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### **GLOBAL ORGANIZATION TO PRESENT “IMPACT LEADERHSHIP” SYMPOSIUM** *New Japan - U.S. Leadership Initiatives to Promote Diversity and Inclusion*

**LOS ANGELES** (July 23, 2008) – Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD), an organization dedicated to developing global leaders and building leadership bridges across the Pacific, holds its second symposium in Tokyo, October 21. This landmark event will bring corporate, business, academia, non-profit and entrepreneurial current and future leaders from Japan and the U.S.

The symposium titled “Impact Leadership” will to be held at Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka. Designed to offer participants opportunities to share and exchange knowledge, explore possibilities to lead new collaborations across the Pacific and learn the importance of diverse perspectives and skills required to be successful 21<sup>st</sup> century global leaders.

According to founder and executive director of GOLD, Hiroko Tatebe, “This event is a collaborative Japan–U.S. leadership initiative, following the successful 2007 inaugural GOLD symposium in Los Angeles. The event will provide participants from Japan and the U.S. to meet and address issues of common concern, learn about each other’s leadership models, and explore collaborative strategies for advancing workforce diversity and economic opportunity.”

Symposium speakers include Atsutoshi Nishida, president/CEO, Toshiba; Itaru Koeda, executive advisory/honorary chair, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.; Izumi Kobayashi, president, Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Co., Ltd.; Yukako Uchinaga, chair/CEO, Berlitz International, Inc.; Maria Contreras-Sweet, founder/chair, Promerica Bank; Howard Ross, founder/president, Cook Ross, Inc.; Beverly Okada, Executive Vice President, Saatchi & Saatchi.

## GOLD Announces "Impact Leadership" Symposium

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The symposium is co-hosted by Global Enhancement of Women's Executive Leadership (GEWEL), GOLD's sister non-profit organization based in Japan.

For additional information on the symposium please visit

[www.impactleadershipsymposium.org](http://www.impactleadershipsymposium.org)

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### **About GOLD**

The vision of Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD) is to develop global leaders and create business and civic communities that will utilize and appreciate individual talents regardless of background. The mission of GOLD is to foster professional and leadership growth of current and future business and professional women by providing educational, inspirational and motivational activities and events that build "**Leadership Bridges Across the Pacific.**"

GOLD is a project of Community Partners, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, based in Los Angeles.

[www.GOLDleaders.org](http://www.GOLDleaders.org)

### **About GEWEL**

Through Diversity and Inclusion consulting/training, as well as leadership and self-esteem training, coaching, mentoring, career counseling, and research surveys, GEWEL is committed to supporting Japanese businesswomen to expand and develop their leadership abilities impacting their success in Japan and globally.

GEWEL is a non-profit organization based in Tokyo, Japan.

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