



Invitation to a seminar on EU and Japan Regional policy with the participation of Professor Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Commission

Towards EU-Japan Cooperation in Regional Policies: Foster Investment in Innovative Regions

Date & Time:	Monday, 6 April 2009, 14:30 - 16:00
Venue:	Todofuken Kaikan Hall (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) http://www.tkai.jp/info/index.html
Co-organised by:	Delegation of the European Commission to Japan EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation
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Registration fee:	Free

Commissioner Hübner is in charge of regional policy at the European Commission. Regional policy is a key EU policy which aims at fostering EU cohesion and securing development for all EU regions. For the period 2007 – 2013, the budget for regional policy accounts for 348 billion EUR (over 35% of the total EU budget). A significant emphasis is given to research and innovation, which are becoming increasingly important to ensure sustainable economic growth of regions.

Following Commissioner Hübner keynote speech, Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige, Vice-Minister for International Affairs of the Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry, Mr. Masahiro Nakajima, Secretary General for Regional Revitalization Bureau of the Cabinet Secretariat, and Mr. Takashi Shiraishi, Member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy, will talk about the policies and initiatives to revitalize Japanese regions in today's economic situation.

Programme

14:30 **Opening remarks by Ambassador Hugh Richardson, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Japan**

European perspective

14:35 -15:05 **Keynote speech by Professor Danuta Hübner*, Member of the European Commission in charge of Regional Policy**

Japanese perspective

15:05 – 15:20 **Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

15:20 – 13:35 **Mr. Masahiro Nakajima, Secretary General Regional Revitalization Bureau, Cabinet Secretariat**

15:35 – 15:45 **Professor Takashi Shiraishi, Member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy**

15:45 – 16:00 **Q&A (with all speakers)**

16:00 **Closing remarks by Mr. Julien Guerrier, General Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial cooperation**

Keynote Speaker

***Dr. Danuta Hübner** was appointed as a member of the European Commission in 2004 when Poland joined the European Union. Prior to joining the European Commission, she held such political positions as Polish Minister for European Affairs (03-04), Head of Office of the Committee for European Integration and Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (01 – 03), the United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary for UNECE (2000-2001) and the Minister Head of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland (97-98).

To register

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