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Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD) members and guests gather for a symposium at Metro Headquarters. Photo by Luis Inzunza.



Global Leadership Organization Holds Symposium at Metro

- Japanese, U.S. women discuss business opportunities, challenges



Hiroko Tatebe, GOLD executive director, led the delegation from Japan and made opening remarks at the symposium. (Luis Inzunza photo)

(March 23, 2007) More than three dozen women representing companies and organizations in Japan and the U.S. attended an international symposium, Friday morning, at Metro Headquarters.

The meeting, sponsored by the Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity (GOLD), was one of a series of programs designed "to strengthen the training and presence of women leaders in the 21st Century global workforce."

Metro Interim Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Flowers welcomed the group to the event, which offered attendees, who came from corporate, business, academic and government backgrounds, the chance to learn about global business models and economic opportunities.

Most of the panelists represented organizations or companies based in Japan, but the meeting included insights provided by attendees from Los Angeles, including nine Metro employees.

Tisa Jackson, diversity services manager for Countrywide Financial, makes a point during discussions on opportunities for women in business.

(Bill Heard photo)



The group, led by GOLD Executive Director Hiroko Tatebe, discussed opportunities and challenges for doing business in both countries and the Japanese and American perspectives on diversity. They also discussed what it takes to be an effective leader to boost an organization's bottom line and achieve organizational goals.

The GOLD web site notes that women own 47 percent of all firms in the U.S. and have a significant impact on business, employment and the American economy. In Japan, according to the web site, women make 70 to 80 percent of purchasing decisions.

MORE about GOLD: www.goldleaders.org/Symposium.htm



GOLD attendees discuss the opportunities and challenges of doing business in the U.S. and Japan during a symposium at Metro Headquarters.

(Bill Heard photo)