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Local and state officials as well as executives with Otsuka Chemical America, Inc. came together Tuesday for a groundbreaking ceremony at the Lakes at Green Valley. The Japanese chemical manufacturer will build a facility on a 35-acre site within the local industrial park.

Groundbreaking Ceremony



Hirooyoshi Tosa, chief executive officer at Otsuka Chemical America, Inc., thanked the community for its warm hospitality.



Prior to the official beginning of the ceremony, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Chairman Chuck Copeland, right, talks to Gov. Nathan Deal, center, and Tom Croteau, deputy commissioner of global commerce for the Georgia Department of Economic Development.



Gov. Nathan Deal was one of the speakers at the ceremony. Deal initiated the relationship between industries in Georgia and Japan during a trip to Asia last year.



Spalding County Manager William Wilson Jr., left, chats with Gov. Nathan Deal during the groundbreaking ceremony.



Takeharu Harashima, president of Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd., put on an Atlanta Braves hat at the end of his speech to the audience, showing his affection for the Peach State.



Gov. Nathan Deal puts on an outfit by Otsuka Chemical America, Inc., provided for the actual groundbreaking.