



## **U.S. Grains Council announces upcoming global food security symposium**

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Anaheim, CA. March 5 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is expected to deliver the keynote address at the Global Food Security Symposium, sponsored by the U.S. Grains Council and scheduled for April 7 in Tokyo. Vilsack’s appearance and the remaining lineup of forum speakers were announced Friday at the annual Commodity Classic by USGC Chairman Rick Fruth and Senior Vice President of Operations and Industry Relations Keith Heffernan.

The symposium, which was announced in Tokyo earlier this week by USGC President and CEO Thomas C. Dorr and U.S. Ambassador to Japan John V. Roos, will gather U.S. and Japanese government, agribusiness and biotechnology leaders for a first-ever, day-long examination of how international cooperation, policy and technology can be used to feed a burgeoning world population.

The event will bring together “some of the world’s finest minds for an earnest discussion of how we can leverage the past successes in international agricultural cooperative programs between the United States and Japan. In addition, we will discuss how to also utilize today’s emerging technologies for providing proper nutrition and economic stability and strength for our world’s growing population,” said Fruth.

The symposium is part of the “Partners in Agriculture” series of events being held throughout Japan from March through May of 2010. The “Partners in Agriculture” events celebrate what USGC officials say is a “successful, enduring agricultural trade partnership between the United States and Japan.” Fruth said that too often, “the American public hears negative reports about our country’s trade relationships abroad. The ‘Partners in Agriculture’ events remind us of our tremendously successful relationship with Japan in terms of agricultural trade and economic strength for both countries.”

More about the symposium can be found at [www.partners-in-agriculture.org](http://www.partners-in-agriculture.org), or at the USGC Web site at [www.grains.org](http://www.grains.org).