EU & Japan ~ A New Way Forward ~

Meeting Chairmen: Masaki Sakuyama, Chairman, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
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WEB CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Tokyo Kaikan (Tokyo) & Le Groupe La Poste (Paris)

JST/CET EVENT CHAIR

16:15/08:15 CO-CHAIRMEN OPENING REMARKS

Masaki Sakuyama

- Masaki Sakuyama, Chairman, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation
- Philippe Wahl, Chairman & CEO, Le Groupe La Poste
- Review of the day's agenda

16:30/08:30 **SESSION 1**

Philippe Wahl

EPA WATCH — *Taking stock and highlighting the success of the EU-Japan EPA* Since entry into force, the EU-Japan EPA has offered tremendous opportunities.

Speakers are invited to touch on 'the state of the EPA', with a focus on issues such as EPA utilization, digital economies, service industries, regulatory cooperation, and other EPA-related topics.

Kazushige Nobutani, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

5min per speaker

- Markus Beyrer, BusinessEurope
- Breakout Session Feedback
- Comments & discussion 3min per speaker

17:00/09:00 **SESSION 2**

Masaki Sakuyama

CALL TO ACTION — Raising awareness of new challenges and taking advantage of the EPA under the new normal of the COVID-19 pandemic

Building on the BRT Position Paper "On the current COVID-19 pandemic" released on May 25, this session will address the recovery of healthcare, economic, and trade systems through heightened EU-Japan cooperation.

Giving due consideration to the potential of the EU-Japan relationship 'beyond the EPA', this session will also give participants the opportunity for a dialogue on aspects or issues currently not contained in the EPA, improving the EPA itself, the lack of industrial data free flow, engaging and encouraging SMEs to partake of the EPA, SDGs, digital economy, bioeconomy, circular economy, and value chains in the time of the current pandemic.

Hitoshi Ochi, Japan Business Federation (KEIDANREN)

5min per speaker

- Michael Mroczek, European Business Council in Japan (EBC)
- Chris Jackson, Japan Business Council in Europe (JBCE)
- Comments & discussion

3min per speaker

17:30/09:30 **SESSION 3**

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE — Evolution of the BRT

Broadening the BRT's membership to new sectors, increasing the number of female members, strengthening the voice of SMEs, updating its working methods and working parties

■ Breakout Session Feedback

5min per speaker

Masaki Sakuyama

- Shinji Fukukawa, Global Industrial & Social Progress Research Institute
- Nikolaus Boltze, Thyssenkrupp
- Comments & discussion

3min per speaker

18:00/10:00 BREAK

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18:15/10:15 JOINT SESSION WITH AUTHORITIES "EU-JAPAN: Perspectives & Prospects"

Summary of Working Party "EJ to EJ" Recommendations (5min/WP)

- WP1: Trade Relations; Investment and Regulatory Cooperation; Financial Services, Accounting & Taxation Koichi Yajima, Marubeni
- WP2: Life Sciences & Biotechnology, Healthcare and Well-Being Osamu Nagayama, Chugai Pharmaceutical
- WP3: Digital Innovation & Mobility Hidenori Furuta, Fujitsu
- WP4: Environment and Sustainable Development Norihiko Ishiguro, NEC
- Endorsement of Joint & Working Party Recommendations

18:40/10:40 HANDOVER OF JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS

Co-Chairmen

18:45/10:45 Reflecting on the EPA, EU-Japan Business Collaboration in Third Markets, Digital & Green Issues

Masaki Sakuyama

- in Third Markets, Digital & Green Issues
 Hiroshi Kajiyama, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI
 - Thierry Breton, Internal Market Commissioner, European Commission
 - Eiichiro Washio, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
 - Mabito Yoshida, Vice Minister for Policy Coordination, MIC Dialogue

Philippe Wahl 3min per speaker

19:45/11:45 REMARKS BY AMBASSADORS

Philippe Wahl

- Yasushi Masaki, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union
- Patricia Flor, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan

19:50/11:50 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Co-Chairmen

- CLOSE OF WEB MEETING -

20:00/12:00 NETWORKING & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

*Subject to applicable social gathering restrictions or guidelines in Tokyo and Paris.

At Tokyo Kaikan

- Greeting: Masaki Sakuyama, BRT Co-Chair
- Toast: Patricia Flor, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan