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Economist Milton Ezrati Keynotes Geauga Growth Partnership Annual Meeting

Internationally-renowned economist and author Milton Ezrati, Partner, Senior Economist and Market Strategist for Lord Abbett & Co., will be the featured speaker at the Geauga Growth Partnership's 4th Annual Meeting. The event takes place Tuesday, June 17 at Fowler's Mill Golf Club, Chesterland, from 7:30am to 10:00am. The program will focus on economic trends, workforce demograhics, and will also include a presentation on the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) educational curriculum.

Keynote speaker Ezrati is one of the most highly-regarded individuals in the financial and business community. He is a recognized authority on global and domestic financial issues, including workforce demographics, employment dynamics, and the role of the government in economic growth. His unique insights and engaging presentation style will help attendees understand how today's broad economic trends impact businesses in Northeastern Ohio. Milton Ezrati's appearance is courtesy of The Wealth Care Group of Raymond James.

Ezrati is a frequent commentator on national financial television, including CNBC and Fox Business News. He contributes to and is quoted in a variety of publications, including *The Wall Street Journal, Barron's* and the *Financial Times*.

This event is the premier event for the Geauga business community and is sponsored by leading businesses in Geauga County and the region, including Raymond James, Fairmount Minerals, First Energy, Honest Scales Recycling, Universal Disposal, Sheoga Hardwood; Geauga Credit Union, Troy Innovative, FirstMerit, Glenmede, and State Senator John Eklund.

Mr. Ezrati is the author of *Kawari*, one of the foremost books detailing the economic changes in Japan. Just released is Ezrati's newest book, *Thirty Tomorrows*, which discusses aging populations and their effect on the next three decades of globalization, demographics and our way of life.

President of the Geauga Growth Partnership, Tracy Jemison states "Milton Ezrati's appearance at our Annual Meeting offers Northeast Ohioans the rare opportunity to engage with an international economic expert. We are honored to have him at our event".

Registration for the Annual Meeting is complimentary and open to all. Register at http://ggp-2014annual-meeting.eventbrite.com.