

## The 15th Japan-EU Conference – 26 November 2012

The annual Japan-EU conference aims to analyze the interaction between Japan and the EU as strategic partners in the wider context of regional dynamics. The conference provides one of the only platforms for policy makers, academics and representatives of business and civil society to exchange views on the current state of affairs of the Japan-EU relationship and formulate ideas and specific suggestions for future policy development. In addition, the conference aims at contributing to policy making and network building between actors specialized in the Japan-EU relationship.

The theme selected for this year's conference is "Japan-EU Cooperation in a Changing World: Approaches to Rules and Standards". This conference will tackle specific subjects which are regarded as possible avenues for intensified Japan-EU cooperation: legal issues, economic relations, security cooperation and multilateralism.

This event provides a unique opportunity for debate on both the latest research as well as current policy trends. It brings together academics, experts and policymakers from various parts of the world and has proven to be a highly valuable forum to formulate ideas and specific suggestions to fortify the Japan-EU relationship.

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Japan-EU Cooperation in a Changing World:  
*Approaches to Rules and Standards*

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**09:30 - 09:55**

Registration

**10:00 - 10:30**

Opening Keynote Addresses

**Chair: Prof. Bart De Moor** (Vice-Rector of the University of Leuven) **and Prof. Dimitri Vanoverbeke** (University of Leuven) **with welcome words**

**President of the European Council Mr. Herman Van Rompuy**  
**Ambassador Kojiro Shiojiri** (Mission of Japan to the EU)

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Session One: Regional Cooperation from a Legal Perspective – Current Issues in East Asia and the EU**

**Chair: Prof. Mario Telo** (Free University of Brussels)  
**Prof. Tsutomu Kikuchi** (Aoyama Gakuin University)  
**Mr. Alessandro Vitro** (Legal Service, Council Secretariat of the EU)  
**Mr. Matthieu Burnay** (Leuven Center for Global Governance Studies)

**Questions and answers**

**12:15 - 13:25**

Lunch

**13:30 - 14:30**

**Session organized by the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation**  
*“Japan-EU Economic Partnership: its Implications in World Trade”*

**Minister Manabu Miyagawa** (Mission of Japan to the EU)  
**Mr. Antonio Parenti** (Deputy Head of Unit in charge of Far East, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission)

**MORNING SESSIONS**

**14:40 - 17:00**

**Session Two: Security Cooperation -**

**I. Security Mechanisms in the Asia-Pacific and the Role of the EU**

**Chair: Prof. Takako Ueta** (International Christian University) **with introductory remarks**  
**Prof. Ryo Sahashi** (Kanagawa University)  
**Dr. Michael Reiterer** (Asia-Pacific Department, European External Action Service)  
**Mr. Thomas Renard** (Egmont Institute)

**Questions and answers**

**II. Nonproliferation**

**Chair: Mr. David Fouquet** (European Institute for Asian Studies)  
**Prof. Nobumasa Akiyama** (Hitotsubashi University)  
**Mr. Louis-Victor Bril** (Joint Research Centre, European Commission)  
**Dr. Cindy Vestergaard** (Danish Institute for International Studies, research unit on Defense and Security)

**Questions and Answers**

**17:15 - 18:45**

**Session Three: Japan-EU Cooperation in Multilateral Organizations: UN, G8, G20**

**Chair: Dr. Antonio Missiroli** (Director of the European Institute for Security Studies)  
**Mr. Frank Schmiedel** (Department of Conflict Prevention and Security Policy, European External Action Service)  
**Prof. Joachim Koops** (Free University of Brussels)  
**Prof. Yuichi Morii** (University of Tokyo)  
**Mr. Aiichiro Yamamoto** (Principal Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the EU)  
**Mr. Jonathan Peel** (EESC WTO & International Trade Committee PSGp)

**18:45**

**Reception offered by the Mission of Japan to the EU**

**AFTERNOON SESSIONS**