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George Kobayashi Participates in Tokyo Panel on U.S. Expansion Opportunities for Japanese Companies

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George Kobayashi recently participated in a senior-level panel discussion in Tokyo focused on helping Japanese companies successfully establish, expand and grow operations in the United States. Hosted by The J. Morey Company and co-hosted by TORAIZ, the program brought together Japanese-American business leaders from across the United States to discuss the opportunities, challenges and practical realities facing Japanese companies as they invest in the U.S.

During the discussion, George shared insights on the legal and strategic considerations companies should evaluate when entering and expanding in the U.S. market, including workforce and regulatory matters, business operations and current trends in U.S. mergers and acquisitions. The panel highlighted a theme that Masuda Funai has observed throughout its nearly 100-year history serving Japanese businesses: Japanese companies bring tremendous strengths to the U.S. market, including long-term thinking, innovation, quality and a commitment to building sustainable businesses. When those strengths are combined with thoughtful planning, strong local teams and a clear understanding of the U.S. business environment, opportunities for growth can be significant.

Masuda Funai was pleased to participate in this important discussion alongside business leaders with extensive experience supporting Japanese companies in the United States. Since 1929, Masuda Funai has advised Japanese companies operating in the United States. Today, that commitment continues as the firm helps clients navigate market entry, expansion, cross-border transactions, immigration matters, employment issues and other legal and business challenges associated with doing business in the U.S.

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