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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The president and chief executive officer of the world's largest construction company will be a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar at Illinois Wesleyan University the week of Nov. 8.

Marvin J. Suomi heads Kajima Urban Development LLC. He also serves as executive vice president and director of Kajima International, as well as chief executive officer of Kajima Construction Services.

The Tokyo-based Kajima Corp. reported 1997 revenues of nearly \$13 billion, making it the largest construction-related services company in the world.

Suomi's Schedule

Suomi's IWU schedule, which is subject to change, is shaping up along these lines:

Monday, Nov. 9

- 10-10:50 a.m., Room 5 Buck Memorial Library, class visit, "Beginning Japanese," taught by Hiroko Furo, assistant professor of Japanese. Suomi's likely topics: Japanese customs and manners, his experiences in Japan, and/or acquiring Japanese language skills.
- Noon, Davidson Room, Memorial Student Center, panel discussion: "A View of Japanese Society from the Inside Out," with Suomi, Hiroko Furo, assistant professor of Japanese, and Charles Springwood, assistant professor of anthropology.
- 2-2:50 p.m., Room 2 Buck Memorial Library, class visit, "Intermediate Japanese," taught by Hiroko Furo, assistant professor of Japanese. Suomi's possible topics: Japanese customs and manners, his experiences in Japan, and/or acquiring Japanese language skills.
- 3-5 p.m., Room 101 Center for Liberal Arts, informal meetings with students in International Studies, International Business, and Study Abroad programs.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

- 9:25-10:40 a.m., Room 205 Center for Liberal Arts, class visit, "Self and Society in Japan," taught by Charles Springwood, assistant professor of anthropology. Suomi's topic: "Gender and Class in the Japanese Corporation."
- 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m., Room 105 Center for Liberal Arts, class visit, "Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education," taught by Irving Epstein, associate professor of education. Suomi's topic: A discussion of creating excellence in high school education; he also will observe student presentations.

- 1:10-2:25 p.m., Room 104 Stevenson Hall, class visit, "Modern Japan," taught by Thomas Lutze, assistant professor of history. Suomi will observe student presentations.
- 4 p.m., Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall. Suomi will attend a faculty colloquium presented by David Vayo, associate professor of music, and a reception hosted by IWU President Minor Myers, jr.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

- 9-9:50 a.m., Room 208 Shaw Hall, class visit, "Intermediate Macroeconomics," taught by Carrie Stumph, assistant professor of economics. Suomi's topic: "Japanese Industry."
- Noon, lunch with members of IWU's Asian Studies Team: David Marvin, assistant professor of business administration; Zhenhu Jin, assistant professor of finance; and Fred Hoyt, associate professor of business administration.
- 1-1:50 p.m., Room 5 Buck Memorial Library, class visit, "Japanese Language and Culture," taught by Hiroko Furo, assistant professor of Japanese. Suomi's topic: "Miscommunication Across Cultures."
- 6:30-7:20 p.m., Room 102 Center for Natural Science. Presentation/discussion to a combined meeting of "Introduction to Economics Students." Suomi's topic: "Japanese Banking/Financial Crisis and Its Effects on Other Industries."

Thursday, Nov. 12

- 8-10 a.m., Room 305 Center for Liberal Arts, class visit, "Organizational Decisions," taught by David Marvin, assistant professor of business administration. Suomi's topic: "Gender and Class in the Japanese Corporation."
- Noon, lunch with members of IWU's Asian Studies Team.
- 7 p.m., Room 101 Center for Natural Science, Public Lecture. Suomi's topic: "Japan's Financial Mess: What's Next?" There is no admission fee. The Center for Natural Science is located at 201 E. Beecher St.

Suomi's Background

"Upon graduation," Suomi said, explaining the course of his career, "I became involved in a number of Japanese-related activities. In 1976-77, I worked with the Japanese Ministry of Education to establish the Japanese School of New York and to formulate the program's bilingual curriculum.

"In 1978-79," he added, "I was part of the 'Invest in U.S.A.' program initiated by the Secretary of Commerce and traveled the world promoting reverse investment. These experiences encouraged me to look for opportunities in non-American companies."

Suomi joined Kajima International in 1979 and was elected an officer in 1982. He was elected to the board of directors in 1984 and was appointed to the Executive Committee in 1991. Suomi assumed the post of president and chief executive officer of Kajima Urban Development LLC in 1997. He serves on the boards of numerous other Kajima subsidiaries and foundations.

A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Michigan, Suomi has worked in government and business. He addressed the 1997 National Council of Mayors conference in San Francisco.

Among his outside activities are: chairman of the Princeton-in-Asia Foundation; a member of the advisory councils at the University of Michigan and Princeton University; trustee and visiting fellow of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation; trustee of the Mercer County

Community College Foundation; and a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni.

Suomi lives in Princeton, N.J. and Los Angeles.

Kajima Background

Kajima Corp., established in 1840, is a worldwide leader of the design, construction, and real estate development industry.

Kajima, which is publicly traded on the Tokyo and London exchanges, points out that its "underlying philosophy of satisfying our client's objectives by delivering creative solutions for facility requirements has led to a worldwide reputation for quality services."

It has subsidiaries in North America, Europe, and Asia. Kajima's activities include major civil engineering projects, nuclear power plants, high-rise structures, educational facilities, office buildings, distribution centers, and manufacturing plants.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

The Princeton, N.J.-based Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation brings leaders from various fields to campuses of small liberal arts colleges for a week of classes, informal discussions with students and faculty, and career counseling.

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows include Cabinet-level officers, corporate executives, newspaper editors, and other professionals. They are recruited for their ability to listen as well as to articulate ideas. The program--named for the 28th U.S. president, a noted educator and avowed internationalist--aims at helping to equip students for the social, political, and economic environment they will be entering after graduation.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has developed and conducted higher-education programs since 1945. Nearly 200 colleges have participated in the Visiting Fellows program since 1973.

Among past Woodrow Wilson fellows who have visited IWU are husband-and-wife authors E.J. Kahn, Jr. (staff writer, *The New Yorker*) and Eleanor Munro (editor, *Art News* magazine), Detlev A. Killmer, vice secretary of state in the West German state of Hessen, and pollster Peter D. Hart.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, and a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts.

Editor's Note: To arrange interviews with Marvin Suomi, call IWU Public Relations-News Services, 309/556-3181.

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