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Chancellor Gene Block to attend opening of the UCLA Japan Center in Tokyo, June 16

UCLA Global, June 7, 2016 — A UCLA delegation led by Chancellor Gene Block, Vice Provost for International Studies and Global Engagement Cindy Fan, Director of the Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Hitoshi Abe, and Chair-Designate of the UCLA Foundation Shirley Wang, will visit Tokyo to attend the opening of the new UCLA Japan Center on June 16. The center is the culmination of a grassroots effort by several leading UCLA alumni in Japan to create a dedicated space for UCLA alumni, students, and faculty to hold meetings and events.

“The opening of the UCLA Japan Center is a great moment in the history of the Japan Alumni Association and in UCLA-Japan cooperation,” said Chancellor Block. “We are looking forward to the center becoming a thriving forum for alumni interaction.” Japan is home to the largest number of international UCLA graduates in the world. While in Tokyo, the UCLA delegation will also meet with leaders and researchers at Kashiwa-no-ha Open Innovation Lab (KOIL) near from Tokyo University, Kashiwa Campus.

The Tokyo meetings are part of a trip by Chancellor Block to deepen UCLA ties in Asia, where he and the UCLA delegation will meet with existing and new university partners, government and business leaders, and UCLA alumni and friends. In addition to Japan, the delegation’s itinerary includes the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia.

“UCLA considers it essential to forge partnerships in Asia that benefit our faculty, students, and research agenda. As a leading global university, UCLA engages institutional partners, alumni, and friends around the world to share ideas and create opportunities for collaboration. These meetings — both formal and informal — also help the university strengthen its global presence and brand while maintaining close relationships with our alumni and partners,” said Vice Provost Fan.

“It is through personal conversations and meetings with academicians and leaders that UCLA is best able to share its enormous advantages as a top-tier research university,” said Chancellor Block. “These meetings also allow us to better understand the research and policy priorities of other nations. Asia is the fulcrum of the global economy in the 21st century and a creative force in cultural affairs — UCLA is proud of its many partnerships in the region.”

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