



Evening Debate and Reception

Tuesday, 21 April 2015 from 17:00 until 20:30 hrs

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137 Rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels

“The EU and Japan: A New Stage in Partnerships”

Objective:

The EU and Japan have a common challenge in achieving sustainable growth, due to issues ranging from the lack of economic investment and high dependency on foreign energy sources, to aging societies. Meanwhile, the EU and Japan, as like-minded and strategic partners, have the opportunity to create a shared vision for future development.

The event will deepen the partnership between the EU and Japan, in particular on energy and investment cooperation, and will provide “food for thought” for both European and Japanese opinion leaders. Two speakers from Tokyo will provide an update on the recent Japanese situation on energy, while presenting possibilities for further EU-Japan cooperation in business.

Programme:

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| 17h00 | Opening Speech by H.E. Keiichi Katakami, Ambassador from the Mission of Japan to the EU |
| 17h10 | Welcome Speech by Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group |
| 17h20 | Presentation by Mr. Jun Arima, Director General JETRO London, Special Advisor on Global environmental Affairs, METI |
| 17h35 | Presentation by Mr. Hiraku Ikeda, General Manager, Power System Company, Hitachi |
| 17h50 | Statement by Petr Jezek MEP, Chairman of the Japan Delegation of the EP |

18h05 Q & A

18h25 Closing Remarks by Mr. Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP and Vice-President of the European Parliament



Sushi Reception and Cocktail at 18h30

The Mission of Japan to the European Union and Japanese business associations

An extraordinary “Sushi” reception will follow the seminar. Fabulous Japanese delights Sushi, Yakitori, Sake, and Japanese wine will be served with guidance and background. This is a great occasion to network and explore broader possibilities for collaboration.

Welcome remarks given by H.E. Keiichi Katakami
Ambassador from the Mission of Japan to the EU
and by Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group
as Master of Ceremony
