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Consul General of Japan and the Deputy Mayor of Shizuoka City, Japan visited PK U.S.A. on a goodwill and congratulatory tour of Shelbyville, Indiana.

Dignitaries from Shelbyville, Indiana's sister city, Shizuoka City, Japan, visited PK U.S.A. in celebration of the 30 year partnership between the two cities, and two countries.

Consul General Mr. Naoki Ito, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan, Mr. Motohiro Hayami, Director of Public Affairs, JETRO Chicago, Mr. Tsubasa Hashimoto, Mr. Shigeyuki Konagaya, Shizuoka City Deputy Mayor, Mr. Naoya Ishikawa, Lead Staff Secretariat Division, were joined by Shelbyville Mayor, Tom DeBaun, Shelby County Development Corporation Executive Director, Brian Asher, Japan America Society of Indiana Director Theresa Kulcak, Shelby County Council member, Linda Sanders, and City Council member Rob Nolley on a welcome tour of PK U.S.A.'s North American headquarters.

"To say we are honored by the visit from the Consul General of Japan, and our Sister City delegation would be an understatement", remarked PK U.S.A. President and CEO, Masakazu Nakayama. The entire group learned more about PK U.S.A.'s commitment to their associates, and their innovative production facilities at the Shelbyville location. "For 30 years, PK U.S.A. has enjoyed the partnerships created in Shelby County. We plan to continue our fervent commitment to a state of the art facility, manufacturing excellence and associate well-being for another 30, 50 or 100 years here in Shelbyville", stated Bill Kent.

PK U.S.A. President and CEO, Masakazu Nakayama took the delegation on a personal tour of the PK U.S.A. facility, giving everyone a thorough understanding and appreciation of associates and production techniques used throughout the 34 acre facility.

The visit ended with Mr. Nakayama presenting Mr. Ito with an original Bundy Duck, crafted by Indiana's own John Bundy.

PK U.S.A. enjoys a thriving relationship with Shelbyville, along with Shizuoka City, Japan, and will continue to partner with both cities to bring innovation and prosperity to both communities.