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High Level Symposium on EU-Japan Cooperation: Common Challenges and Perspectives

6 February 2015, Press Conference Center,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Address: K. Valdemāra iela 3, Riga

**Chaired by Dr Einars Semanis, Ambassador – Director General of Bilateral Relations Directorate,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia**

- 08:45 – 09:15 Registration/Welcome coffee
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Opening**
Mr Andrejs Pildegovičs, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
H.E. Mr Toshiyuki Taga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Latvia
- 09:30 – 10:30 **EU-JAPAN RELATIONS**
Moderator: Dr Axel Berkofsky, Professor of Asian Politics and History, University of Pavia, Italy
- Panelists:**
Dr Gerhard Sabathil, Director for North East Asia and the Pacific, European Union External Action Service
[lead]
Dr Artis Pabriks, Member of the European Union Parliament
H.E. Mr Keiichi Katakami, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union
Dr Yuichi Hosoya, Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Japan
- Discussion, Q&A
- 10:30 – 11:30 **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AND CENTRAL ASIA – PRIORITIES OF LATVIAN PRESIDENCY
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**
Moderator: Dr Andris Sprūds, Director of Latvian Institute of International Affairs
- Panelists:**
H.E. Mr Juris Poikāns, Ambassador-at-Large for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia *[lead]*
H.E. Mr Petr Mares, Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic
H.E. Mr Martin Hagstrom, Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden
H.E. Mr Keiichi Katakami, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union
- Discussion, Q&A
- 11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break
- 11:50 – 12:50 **SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST ASIA**
Moderator: Dr Ken Endo, Professor of International Politics & Global Governance, Hokkaido University, Japan
- Panelists:**
Dr Yuichi Hosoya, Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Japan *[lead]*
Mr Aivars Puriņš, Director of Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Dr Gerhard Sabathil, Director for North East Asia and the Pacific, EEAS
Dr Žaneta Ozoliņa, Professor of Political Science, University of Latvia
- Discussion, Q&A
- 12:50 – 13:00 **Closing Remarks**
Dr Einars Semanis, Ambassador – Director General of Bilateral Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia