



**U.S. - Japan Economic Relations in an Era of Political Uncertainty,
Sluggish Growth, and Shifting Demographics**

A Joint Conference sponsored by the Japan Economic Foundation and the Cato Institute

Thursday, February 14, 2013

9:00am – 5:40pm

The Cato Institute
1000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Introductory Remarks

John A. Allison, President and CEO, Cato Institute

Noboru Hatakeyama, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic
Foundation

9:10 – 9:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker

Clayton Yeutter, Senior Advisor, Hogan Lovells

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session I: Assessments of the Economic and Political Climates in
the United States and Japan: Implications for the Bilateral
Relationship**

Makoto Utsumi, President and CEO, Japan Credit Rating Agency

Arthur Alexander, Adjunct Professor, Asia Studies Program,
Georgetown University

Gary Hufbauer, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute

Discussion Facilitator: Amb. Terry Miller, Director, Center for
International Trade and Economics, Heritage Foundation

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 p.m. Session II: Global Macroeconomic and Other External Influences Likely to Impact the U.S.-Japan Relationship

Takashi Shiraishi, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Phil Levy, Associate Professor of Business Administration, University of Virginia, Darden Graduate School of Business

Derek Scissors, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Studies, Heritage Foundation

Discussion Facilitator: Sallie James, Trade Policy Analyst, Cato Institute

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. Lunch and Luncheon Speaker

Jim Kolbe, Senior Adviser, McLarty Associates and Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. Session III: Prospects for and Impediments to Trade Agreements and Other Bilateral or Regional Forms of Cooperation

Kazumasa Kusaka, Adviser, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Former Vice Minister for International Affairs, METI

Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

William Brooks, Adjunct Professor, Japan Studies, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Discussion Facilitator: Dan Ikenson, Director, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Session IV: New and Heterodox Ideas for Cooperation and Economic Growth

Noboru Hatakeyama, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation

Jim Fatheree, Senior Director, Japan and Korea, President, US-Japan Business Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Adam Posen, President, Peterson Institute

Discussion Facilitator: Claude Barfield, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

5:30 – 5:40 p.m. Closing Remarks

Noboru Hatakeyama, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation

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