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16th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2024/25 Winter School with Alumni Conference on

Resilient Democracy

Young Leaders' Responsibilities to Protect and Develop Liberal Democratic Societies in Turbulent Times

from Friday, February 28, to Sunday, March 9, 2025

Tentative Program (status as of February 25, 2025)

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Location and accommodation (Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 9)

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Friday, February 28

Tokyo Arrivals

From overseas Arrival in Japan & Individual transfer from airport to hotel

From Japan Individual transfer to hotel

Please meet in Conference Room E of Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Tokyo

19:30 – 21:30 Get-together dinner *Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Conference room E*

Dress code: smart casual

Saturday, March 1

Tokyo Program and activities to foster interaction between the participants

Dress code: casual – please wear shoes suitable for walking

09:30 Please meet in the lobby of Hotel Asia Center of Japan

09:30 – 10:15 Transfer from Aoyama-itcho Station (青山一丁目) to Shiodome Station (汐留) by public transportation

10:15 – 12:15 Visit of Hamarikyu Gardens (浜離宮恩賜庭園) & Experience Japanese tea and sweets at Nakajima-no-ochaya (中島の御茶屋)

12:15 – 13:00 Transfer from Shimbashi (新橋) to Shibuya Station (渋谷) by public transportation

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch [Kaitenzushi Shibuya PARCO](#), 7F, 15-1 Udagawa-cho, Shibuya City, Tokyo 50-0042*

14:00 – 15:30 Shibuya Scramble Square & "Photo safari"

15:30 – 16:00 Transfer from Shibuya Station (渋谷) meeting point "Hachiko" to Toranomon Station (虎ノ門) by public transportation

16:00 – 18:15 Visit of Atago-jinja (愛宕神社) & Tokyo Tower

18:15 – 19:00 Transfer from Akabanebashi Station (赤羽橋) to Roppongi Station (六本木)

19:00 – 21:00 *Dinner [Zum Eichenplatz](#), Akasaka Doori Biru 50, 2F, 5-5-11 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-0052*

21:00 – 21:20 Transfer to Hotel Asia Center of Japan

Sunday, March 2

Dress code: smart casual

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome / Japanese-German Center Berlin
Location:	Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Conference Room C
10:00 – 10:15	Ambassador (ret.) Takeshi YAGI (President, Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB))
10:15 – 12:00	Self-introduction of Participants, their Professional Backgrounds, Motivations and Expectations
10:15 – 12:00	Prof. Dr. Axel KLEIN (Professor for Social Sciences of East Asia/Japanese Politics, Institute of East Asian Studies and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Duisburg-Essen, Chair of YLF 2024/25)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch <i>SARAY, M Y Biru Akasaka, B1F, 2.13.23 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-0052</i>
13:30 – 18:00	Introduction, Overview, Working Groups
13:30 – 15:00	Prof. Dr. Axel KLEIN
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 18:00	Working Groups
20:30 – 22:30	Dinner <i>Gonpachi, 1-13-11 Nishiazabu, Minato City, Tokyo 106-003</i>

Monday, March 3

Dress code: smart casual

Please meet in the lobby at 08:50

9:30 – 11:00	Session: Political Communication
Location:	Conference Hall, German Cultural Center Tokyo 7-5-56 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-0052
9:30 – 10:00	Prof. Iwao OSAKA (Associate Professor in Japanese politics, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law, Komazawa University, Tokyo; Director of the Komazawa University Institute for Journalism and Policy Studies)
10:00 – 10:45	Roundtable Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Reflection & Working Groups
Location:	Conference Hall, German Cultural Center Tokyo
11:00 – 12:00	Working Groups
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch Restaurant “Mahlzeit” <i>German Cultural Center Tokyo</i>

13:30 – 14:00 Tour through the German Cultural Center Tokyo
Dr. Heidrun Maike ROEDER (Program Officer, OAG-Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Natur- und Voelkerkunde Ostasiens)

14:00 – 15:30 Reflection & Working Groups

Location: Conference Hall, German Cultural Center Tokyo

14:00 – 15:30 Reflection & Working Groups

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 18:30 Session: The Global Context

Location: Conference Hall, German Cultural Center Tokyo

Prof. Dr. Yuichi HOSOYA (Professor of International Politics, Keio University; Managing Director & Research Director, Asia-Pacific Initiative, Tokyo)

Prof. Dr. Daniela SCHWARZER (Member of Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung and Co-Chairwoman of the German-Japanese Forum)

Dr. Alexandra SAKAKI (Deputy Head of Research Division Asia, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)) (online)

17:30 – 18:30 Round Table Discussion

19:00 – 21:00 *Dinner [Hotel Asia Center of Japan](#)*

Tuesday, March 4

Dress code: business attire – but please wear shoes suitable for walking

Please bring your PASSPORT or IDENTITY CARD

Please meet in the lobby at 09:25

9:30 – 12:00 Field Trip: The National Diet of Japan

**Location: The National Diet of Japan
1-7-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0014**

9:30 – 10:55 Walk through Nagatacho, Kasumigaseki

11:00 – 12:00 Guided tour through the National Diet Building
Marko KLAIC (Policy Advisor)

Meeting with Minister Minoru KIUCHI (Minister in charge of Economic Security, Minister of State for “Cool Japan” Strategy, Minister of State for Intellectual Property Strategy, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy, Minister of State for Space Policy, Minister of State for Economic Security)

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch (Canteen of The National Diet of Japan)*

14:00 – 16:00 **Field Trip: Media, Information and Democracy**
Location: **Foreign Correspondents Club Japan (FCCJ)**
 Nijubashi Building, 5F, 3-2-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0005

Dr. David McNEILL (Journalist, Professor of Communications, University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo)

Norihide MIYOSHI (Journalist, Tokyo)

Martin FACKLER (Tokyo Bureau Chief, New York Times)

Round Table Discussion

16:30 – 18:00 **Field Trip: Insights: The Work of a Political Foundation**
Location: **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Japan, Tokyo Office (confirmed)**
 Sanno Park Tower, 25F, 2-11-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-6125

Paul LINNARZ (Representative Tokyo Office & Director Regional Program “Economic Governance in Asia”, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Japan)

Round Table Discussion

18:30 – 20:30 *Dinner [Shunju Tameikesanno](#), Sanno Park Tower, 2 7 Floor, 2-11-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, 100-6127 Tokyo*

Special Guest: Prof. Dr. Sven SAALER (Sophia University; Head of Japan Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Japan)

Wednesday, March 5

Dress code: smart casual

Please meet in the lobby at 08:10

09:00 – 13:00 **Session: Future Challenges**
Location: **German Institute of Japanese Studies (DIJ) Tokyo**
 Jochi Kioizaka Bldg, 2F, 7-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 102-0094

9:00 – 9:30 **Words of Welcome, Introducing DIJ**

Dr. Barbara HOLTHUS, Ph.D. (Deputy Director, German Institute of Japanese Studies (DIJ))

9:30 – 13:00 **Demographic Change, Sustainability, and Democracy**

Prof. Dr. Toru YOSHIDA (Professor of Comparative Politics, Doshisha University)

Prof. Dr. Carola HOMMERICH (Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Human Sciences, Sophia University)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

	Round Table Discussion
<i>12:00 – 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Working Groups
14:30 – 16:30	Political Socialization I
	Momoko NOJO (Executive Director, No Youth No Japan)
	Round Table Discussion
<i>16:30 – 17:00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 – 18:00	AI and Democracy
	Prof. Dr. Paul LUKOWICZ (Scientific Director, German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI GmbH)) (online)
	Round Table Discussion
18:00 – 19:00	Climate Change, Security, and Democracy
	Janani VIVEKANANDA (Head of Program Climate Diplomacy and Security, adelphi) (online)
	Round Table Discussion
<i>19:00 – 21:00</i>	<i>Dinner on your own</i>

Thursday, March 6

Dress code: smart casual

09:30 – 11:00	Session: Political Socialization II
Location:	Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Conference Room C
9:30 – 11:00	Yuki MUROHASHI and Luna SERIGANO (Japan Youth Council)
<i>11:00 – 11:15</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 14:30	Working Groups
Location:	Hotel Asia Center of Japan, Conference Room C
	Working Groups
<i>12:00 – 13:00</i>	<i>Lunch (O-Bento in the hotel)</i>
14:30 – 17:00	Final Presentations, Summary & Final Discussion
14:30 – 17:00	Final Presentations by Working Groups, Final Discussion, Summary “The Future of Democracy”

- 18:00 Please meet in the lobby of Hotel Asia Center of Japan and **bring your invitation and your passport/identity card**
- 18:15 – 19:00 Transfer to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany from Aoyama-itchohome Station (青山一丁目 (麻布十番)) to Hiroo Station (広尾) by public transportation

16th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2024/25 Alumni Conference on

“Future/Modern Society: How can design and technology help shaping a democratic society which is diverse, inclusive, equitable and identifying?”



from Thursday, March 6 to Sunday March 9, 2025

Thursday, March 6

19:00 – 21:00 Buffet reception hosted by Deputy Head of Mission Martin Huth at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Japan

Location: 4-5-10 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0047

Phone: +81-(0)3-5791-7700

Dress code: business attire

Please bring your INVITATION and your PASSPORT or IDENTITY CARD

21:00 – 21:30 Transfer back from Hiroo Station (広尾) to Aoyama-itchohome Station (青山一丁目) by public transportation

Friday, March 7

Dress code: smart casual

09:00 – 09:30 Transfer from Aoyama-itchohome Station (青山一丁目) to Otemachi Station (大手町) by public transportation

9:30 – 10:00 *Welcome Coffee*

10:00 – 12:00 Introduction to the Alumni Conference

**Location: MIRAI LAB PALETTE
Otemachi Bldg., 2F, 1-6-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004**

10:00 – 10:20 Welcome Remarks by Japanese-German Young Leaders Forum 2024/25 Alumni Conference Steering Committee & Explanation of Alumni Association by Leo SAKAGUCHI (Chair of the Alumni Association)

10:20 – 10:35 Welcome Remarks by Hinano KAMAKITA (Community Manager, MIRAI LAB PALETTE)

10:35 – 11:10	Activity for participants to get to know each other
<i>11:10 – 11:25</i>	<i>Break</i>
11:25 – 11:35	Presentation from YLs
11:35 – 13:00	Workshop (world café)
<i>13:00 – 14:45</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14:55 – 15:05	Welcome & Opening
14:55 – 15:00	Dr. Julia MÜNCH (Secretary General, Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB))
15:00 – 15:05	Masashi MOCHIZUKI (Media Commerce Unit, Sumitomo Corporation)
15:05 – 17:00	Panel Discussion: “Future/Modern Society: How can design and technology help shaping a democratic society which is diverse, inclusive, equitable and identifying?”
	Dr. Kazuhiro KOJIMA (Director, AIST Design School Office)
	Naoki HASHIMOTO (CEO, KUMANOMICS, INC.)
	Lena CLEMENS (German Federal Employment Agency)
	Video message: Dr. Gabriele VOGT (Chair of Japanese Studies & Director to Department of Asian Studies; Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), Faculty for the Study of Culture, Department of Asian Studies, Japan-Center, Munich / Germany)
17:00 – 17:10	Wrap-up
17:10 – 19:00	Sightseeing on the way to Dinner (Harajuku)
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner <i>Sakura-tei 3-20-1 Jingumae, Shibuya, Tokyo 150-0001</i>
21:00 – 21:30	Transfer from Omotesando Station (表参道) to Aoyama-itcho Station (青山一丁目) by public transportation

Saturday, March 8

Dress code: smart casual

08:30 – 09:00 Transfer from Aoyama-itcho Station (青山一丁目) to Shibuya Station (渋谷) by public transportation

09:00 – 11:00 Ikebana: DEI experience I
Location: Shibuya Cultural Center Owada
23-21 Sakuragaokacho, Shibuya, Tokyo 150-0031

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:00 Deciding the theme of next conference & members of the steering committee

12:00 – 15:20 Individual lunch & Sightseeing @ Odaiba (Miraikan)

- 15:20 Meet up at Odaiba Ferry Port
1-4-1 Daiba, Minato City, Tokyo 135-0091
- 15:40 – 17:00 Odaiba to Asakusa by ferry
- 18:00 – 20:00 Temple dinner: DEI experience II**
- Location: Ryokusenji**
1-8-5 Nishiasakusa, Taito City, Tokyo 111-0035
- 20:30 – 22:30 Karaoke *SPICA Akasaka 6-3-15 Akasaka, Minato City, 501107-0052 Tokyo*

Sunday, March 9

Individual return

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