

# JEF Celebrates Its

## Chairman's message



Hatakeyama Noboru, Chairman and CEO, JEF

The Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) was established in July 1981. Since then we have carried out many activities such as hosting various kinds of international symposiums,

publishing an English magazine, doing research, and inviting foreign executives to visit Japan to enhance mutual understanding between Japan and other countries. JEF celebrates its 25th anniversary with the publication of the latest issue on July 1. I wish to express my gratitude to everyone for the support JEF has been given.

I would like to express thanks to counterpart organizations such as Chatham House, Aspen France, AEI (American Enterprise Institute), CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies), CCFR (Chicago Council for Foreign Relations), SIIA (Singapore Institute of International Affairs), Thammasat University, AIM (Asian Institute of Management), and KIEP (Korea Institute of International Economic Policy). To celebrate the anniversary we are planning to hold a special event in the near future.

## JEF's Major Activities

### International Publicity

As one of its principal activities, JEF publishes a bimonthly magazine. "Journal of Japanese Trade and Industry" was launched in 1982 to help bridge the information gap between Japan and the rest of the world. This bimonthly publication is a source of in-depth, analytical, historical and cultural information on Japan's trade, business, economic issues, current events, legislation and politics.

In 2004, the magazine



JAPAN SPOTLIGHT is read worldwide

was renamed "Economy, Culture & History JAPAN SPOTLIGHT Bimonthly".

JAPAN SPOTLIGHT covers not only economy, industry and trade, but also international politics, history, culture and topics that fit our aim and the interests of our readers to create a deeper understanding of Japan and the rest of the world.

### Asia-Pacific Forum

The Asia-Pacific Forum is held annually. In recent years we have held the Forum jointly with the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), the Thai APEC Study Center (TASC) of Thammasat University, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM, Philippines), and the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP). This year's Forum will be held in Jakarta jointly with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta (CSIS).

### Japan-US Forum

JEF hosts the Japan-US Forum in partnership with the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and the Pacific Council on International Policy, and in 2003 with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and CCFR. With our former co-host, the Aspen Institute, we held the forum over a period of 13 years.

### Japan-Europe Forum

JEF hosts the Japan-EU Forum every year jointly with the Institute Aspen France. The 2006 Forum will take place in London in partnership with Chatham House.



# 25th Anniversary

## Japan-UK High Technology Industry Forum

The Japan-UK High Technology Industry Forum is held every year, alternately in Japan and the UK, under the guidance of the British Department of Trade and Industry and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The 20th Forum was held in Osaka in 2005.

## Inviting Prominent People from Various Countries

JEF invites prominent people in the economic area from various countries to Japan to deepen their understanding of the Japanese economy and society through exchanges of opinions with leading Japanese figures and through visits to Japanese companies. JEF has hosted such activities 22 times, inviting a total of 289 people from 28 countries.

## Research Activities

JEF believes that Japanese companies and industries need to keep ahead of the changes in the global economy.

In order to realize this goal, JEF conducts research activities on economic trends in Western and Asian countries and the economic policies of major countries, and

communicates the results to the related industries and policy authorities.



Japan-US Forum in Chicago (September 2005)



Asia-Pacific Forum in Seoul (October 2005)



Japan-Europe Forum in Paris (April 2005)

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The Shin-Sakura Maru

For more details on JEF's activities, please refer to our website:  
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