**The EU International Forum 2018 in Ishikawa**

**This year, the Ishikawa-EU Association and Kanazawa University will hold together the EU International Forum 2018 on October 20. For details please check our homepage!:** [**http://www.ishikawa-eu.org**](http://www.ishikawa-eu.org/)

**Topics of Forum 2018**

**World strategy of Japan and the EU after signing of the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)**

Japan has done economic and security policies in cooperation with the US since the end of the Second World War. After US president, Donald Trump stepped down from the TPP, Japan has moved to the EU. Japan and the EU signed Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA). Those agreements will have more impacts than we can assume.

The topics of this year are: World strategies with which Japan and the EU can cooperatively tackle after EPA and SPA will be enacted in this or the next year. The list of cooperation is long if we consider energy problems, climate changes, world peace, human rights, overcoming disparity between poor and rich, migration problems, protectionism, democracy, intellectual property, rule of law and so forth. As soft powers, Japan and the EU will have more opportunities to cooperate each other.

**The date and time of the forum:**

**October 20 (sat.) From 13:30 to 17:00**

**Venue: University of Kanazawa, AV lecture hall of natural sciences at the south-area of Kakuma-Campus (Kanazawa University).**

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**AV lecture hall of natural sciences at the south-area of Kakuma-Campus (Kanazawa University) is open at 13:00**

**Greeting: 13:30-13: 40**

**Keynote Speech: 13:40-14:30**

**Speaker: Julio ARIAS, Spanish, July 2000, BA Joint Honours of Durham University, July 2000, London School of Economics and Political Science, Master of Science**

**Occupational Carrier: November 2001 - March 2002, Assistant to the President of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China. November 2001 - November 2004, Senior consultant, APCO China, Beijing, China. November 2004 - May 2006, Project Manager, Deloitte, Beijing, China. June 2006 - April 2009, Economic and Commercial officer European Commission (Delegation of the EU to China), May 2009 - March 2010, Communications officer for trade European Commission, Brussels. March 2010 - October 2010 China Desk officer, European Commission, Brussels, November 2010 - August 2012, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, European External Action Service, Brussels. September 2012 - August 2016, Counsellor, Head of ASEAN and Brunei Darussalam. September 2016 - present, Counsellor, Head of Political, Press, Public Affairs and Communication Section, Delegation of the European Union in Japan.**

**Speech 1: 14:30-15:05**

**Speaker: Lucas FROMENT, 2007 - 2008, Institute of political sciences, Sciences-Po, Paris (Undergraduate). 2008 - 2009 Doshisha University, Kyoto (Exchange student). 2009 - 2012 Master in Public Policy (Sciences Po Paris) Including 1 year (2010-11) at the University of Tokyo (GrasPP). 2012 Graduated Sciences Po Paris. 2013 -2017, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris (Southeast Asia Division). 2017 – present, French Embassy in Japan, Tokyo.**

**Break 15:05-15:15**

**Speech 2: 15: 15-15:50**

**Speaker: Dr. Klaus Vietze, Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, German Embassy Tokyo. 1984-1989 Studies of Japanology and Economics, Humboldt-University Berlin. 1990-1991 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard-University. 1992-1994 Entry into German Foreign Service. 1994–1995 EU-ASEAN Coordinator, Foreign Office, Berlin. 1995-1999 Consul, German Consulate General, Osaka/Kobe. 1999-2002 Desk Officer, Japan, Korean Peninsula, Foreign Office, Berlin. 2002-2004 Delegate to CTBTO, IAEA, German Permanent Mission to the UN in Vienna. 2004-2008 Press Officer, German Embassy Tokyo. 2008-2012 Deputy Head of East-Asia Division, China, German Foreign Office, Berlin. 2012-2014 Head of Political Department, German Embassy Beijing . 2014-2018 Head of Division for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Office of the Federal President. 2018-present Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, German Embassy Tokyo**

**Speech 3: 15:50-16:25.**

**Speaker: Yoichi Suzuki, senior counselor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, former Ambassador to France, Japanese Head negotiation officer for EPA between Japan and the EU;**

**Questions from audience and answers from speakers and discussion among speakers**

**16:25-17:00**

**Welcome party：17:20 to 19:20**

**Venue of the welcome party is: Special restaurant Yabu & Café Tan in the National Science Main Hall 2. Floor)**

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