Takashi Shinozuka arrived to the United States on 9 January 2016 to assume his post as Consul General of Japan in Atlanta. He previously served as Vice Grand Master of the Ceremonies of the Imperial Household Agency. He also has held director-level posts in the Cabinet Office, in the National Institute for Research Advancement, and in the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He additionally has served abroad in France and Myanmar.

In his role, Consul General Shinozuka continues to strengthen economic and cultural relations between Japan and the United States, particularly with the four states of his jurisdiction: Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The southeast has a long history of relations with Japan, stretching back more than forty years. Today, more than 1,300 Japan-related businesses are located here, and some 20,000 Japanese nationals have chosen to call the southeast their home.

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