Japan Update Overview

Tuesday 5 November 2013

9am (registration) – 5.45pm

Molonglo Theatre

Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

6.30pm Conference dinner at the Boat House By the Lake
(invitation only)

Presenting Partners

ANU Japan Institute

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AGENDA

9am   
Registration

9.30am 
**Welcome and opening remarks**
**Professor Ian Young** Vice-Chancellor, ANU

**Associate Professor Ippei Fujiwara** Acting Executive Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

9.45am 
**Economic keynote speech** The most fundamental challenge facing the Japanese economy

**Professor Masaaki Shirakawa** Aoyama-Gakuin and former Governor of the Bank of Japan

Chaired by **Associate Professor Ippei Fujiwara** Acting Executive Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

10.45am 
Morning tea

11.15am 
**Japanese economics in the Asia Pacific and global context**

Speakers

**Hiroshi Watanabe** CEO, Executive Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

**Professor Warwick McKibbin** Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

Chaired by **Professor Jenny Corbett** Pro-Vice Chancellor, Research and Research Training, ANU

12.15pm 
Lunch

1.30pm 
**Japanese trade strategies**

Speakers

**Professor Kazumasa Kusaka** Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation

**Professor Shujiro Urata** Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University

**Mr Peter Rowe** First Assistant Secretary, North East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Chaired by **Professor Peter Drysdale** East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

2.50pm 
Break for the Melbourne Cup and afternoon tea

3.30pm 
**Japanese politics and the new right**

Speakers

**Professor Rikki Kersten** School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

**Professor Koichi Nakano** Faculty of Liberal Arts, Sophia University

Chaired by **Professor Andrew MacIntyre** Dean, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

4.30pm 
**Political keynote speech**

**The Hon Yuriko Koike MP** Liberal Democratic Party, Fellow, Asia and the Pacific Policy Society

Chaired by **Professor Veronica Taylor** Director, ANU Japan Institute and Director, Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

5.30pm 
**Concluding remarks**

**Professor Veronica Taylor** Director, ANU Japan Institute and Director, Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

6.30pm 
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