



EU-Japan Business Round Table

Press Release

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Announcement of a Press Conference of the EU-Japan Business Round Table on 30 April at 12:30 at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs 27 Rue de la Convention, 75015 Paris

The EU-Japan Business Round Table (BRT), a forum of around 50 European and Japanese business leaders co-chaired by Messrs. Jean-Yves Le Gall (Chairman & CEO of Arianespace) and Hiromasa Yonekura (Chairman of Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), **will meet in Paris on 29 & 30 April 2013 for its 15th Annual Meeting.**

The meeting's agenda will include discussions on the just-started negotiations towards an EU-Japan FTA/EPA and an agreement covering political, global and sectoral cooperation. EU and Japanese business leaders will also exchange views on EU-Japan cooperation, including business with / in emerging economies and resources issues such as energy, materials and innovation. The members expect to have high-level discussions with senior representatives of the EU and Japanese Authorities.

A press conference will be held immediately after the meeting on **Tuesday 30 April, from 12:30 to 13:00 at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rue de la Convention, Paris.** Mr. Fabrice Brégier, President & CEO of Airbus (in-coming EU-side BRT Chairman), will participate in the press conference.

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Background

The EU-Japan Business Round Table was created in 1999 to review the factors affecting all aspects of EU-Japan business relations. Its members are senior executives from around 50 leading European and Japanese companies. Its main objective is to submit policy recommendations to Japanese and European authorities in order to develop trade and investment between the EU and Japan, and to encourage industrial cooperation on issues of common interest, such as innovation, energy, or industrial standards.

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Notes to Editors

The press conference will be held in English, Japanese and French. To be accredited, journalists and photographers should register their intention to participate no later than Wednesday 24 April by e-mailing a.perna@eu-japan.eu or telephoning +32 2 282 0042.