Having just weathered the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic and dealing with the effects of the war in Ukraine, the United States and Japan have re-emerged staunch in building a stronger alliance — a partnership that has generated prosperity and provided stability across the Pacific and the rest of the world over the past 70 years.

Having a new phase of cooperation, U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced last year the U.S.-Japan Comprehensive and Resilience Partnership (CoRe), an ambitious initiative that will accelerate cooperation in a wide range of fields, such as Japan's Cancer Moonshot program, biotech, artificial intelligence, quantum information science, 5G, artificial space cooperation, cybersecurity, strategic supply chains and advanced manufacturing.

“It is almost my priority to promote Japanese interests and safety in this area. Our two peoples are bound not just by our shared commitment to establish and maintaining a global economic order, but also by our objective of achieving stability amidst rapidly changing geopolitics. More now than ever, I look forward to advancing this extraordinary story of cooperation between Japan and the United States,” said Ambassador and Counsel General of Japan to New York, Miko Mori.

Greenbush, an architectural and geographical breadth of CoRe, the state forebears of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia have become the foundations to base such collaborations.

The East Coast is an obvious place to look. When you’re sitting in the traditional print world, you’re often looking across the border to this part of the country. It’s logical. It makes sense. We have a strong culture of bringing students into the laboratories. It is in laboratories where students can fully experience what it is like to get involved in research, even in small organizations and more so, certainly, at the post-graduate level,” explained JETRO New York President Rensselaer.

The country’s first polytechnical university, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, continues to exist in the laboratory and in applied commercial technology today.

“Building a bridge and roadway inspection technologies that make America’s interstate networks in the world, it is our mission to repair roads and bridges using 3D printing, which damages concrete and steel bridges and leads to more maintenance issues,” added JBX Director John Mull. “We have the strength for talent. There are 25 colleges, universities and higher education institutions, so Richmond Region of Virginia, which is among the most dynamic economies in the United States, attracting a diverse range of industries from banking, health care, technology to transportation and logistics and manufacturing. It is home to the manufacturing of the region’s largest employer, which is the Ford Motor Company. With a large talent pool, the region is primed for business.”

An Unbreakable Partnership

NEXCO WEST: A BRIDGE TO JAPAN AND THE U.S.

NEXCO West launched J-Bridge, a platform that connects Japanese and international companies looking for business opportunities in the United States. J-Bridge projects are developed all over the world but in the case of the United States, we had a specific field of interest: the automotive industry. We are focusing on issues surrounding the digital transformation field. Now, we are gathering information on which American startups would be interested in collaborating with Japanese companies in their digital transformation efforts," said JBX New York President Rensselaer.

Established in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is the oldest technological university in the English-speaking world and the third-oldest polytechnic institution in the United States. "There is no other place of its kind in the United States," said the university’s President and CEOMasatoshi Matsuno. "Our students are at the forefront of innovation and excellence. We are proud to play a role in advancing technology and the future of society."
THE FUTURE MADE PERFECT IN PITTSBURGH

As far as innovation goes, Pittsburgh has many lessons to teach the world. Once the center of the American steel industry, the second-largest city in Pennsylvania has transformed its economy and emerged as a hub of innovation, particularly in high-value, manufacturing, climate tech and technology, including robotics and artificial intelligence.

Coordinating the economic development of a 10-country region, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance works closely with existing businesses and potential investors worldwide looking for new markets, provides introductions to tax incentives, programs and credits in support of economies and community development; identifies real estate options for establishing or growing a business; and helps to maintain a robust pipeline of talent to support every aspect of businesses' operations.

Home to some of the best colleges, universities and research facilities in the United States, including key research universities like Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh has maintained its reputation as a hub of innovation for companies focused on what's next in their industries, including robotics, manufacturing, life sciences and energy.

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LINDON UNIVERSITY: LIVING UP TO ILLUSTRIOUS IDEALS

Tracing its history back to 1854, nearly a decade before the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, the nation’s first degree-granting historically Black college, was offering higher education to males of African descent. It opened its enrollment to males of “every clime and complexion” in 1866 and began to accept women in 1953.

Today, 168 years later, Lincoln University, once known as “The Black Princeton,” continues its legacy of offering a high-quality liberal arts education.

“We are proud of our history and our founder, who believed that being black should not be an impediment to getting an education and benefiting from a rigorous liberal arts education,” said Lincoln University President Brenda Allen. “In our university, we are not so much focused on whether you are a math major or a music major. Regardless of one’s major, our goal is to make sure that you are intellectually strong by the end of your journey. Here, you can fully explore your passions and use opportunities that will develop and hone essential skills.”

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