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JAPANESE ACCEPT DOLE INVITATION TO EVALUATE KANSAS INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

Washington, DC -- Accepting an invitation from Kansas Senator Bob Dole, the Japan Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) will soon announce it is sending a high-level delegation to Kansas in early March to evaluate opportunities for Japanese business investment in the Sunflower State.

Sen. Dole, who extended the invitation during a December Capitol Hill meeting with Japanese Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga said the delegation will visit Kansas for one week beginning March 3 to meet with state and local economic development officials.

"Kansas is a good place to do business," said Dole. "We've got good workers and good communities and a good quality of life. The Japanese should have no trouble discovering these facts. I'm sure they'll deliver a glowing report to the many businesses who want to know more about the Sunflower State."

According to Dole, the visiting task force will review the state's business climate, business policies, labor resources, and tax laws as they relate to business. The findings will then be shared with Japanese firms.

The delegation will be headed by Kunio Komatsu, former Vice Minister of International Trade and Industry and now a special advisor to the ministry.

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