

Japan Economic Foundation

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About JEF

The Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) was established in July 1981 to deepen mutual understanding between Japan and other countries through activities aimed at promoting economic and technological exchanges.

With this goal in mind, JEF engages in a broad range of activities; it provides information about Japan and arranges opportunities to exchange ideas among opinion leaders from many countries in such fields as industry, government administration, academia and politics in order to break down the barriers to mutual understanding.



Our Mission

Building Bridges for International Communication

Arranging overseas visits for Japanese leaders

--Providing opportunities for healthy exchanges of opinions that contribute to international understanding

Inviting foreign leaders to visit Japan

--Building ties for friendship by giving foreign leaders a chance to get a firsthand look at conditions in Japan

Sponsorship of international forums and seminars

--Facilitating a free exchange of views on international cooperation

Conducting research on trade and industry in other countries

--Collecting information to help Japanese organizations with policy development

Publishing information about Japan

--Keeping the international community informed about the Japanese economy and developments in trade, industry and technology.

JEF's Activities

Sponsorship of International Forums and Conferences

Japan-U.K. High Technology Industry Forum

Since 1986, JEF has cosponsored the U.K.-Japan high Technology Industry Forum, an annual event designed to give representatives from British and Japanese business, government, and technical and scientific institutions an opportunity to discuss each country's policies, companies' responses to such policies, international industrial cooperation, and recent developments and advances made in science and technology. A focus is placed on high-tech industries. The sites for the forum have been alternately in Japan and Britain.



Japan-Europe Leaders Conference



JEF has sponsored, since 1989, the biannual Japan-Europe Leaders Conference. This program provides governments and industrial leaders from Japan and Europe an opportunity to meet and discuss world affairs with a focus on developments in Asia and the trilateral relationship between Japan, Europe and the United States.

Asia-Pacific Conference

JEF has hosted the Asia-Pacific Conference, which has been biannually since 1993. The goal of this conference is to foster peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region by deepening mutual understanding among the region's scholars and leaders in such fields as politics, government, academia, and industry. At the recent conference, the theme was focused on economic integration in East Asia such as Free Trade Agreement (FTA).



Japan-U.S. Forum



JEF co-cosponsored "Reconstruction of Iraq: U.S.-Japan Cooperation and Implications for the Future of the Alliance" with the Center for Strategic & International Studies in MAY 2004. Japan, U.S. and Asian countries leaders from politics, government, academia and industry sector had presentations and discussions regarding the economic issues in the form of open forum.

JEF-AEI Meeting

JEF cosponsored the JEF-AEI Meeting with American Enterprise Institute since 1990. Japan and US leaders from politics, government, academia circles and journalism have presentations and discussions based on their experiences to strengthen the collaboration and the partnership between the two countries.



Publishing English-language Magazine about Japan

The *Journal of Japanese Trade & Industry* has been renamed the *Economy, Culture & History JAPAN SPOTLIGHT BIMONTHLY*.

The Journal was launched in 1982 to help bridge the information gap between Japan and the rest of the world. This bimonthly publication was the source of in-depth, analytical, historical and cultural information on Japan's trade, business, economic issues, current events, legislation and politics. It combined official views of Japan with a wealth of features by distinguished writers from Japan and other countries.



Taking over from the Journal, JAPAN SPOTLIGHT will cover not only economy, industry and trade, but also international politics, history, culture and topics that would fit to our aim and interests of our readers to create the deeper understanding of Japan and the world.

Our distinguished writers include business executives, government officials, university professors, specialist researchers, and leading journalists. The JAPAN SPOTLIGHT showcases the thinking of some of the world's leading experts on issues involving Japan and other countries.

RECENT FEATURES

Japan-India Relationship	Sept. /Oct. 2006
White Paper on International Economy and Trade 2006	July/Aug. 2006
Japan's SMEs	May/June 2006
New Trends in Japan	March/April 2006
Welcome! M&As in Japan	Jan. /Feb. 2006
Japan's Retiring Baby Boomers	Nov. /Dec. 2005

Research Activities

JEF believes that Japanese companies and industries need to keep ahead of the changes in the global economy, foster the power to compete in international markets, and establish a relationship of mutual reliance by cooperating with other countries and regions.

In order to realize these goals, JEF conducts research activities on economic trends in Western and Asian countries, measures to protect intellectual property, and the economic policies of major countries, and communicates the results to the related industries and policy authorities.

“Intellectual Collaboration Group to Promote Market-Oriented Economies,” was organized in the spring of 1996. This group pursues “intellectual collaboration” with members of former socialist economies seeking to move toward market-oriented economies and away from the disarray of their current economic systems.

It is expected that through the accumulated experience generated by this group, Japan’s contribution to former socialist economies could cover a wider range of subject and become more sophisticated and effective in understanding the economic and social conditions of the respective economies.



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Ginza, Marunouchi, & Hibiya-Line "Ginza Station" 7 mins
JR Yurakucho Station 12 mins