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PROGRAMME

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09:30 – 13:00 MORNING SESSION

09:30 – 09:35 Introduction to the Symposium

09:35 – 10:05 Opening remarks by keynote speakers

- Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA, *Director-General for External Relations, European Commission*
- Mr Nobutake ODANO, *Ambassador of Japan to the European Union*
- Mr Miguel Ángel NAVARRO PORTERA, *Secretary-General for EU Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain*

10:05 – 11:05 **SESSION I: JOINT LEADERSHIP ON GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

- Mr Artur RUNGE-METZGER, *Director for Climate Change and Air Quality, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission*
- Dr Hiroyuki BANZAI, *Waseda University*

Audience discussion

Possible themes: Climate change, global economic governance, fight against poverty, energy security...

Moderator:

Prof Marie SÖDERBERG, *Stockholm School of Economics*

11:05 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **SESSION II: BILATERAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

- Mr Tadashi OKAMURA, *Japanese Co-chair of the Business Round Table, Advisor to the Board to Toshiba Corporation*
- Mr Jean-Yves LE GALL, *European Co-Chair of the Business Round Table, Chairman and CEO of Arianespace*
- Prof Katsuhiko SHOJI, *Keio University*
- Mr David O'SULLIVAN, *Director-General for Trade, European Commission*

Audience discussion

Possible themes: non-tariff issues, investment, sectoral economic cooperation, innovation, means of strengthening economic integration...

Moderator:

- Mr Hans MARTENS, *Chief Executive, European Policy Centre*

13:00 – 14:30 **BUFFET LUNCH**

14:30 – 16:40 AFTERNOON SESSION

14:30 – 15:30 **SESSION III: COOPERATION ON PEACE AND SECURITY**

- Mr Robert COOPER, *Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union*
- Dr Akiko FUKUSHIMA, *Japan Foundation*

Audience discussion

Possible themes: Afghanistan and Pakistan, North Korea, Burma/Myanmar, anti-piracy, non-proliferation and disarmament, promotion of shared values (e.g. human rights, rule of law), sharing experience on regional integration...

Moderator:

Prof Hirotsugu KOIKE, *Kansei Gakuin University*

15:30 – 16:30 **SESSION IV: PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE LINKS, SOCIETAL CHALLENGES AND CULTURAL RELATIONS**

- Prof Hirotsugu KOIKE, *Kansei Gakuin University*
- Ms Eve PÄÄRENDSON, *President of the Contact Group on Japan, European Economic and Social Committee*

Audience discussion

Possible themes: Exchange programmes (students, academics, officials, think tanks etc.), joint education programmes, outreach activities to increase knowledge of Japan in the EU and knowledge of the EU in Japan, civil society dialogues, inter parliamentary dialogues, consumer safety, ageing society, culture for peace/environment/welfare...

Moderator:

- Ms Shada ISLAM, *Director for Asia Programme, European Policy Centre*

16:30 – 16:40 Closing remarks

Venue: Charlemagne building – Jean Durieux conference room

Languages: Simultaneous interpretation in English and Japanese



Mr João VALE DE ALMEIDA

*Director-General for External Relations
European Commission*

João Vale de Almeida is at present Director-General for External Relations of the European Commission. He is also President Barroso's permanent personal representative (Sherpa) for the G 8 and G 20 Summits. He has been serving in European Institutions for 27 years. After a career as a journalist in Portugal, he joined the European Commission at the Representation Office in Lisbon. He then became a member of the Spokesman's Service in Brussels under the authority of President Delors. João Vale de Almeida has held several responsibilities within the Commission, including as Deputy Chief Spokesman, Director in the Education and Culture department and Head of President Barroso's Cabinet. He graduated in history from the University of Lisbon, followed journalism training courses in France, USA and Japan, and attended management schools in the UK and France.



Mr Nobutake ODANO

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the European Union

H.E. Ambassador Nobutake Odano is a career diplomat and currently based in Brussels as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Mission of Japan to the European Union. His background encompasses a broad range of issues, for example, European and Asian affairs, trade negotiations, OECD activities and development issues. His assignments in Tokyo include Ambassador in charge of the African Development Conference (TICAD IV), Chief of Protocol and Managing-Director of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. His overseas assignments include Ambassador to Myanmar, Consul-General in Sydney, Australia and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He has also served at the Embassies in London and Bonn. He was a visiting Senior Research Fellow at Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs, UK.



Mr Noriteru FUKUSHIMA

*Deputy Director-General for the European Affairs Bureau
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan*

Noriteru Fukushima is a Deputy Director-General for the European Affairs Bureau at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as a head of delegation for the Japan-EU Action Plan Steering Group. He joined the Ministry in 1981 after graduating from Faculty of Law at Kyoto University. He has been assigned to the United Nation, Italy, the United States, Mexico and Argentine. He was also a director to Terrorism Prevention Division and Latin American First Division of the Ministry in Tokyo.



Mr Alan SEATTER

*Director for Industrialised Countries of North America, East Asia and Western Europe
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Alan Seatter is currently Director in the External Relations department of the European Commission, responsible for North America and Canada, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Western Europe. He has held several posts in the European Commission, dealing with the Middle East, science and technology policy, enlargement, budget and the structural funds, before which he held posts in the UK civil service and in university.



Mr Artur RUNGE-METZGER

*Director for Climate Change and Air Quality
European Commission*

Artur Runge-Metzger took up his current position in October 2009. His directorate covers international climate negotiations, emissions trading, emissions from transport, energy and industry, air quality and the protection of the ozone layer. He joined the European Commission in 1993, when he was first responsible for the bilateral co-operation covering agricultural policies, rural development and the environment in the Delegation of the European Commission in Harare, Zimbabwe. He holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics.



Dr Hiroyuki BANZAI

*Member of the Japanese Wise Persons Committee
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Hiroyuki Banzai has been an Associate Professor of Law at Waseda University since April 2009, teaching public international law. His previous teaching experience includes Associate Professor of Surugadai University in Saitama. He received a Master of Laws and doctorate from Waseda University in Tokyo. He speaks Japanese and English.



Prof Marie SÖDERBERG

*President of the European Japan Advanced Research Network
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Marie Söderberg is the Director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies at Stockholm School of Economics. She is also a Professor of Japanese Studies at Stockholm University and Chairman of the Board of the Centre for East and Southeast Asian Studies at Lund University. She is the senior editor of the European Institute of Japanese Studies, East Asian Economics and Business Studies, a book series published by Routledge in London and New York.



Mr Tadashi OKAMURA

*Japanese Co-chair of the Business Round Table
Advisor to the Board of Toshiba Corporation*

Tadashi Okamura is an Adviser to the Board of Toshiba Corporation as well as Co-Chairman of the EU Japan Business Round Table. He joined Toshiba in 1962 after graduating from the University of Tokyo in law. He also received an MBA from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Wisconsin in 1973. Having made an outstanding contribution to the success of Toshiba, he was appointed President and CEO in June 2000.



Mr Jean-Yves LE GALL

*European Co-Chair of the Business Round Table
Chairman and CEO of Arianespace*

Jean-Yves Le Gall is Chairman and CEO of Arianespace. His main responsibility is to define the company's commercial strategy, and to develop and maintain a close relationship with its international clientele. As part of his job, he represents Arianespace in relations with European governments, space agencies and industrial partners, shareholders in the company. He has devoted his entire career to the European space programme. He has held a number of management positions concerning both programmes and strategy, including with the French Ministry of Industry, Novespace, French space agency CNES, Starsem and Arianespace, which he joined in 2001.



Prof Katsuhiko SHOJI

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Katsuhiko Shoji is Professor of Law at Keio University in Tokyo since April 2004, teaching EU Law, with the Jean Monnet Chair ad personam, and Director of Keio Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. He was President of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA)-Japan from November 2006 to March 2009. For his academic background, he received Master of Laws and finished the doctor course at Keio University.



Mr David O'SULLIVAN

*Director-General for Trade
European Commission*

David O'Sullivan is currently the European Commission's Director General for Trade. His services support the EU's Trade Commissioner in negotiating bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, ensuring that foreign markets are open for EU businesses and that the international rules agreed are actually applied. The post of Director General for Trade has brought David back to the Department in which he started his Commission career, first in Brussels and then in the Commission's Tokyo office. David was Secretary General of the European Commission, Head of Cabinet of Commission President Romano Prodi and Director General for Education and Training. He also has extensive experience in EU social and employment policy. David has a background in economics, graduating from Trinity College, Dublin and having completed post graduate studies at the College of Europe, Bruges.



Mr Hans MARTENS

Chief Executive of the European Policy Centre

Hans Martens is Chief Executive of the European Policy Centre, a Brussels-based think tank set up to promote European integration. He studied Political Science at Aarhus University and went on to become Associate Professor in international political and economic relations. In 1989 he set up Martens International Consulting, specialising in international consultancy and customised training (including in EU affairs) for a number of major companies. He joined the European Policy Centre in 2002. Alongside his business career, Hans Martens has been visiting Professor at the Universities of Aarhus and Copenhagen and he is a regular lecturer at the Executive MBA Programme at Virginia Commonwealth University and ESADE in Barcelona. He is an expert on the new economy, European Competitiveness issues and on the Digital Agenda.



Mr Robert COOPER

*Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs
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Robert Cooper is Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. He was brought up in Britain and Kenya, returning from Nairobi to the UK to attend Oxford University in 1966. He spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia before joining the UK Diplomatic Service in 1970. He served in New York, Tokyo, Brussels and Bonn and his career was divided broadly between Asia and Europe. From 1989 to 1993, he was Head of the Policy Planning Staff. Later in the 1990s, he was Director for Asia and was then Deputy Secretary for Defence and Overseas Affairs in the Cabinet Office. Before moving to Brussels in 2002 he was Special Representative for the British Government on Afghanistan. He has published a number of essays and articles on international affairs, including a book of essays: "The Breaking of Nations", Atlantic Press 2003.



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Akiko Fukushima is a Senior Fellow at the Japan Foundation and Research Fellow of the Joint Research Institute for International Peace and Culture at Aoyama Gakuin University with a Ph.D. from Osaka University and M.A. from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. She was Director of Policy Studies at the National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) from 1994 to 2006.



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Before becoming an academic in 2009 at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, Hirotsugu Koike was a journalist with the Nikkei from 1974. He was a President of Nikkei Europe Limited from 2005- 2008 and Deputy Chief Editorial Writer from 2008-2009. Currently he also takes position as a Board member of Japan Public Policy Association, Associate of Cambridge Clare Hall, among others. He is a graduate of Yokohama National University.



Ms Eve PÄÄRENDSON

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Eve Päärendson is the President of the Japan Contact Group at the European Economic and Social Committee. She is a Member of the Bureau of the Committee's External Relations Section (REX) and Vice-President of the Employers' Group. Ms Päärendson is Director of International Relations at the Estonian Employers' Confederation.



Ms Shada ISLAM

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Shada Islam is Senior Programme Executive at the European Policy Centre. She leads the Asia programme which looks closely at EU-Asia relations, with the focus on Asia's rapidly changing political, economic and social landscape. Shada is an experienced journalist, columnist, policy analyst and communication specialist with a strong background in geopolitical, foreign, economic and trade policy issues involving Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa and the United States. She has studied in Belgium and completed her Masters degree in media and communications at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.



