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Steering Committee of Japan's National Association of the Club of Rome holds inaugural meeting (Sept. 27, 2010)

The Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) was nominated as Japan's National Association of the Club of Rome on Feb. 24, 2010, on the occasion of a visit to Japan by the then secretary general of the Club of Rome. Since then, JEF had been working on founding the association's Steering Committee and was finally able to hold the first meeting of the committee on Sept. 27, 2010.

Nineteen distinguished experts on the global environment in Japan, including Dr. Hiroshi Komiyama, chairman of Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc., and Dr. Yasushi Akashi, former UN under-secretary general who chaired the first meeting, were selected as its members and 13 of them joined the discussion where each member stated his views on the future perspective of the National Association's activities.

JEF is expected to play the role of a contact point at least between the Club of Rome headquarters in Switzerland and the Steering Committee members.



Dr. Yasushi Akashi (center) with Noboru Hatakeyama, chairman/CEO, JEF (right), and Naoyuki Haraoka, executive managing director, JEF (left)

Ninth Asia-Pacific Forum (Oct. 11 & 12, 2010)

JEF and the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) jointly held the ninth Asia-Pacific Forum in Wellington. The title of the forum was "Seeking the optimum future shape for regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region." The participants were from Southeast Asian countries as well as New Zealand and Japan. The discussion was centered on the potential of an Asia-Pacific-wide FTA such as the TPP and FTAAP and all agreed upon the urgency of creating such an FTA in the light of the need to countervail a possible rise of protectionism against the background of the economic crisis.



A scene of Asia-Pacific Forum on Oct. 11

JEF-PIIE (Peterson Institute for International Economics) Conference titled "Toward A Trans-Pacific Partnership" (Oct. 25, 2010, to be reported in the Jan./Feb. 2011 issue)

Upcoming Event

On Dec. 10, 2010, the Europe-Japan Conference will be held in Paris, jointly organized by JEF and Aspen France.