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Global Spotlight

Global Spotlight focuses on employees from the Mitsubishi companies who are excelling in their respective fields around the world. In each issue we will get to know different employees, who will tell us about their hometowns, businesses, culture, and pastimes.

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New York City, the City that Never Sleeps

Located at the southern tip of the State of New York, New York City (NYC) is the most populous and most densely populated city in the United States (US) with over 8 million people. NYC is also one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world as nearly half of the residents were born outside of the US and more than 600 languages are spoken within the five boroughs of NYC.

The first European explorer, Giovanni da Verrazzano, arrived in New York Harbor in 1524 followed by others including Henry Hudson in 1609. The first European colony, named New Amsterdam, was established by the Dutch in 1624. Fun fact: in 1626, the island of Manhattan (one of the five boroughs) was purchased by the Dutch from the Native Americans for \$24 worth of trade goods. In 1664, the colony was renamed New York by the English after the Duke of York. New York City was the first capital of the US from 1785 to 1790. It is now home to the United Nations headquarters.



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World-leading center for finance, the arts and culture

Today, New York City is the financial capital of the US and possibly the world. It is home to Wall Street with the New York and NASDAQ stock exchanges along with many of the world's largest financial institutions. NYC is also a major tourist destination with world-famous attractions including Times Square, the Empire State Building, and the Statue of Liberty.



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New York City is a major influencer in world culture and entertainment. It is home to many performing arts venues including Broadway, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History. NYC is also home to eight major professional sports teams including the New York Yankees baseball, Giants football and Knicks basketball teams. NYC's food scene features world-class cuisine and local favorites such as NY-style cheesecake, NY-style pizza, bagels, and pastrami.



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Promising prospects in US markets

Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance established a New York City representative office in the 1970s. By the 1980s, Meiji Yasuda America (MYA) was formed and was involved in insurance, investment management and real estate activities. Today, MYA conducts research on the US insurance industry and financial markets and invests in US real estate. Additionally, MYA actively participates in various international insurance accounting standards organizations, and reviews M&A opportunities in the US. As a member of the US real estate team, I have been involved in numerous transactions, and regularly participate in industry organizations with the ultimate goal of repatriating stable dividend distributions to Japan.



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