Two seminars scheduled in Centre Internationale

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LAFAYETTE — Louisiana businessmen are set to have two opportunities to expand their distribution horizons.

LaFayette’s Centre Internationale is hosting two seminars that will give local companies the chance to network with representatives from Japan, Canada, Belgium and France.

On March 7, the Centre will host a Japanese business seminar at the Lafayette Holiday Inn Center. The cost is $25 per person.

Minako Engyuk, current general manager of Mitsubishi, and Takashi Shimizu of the Japanese Trade Association will lead the seminars. Yoko Suzuki, who will also speak, according to Philippe Guinle, Director of the Centre.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss Japanese import and export needs in the region. Japanese companies will be present, according to the Centre.

Recently, the Japanese government announced that it plans to increase imports into the United States. Suzuki said that importers need to be aware of the tariff and import requirements.

That plan takes effect on April 5. Industry observers estimate that the United States will import $20 billion worth of goods from Japan during this period.

The Centre’s director, Philippe Guinle, said the seminar will provide an opportunity for LA businesses to network with Japanese importers.

The Centre is located at 1920 Westport Rd., Suite 100, and can be reached at 333-4900.

For more information, call the Centre at 333-4900 or 1-800-744-0614.

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