

JEF's Recent Events

Series of Events in United States in January 2010

The Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) held a series of discussion events in Chicago and Washington, D.C. in January, co-hosted by respective institutions.

Jan. 22

In Chicago, JEF Chairman Noboru Hatakeyama was invited to speak by the Japan America Society, and delivered a speech titled "Thoughts on the Future of a US-Japan Free Trade Agreement." This occasion was placed as an event paving the way for the following Washington sessions.

Jan. 25-26

In Washington, D.C., JEF and the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) had a two-day closed conference named the 24th JEF-AEI Meeting. Subjects discussed included "Political Outlook in Japan and the United States," "Global Economic Crisis One Year Later," "Security in Northeast Asia," "Economic and Financial Policies of China, Japan and the United States" and "APEC, WTO and US Bilateral Trade Agreements in Asia."

Once every year, JEF and AEI discuss a variety of subjects which affect bilateral relationship. This year's event was especially interesting because the change of power in both countries produced many issues worth discussing.

Jan. 27

In Washington, D.C., JEF held an open symposium co-sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). JEF aims at introducing the realities of the Japanese economy and industry to Washington policy circles.

Recently, "Japan passing" is often on the lips of people in the wake of a steady decline in the country's global presence – in the economic sphere in particular. To make Japan better known to influential American people, efforts such as the JEF-CSIS Conference take on added importance.



Michael Moskow (left), chairman, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, introduces JEF Chairman Noboru Hatakeyama (right) at Japan America Society meeting.



JEF-AEI Meeting



JEF-CSIS Conference