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## **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...**

*Delegation Members Talk About Their Participation in Upcoming Japanese Economic Development Mission with Governor Rick Scott*

### **David A. Hart, Executive Vice President Florida Chamber of Commerce**

"As the country with the third largest economy in the world, Japan represents a tremendous opportunity for Florida. The Florida Chamber of Commerce applauds Governor Scott for leading his 10th international mission. We are honored to be joining him to promote Florida's friendly business climate and the opportunities to trade, invest and create jobs in our state. As pointed out in our recent Florida Trade and Logistics Study 2.0, Florida is uniquely positioned to become a global hub for trade and logistics. Under Governor Scott's leadership between 2010-2012, Florida has already created nearly 23,000 new jobs in trade and logistics and more than 9,000 new manufacturing jobs. If we implement the recommendations of the study, missions like this one to Japan will help Florida create another 150,000 jobs over the next five years."

### **Bill Johnson, Director PortMiami**

"As Florida looks to Asia for increased trade opportunities to accompany the opening of the expanded Panama Canal in 2015, trade missions to economic powerhouses, such as Japan, play an important role in our state's business development strategy to expand global trade. The State of Florida is fortunate to have its Governor at the helm on these international missions that will reap benefits for years to come."

### **Michael J Garavaglia Jr., President, Managing Partner of the Packers of Indian River Ltd. Florida Citrus Commissioner, International Markets Chair**

"The Packers of Indian River Ltd. directly employ more than 240 peak season production, packing and sales team members. Our markets include more than 10 international countries and the U.S. domestic market. For more than 20 years, our primary market has been Japan. As such, it is important for the Florida Grower stakeholders to participate in Governor Scott's business development mission as it