



The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation ZOOM webinar

Current Status and Prospects of EU-Japan Relations - Focusing on green, digital, economic security, etc. -

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 15:00-16:00 Tokyo (8:00-9:00 Brussels)
(In Japanese only / Free event)**

Mr. Takuya Yamazaki who is from METI and former Director General of the JMC/JETRO Brussels office, returned to Japan in July this year and assumed the important post of Chief Counselor of the Digital Agency. While the local sense does not cool down, he will talk about the latest situation of EU-Japan relations. Needless to say, EU and Japan are working as allies and regions on "green," "digital," and "economic security = resilience," centered on the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) and mutual cooperation is being strengthened year by year. He will talk about the circumstances and future prospects from the local experience.

Agenda

15:00 -15:05 (8:00 – 8:05) Opening

- **Yasuo Tanabe**, Managing Director, [the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation](#)

15:05-15:40 (8:05 – 8:40) Presentation

- **Takuya Yamazaki**, Chief Director, [Digital Agency, Government of Japan](#)
(Former Director General, Japan Machinery Exporters Association (JMC) & Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Brussels)

15:40-16:00 (8:40 – 9:00) Q&A /Discussion

- Moderator: **Yasuo Tanabe** (Same as above)

- Registration: This webinar will be held on ZOOM. Please register from [this ZOOM link](#) to join.
- Q&A: Questions during the webinar can be entered in the Q&A box on your screen. In addition, it's possible to accept questions in advance when registering for ZOOM participation.
- Please understand that this event will be held in Japanese only.

Biography of Presenter Takuya Yamazaki
Chief Director, Digital Agency, Government of Japan



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- April 1996 Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry (currently Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
 Responsible for Reform of Electricity Business System, Venture Business Development Policy, Cyber Security and International Economic Policy, etc.
- May 2010 Assistant Director, Information Policy Division, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau (Policy Planning Committee)
- May 2011 Deputy Director, Accounting Division, Minister's Secretariat (Policy Planning Committee)
- August 2012 Planning Director, Electricity and Gas Reform Promotion Office, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
- October 2014 Director, Electricity Market Development Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
- October 2015 Secretary to the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
- October 2016 Director, New Energy Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
- July 2019 Director, Policy Division, Energy Conservation and New Energy Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
- August 2020 Director General, Japan Machinery Exporters Association (JMC) & Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Brussels, Director, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- July 2023 Current position