utilizing the media reach of The Japan Times, the consortium plans to raise global awareness about Japan's ESG management.

Website: <https://japan-esg.net> (Japanese only)

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