**PROGRAMME**

Venue: EU Delegation, Europa House 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0047

Interpreting: English/Japanese

**DAY 1 - 13 November**

**13:30 – 14:00** Registration

**14:00 – 14:30** Opening panel

* + - Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU - Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
    - Ms Patricia Flor, Ambassador-Designate, Head of the EU Delegation to Japan
    - Mr Takehiro Kagawa, Representative of the Government of Japan, Ambassador for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

**Panel I: The role of the civil society in monitoring the EU-Japan EPA**

Moderator: Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU - Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

**14:30 – 15:00** Keynote presentations on "The Role of the Civil Society in Monitoring   
the EU-Japan EPA"

* Ms Marjut Hannonen, Minister-Counsellor, Head of Trade Section, EU Delegation to Japan
* Mr Kazuya Otsuka, Director, European Union Economic Affairs Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

**15:00 – 15:20** Comments (6 min each):

* Mr Krzysztof Pater, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee, President of the EESC Labour Market Observatory
* Mr Chihiro Kawashima, Executive Director, Department of Economic and Social Policy, JTUC-RENGO (Japanese Trade Union Confederation)
* Mr Toshiaki Wada, Managing Director, JCCU (Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union)

**15:20 – 15:40** Discussion**15:40 – 16:00** Networking Coffee Break

**Panel II: Opportunities arising from the EU-Japan EPA**

Moderator: Mr Ichiro Hara, Director, International Affairs Bureau, Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation)

**16:00 – 16:15** Keynote presentation by Mr Tomohiro Kaneko, Director-General, Planning Department, JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation)

**16:15 – 16:50** Comments (6 min each):

* Mr Björn Kongstad, Policy Director, European Business Council
* Mr Yasuo Aoki, Director General, International Department, JAMA (Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association)
* Mr Jun Nakaya, Chairperson, Trade Policy Committee, JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association)
* Dr Philippe de Taxis du Poët, General Co-Manager, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

**16:50 – 17:10** Discussion

**17:10 – 17:25** Closing remarks

**17:30 – 19:00** Cocktail reception

**DAY 2 - 14 November**

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**Technological change (digitalization, robotization, artificial intelligence) and its impact on the labour market**

Moderator: Ms Erika Koller, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

**9:00 – 9:05** Opening remarks by Ms Eve Päärendson, President of the EU-Japan Follow-up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

**Panel I: Opportunities and challenges associated with technological change**

**9:05 – 9:20** Introduction by Mr Toshimitsu Takamatsu, Senior Coordinator for Labour Policy Planning, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan

**9:20 – 10:20** Comments (12 min each):

* Ms Naoko Ogawa, Senior Manager, Industrial Technology Bureau, Keidanren (Japan Buisness Federation)
* Mr Hajime Urushibara, Director, Employment Measures Divison, JTUC-RENGO (Japanese Trade Union Confederation)
* Mr Hirofumi Sugano, Deputy Director, Section for comprehensive coordination of digital policies, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
* Ms Nobuko Nagase, Ph.D, Professor of Labor Economics and Social Policy, Adviser to President, Ochanomizu University

**10:20 – 10:40** Discussion

**10:40 – 11:00** Networking Coffee Break

**Panel II: Skills demand / new forms of work**

**11:00 – 11:15** Introduction by Ms Yumiko Murakami, Head of the OECD Tokyo Centre

Moderator: Mr Krzysztof Pater, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee, President of the EESC Labour Market Observatory

**11:15 -11:55** Comments (6 min each):

* Mr Daichi Harada, Director, Office for International Cooperation Planning, International Affairs Division, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan
* Ms Akiko Taguchi, Director of ILO Office for Japan
* Dr Masahiro Fukuhara, CEO, Institution for a Global Society
* Ms Erika Koller, Member of the EU-Japan Follow-Up Committee in the European Economic and Social Committee

**11:55 – 12:20** Discussion

**12:20 – 12:40** Closing remarks

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