## JEF's Recent & Forthcoming Events



## 2009 Japan-Korea Roundtable in Tokyo Oct. 22 & 23, 2009

The Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and South Korea's Council on East Asian Affairs (CEAA) jointly held the 2009 Japan-Korea Roundtable in Tokyo. This was the third annual dialogue in a series. The two countries are economically well connected and politically dependent on each other. Therefore, it is very natural to have these kinds of dialogues among experts on every possible occasion. The JEF-CEAA roundtable is one of them, but probably the most important and influential one.

This year, the timing of the dialogue was the best because in Japan, the new government just emerged



and, on the Korean side, the dialogue provided the best opportunity to learn about Japan's new government – its policies — and more importantly about members.

This dialogue was fresh and unique because not only ruling party members but also opposition party members of both countries participated and engaged enthusiastically in serious discussions on diversified subjects, such as the proposed East Asian Community, the Japan-Korea-China FTA concept, possible cooperation between the two countries in the framework of this year's APEC and G-20 meetings, and so forth.

## **Upcoming Events 2010**

- → In January, JEF will call a meeting of the Japan, Korea and US Parliamentarian Council in Tokyo.
- → In January, JEF will hold three symposia in the United States, two in Washington DC and one in Chicago, in collaboration with the American Enterprise Institute, the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), and the Japan America Society of Chicago, respectively.
- → In March, JEF and Chatham House will hold an open symposium in Tokyo on "The post-crisis analysis how Japan, UK and other countries responded and what sorts of different results are expected."
- → In autumn, the ninth Asia-Pacific Forum will be held in New Zealand.