The current political and business environment in the United States demands that companies, especially multinationals, develop capabilities to address unforeseen crises that could negatively impact their reputations, their relationships with stakeholders, and the trust and loyalty of their customers. Companies also need to enable themselves to assess the risk of such events. On October 26, 2010, the Japan Commerce Association of Washington, DC, invites two panelists from a nationally-recognized firm, K&L Gates LLP, to discuss best practices and lessons learned for companies dealing with crisis and risk management.

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We hope that you can join us for this timely event.