PROGRAMME

JAPAN: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Wednesday 22nd - Saturday 25th October 2008

933rd WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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What challenges and opportunities face Japan in the global economy? What is the likely impact of these on Japan’s own economy and stability, on the region and internationally? What are the key issues facing Japan’s economic relationships with the US, Europe, and the Asian region? How will Japan be affected by the developing BRIC economies; globalization and prospects for trade liberalisation; climate change, energy prices and the credit crunch? Where is there scope for international cooperation, and where are the tension points? What is Japan’s role in international economic and development forums and initiatives? What responsibilities does Japan hold as the world’s largest creditor and second largest economy?

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

1900 Reception drinks
1930 Dinner

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

0900-0915 WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE
Camilla FENNING
Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

0915-1030 1 JAPAN’S PRIORITIES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Sumio KUSAKA
Minister and Consul-General, Embassy of Japan, London

Andrew FRASER
Senior Adviser, Mitsubishi Corporation UK, London

1030-1115 Tea and Coffee and Conference photograph
THE SHIFT TOWARDS ASIA: IMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Yoshihisa ARA
Chairman, Japan National Council for Pacific Economic Cooperation, Tokyo

Jean-Pierre LEHMANN
Founding Director, the Evian Group; Professor of International Political Economy, International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne

THE CREDIT CRUNCH: JAPAN’S EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSE

Short presentations on economic lessons to draw from Japan, particularly on their earlier experience of the credit crunch and discussion of their role in reacting to the current global crisis. Presentations to be followed by working groups to consider policies, lessons and future implications of Japan’s credit crunch experience.

Chair:
Graham FRY
Former British Ambassador to Tokyo (2004-2008), London

Seijiro TAKESHITA
Director and Senior Strategist, Mizuho International plc, London

Keiichiro KOBAYASHI
Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Tokyo

JAPAN AND THE US: THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

Atsushi YAMAKOSHI
Director, Keidanren USA, Washington DC

Brad GLOSSERMAN
Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Pacific Forum, Honolulu

LIBERALISATION VERSUS PROTECTIONISM: ARGUMENTS AND OUTLOOK

Sadakazu OSAKI
Visiting Professor, University of Tokyo Law School; Head of Research, Center for Knowledge Exchange & Creation, Nomura Research Institute, Tokyo

Peter VON STADEN
Lecturer, International Business, Bristol Business School, The University of the West of England, Bristol

JAPAN AND EUROPE: THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER
Claire DURKIN  
Director, Europe, International Trade and Development Policy, Department of Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR), London

Karel KOVANDA  
Deputy Director-General, External Relations, European Commission, Brussels

1300  
Lunch

1445-1630  
7 COOPERATION ON LONG-TERM GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Short presentations on cooperation on global economic challenges (eg development; international economic institutions; climate change) will be followed by working groups to consider scope for further cooperation.

Tomohiko TANIGUCHI  
Special Adviser to the Board of Central Japan Railway; Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); Adjunct Professor on International Political Economy, Keio University Graduate School of System Design and Management, Tokyo

Deepak BHATTASALI  
Lead Economist, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank, Washington DC

1630-1700  
Tea and Coffee

1700-1730  
Report back from working groups

1730-1825  
8 OUTLOOK: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND COOPERATION

Alisdair WALKER  
Head, Japan, Korean Peninsula and Mongolia Section, Far Eastern Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Keiichiro KOBAYASHI  
Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), Tokyo

1825-1900  
Interval for changing

1900-1930  
Reception drinks

1930  
Conference dinner

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

0730-0915  
Breakfast and payment of bills

0915  
Gatwick coach departs