

Post-disaster Outlook for Japan

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Following my brief introduction of the reality of the latest situation of Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station and the Japanese economy post-disaster, three distinguished Japanese economists lead a short-run as well as long-run analysis on the Japanese economy and Japan's economic policies.

Dr. Hidetaka Yoneyama, senior economist at Fujitsu Research Institute, provides a short-run forecast of the Japanese economy. Dr. Keiichiro Kobayashi, senior economist at the Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry, and Dr. Motoshige Itoh present their views on the economic policies that should be adopted to deal with the possible consequences of the disaster and the unstable nuclear power situation.

We invite our neighboring countries' leading thinkers to introduce their views on post-disaster Japan. Our American thinkers, Dr. Lundell, president of International Technology and Trade Associates (ITTA), and Dr. Goodman, program director of ITTA, introduce their views on the US nuclear renaissance after Fukushima Dai-ichi. Two distinguished senior opinion leaders, Dr. Lim, senior research fellow at the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), and Amb. Ong Keng Yong, director, Institute of Policy Studies and Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, assess the impact of Japan's disaster on various Asian economies. Dr. Hawke at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand joins them in analyzing the impact on the Asian-Pacific economy and, in particular, TPP. Finally, a distinguished IMD School professor, Dr. Lehmann, describes the more worldwide and also more philosophical impact of the disaster on global capitalism itself.



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