

CONFERENCE INVITATION

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE EU AND JAPAN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION

FRIDAY, 16 October 2015, 9.00 – 13.00

HOTEL UNION, LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

“The Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) and Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA/FTA) between the EU and Japan are legally-binding agreements under negotiation that foresee various political, global and sectorial cooperation fields. As a highly developed economy and a major global trader and investor, Japan is an important partner for the EU. Agreements mark a turning point for an ambitious upgrade of political and economic relations between the EU and Japan.”

Conference will, at the highest level, bring together government and political representatives, experts and entrepreneurs with the goal to present current development and details about agreements between the EU and Japan.

First session of the conference aims to bring an understanding of the Strategic Partnership Agreement to general public. Session will present main topics of the SPA and will evaluate why social cooperation on a number of key political and security issues with Japan is needed.

Second session of the conference is devoted to the evaluation of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA/FTA). Current stage of negotiations, trade relations, possible European concerns with outcomes and future opportunities for Slovenia are to be discussed.

Registration for the event is **mandatory** due to high interest and limited space (<http://euandjapan.eventbrite.com/>)

Speakers include:

- MR. MAURO PETRICCIONE, Deputy Director-General, European Commission TBC
- H.E. KEIICHI KATAKAMI, Ambassador of Japan to the European Union
- MR. ALOJZ PETERLE, MEP, Rapporteur on SPA in the European Parliament
- MR. ALEŠ CANTARUTTI, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology

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Društvo za razvoj Fokus 2031 pripravlja v sodelovanju z Informacijsko pisarno Evropskega parlamenta v Sloveniji in Veleposlaništvom Japonske v Ljubljani v petek, 16. oktobra 2015, konferenco z naslovom Partnerstvo med EU in Japonsko: gospodarske in družbene priložnosti. Konferenca bo potekala v Ljubljani v hotelu Union s pričetkom ob 9. uri.

Prihajajoča sporazuma o strateškem (SPA) in trgovinskem partnerstvu (EPA/FTA) med Evropsko unijo in Japonsko predstavljata ambiciozno nadgradnjo političnih in ekonomskih odnosov med Evropsko unijo in Japonsko. **Predstaviti želimo napredek pri sprejemanju omenjenih sporazumov.**

Konferenca bo poskušala na zastavljena vprašanja odgovoriti preko **dveh tematskih sklopov**, ki bosta posvečena sporazumu o strateškem partnerstvu (SPA) in trgovinskemu sporazumu (EPA/FTA).

Vljudno vas prosimo, da svojo udeležbo na konferenci potrdite na povezavi <http://euandjapan.eventbrite.com/>. Zaradi velikega zanimanja je udeležba na dogodku omejena.

Veseli bomo, če se boste vabilu odzvali. Vnaprej se Vam zahvaljujemo za odgovor.

S spoštovanjem,

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Generalni sekretar

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