

# **The 24th Japan-Spain Forum**

**“Seeking a vision of global cooperation  
between Japan and Spain”**

**October 22th (Tuesday) - October 24th (Thursday)  
Kagawa Prefecture**

**schedule and programme**

## 1 Schedule

### October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tue)

Morning to afternoon	Arrival of delegation at Kagawa Prefecture
13:50 - 14:40	Excursion Nakanishi-Chinshoen
15:00 - 17:00	Excursion Ritsurin Park
18:45 - 20:45	Welcome Reception hosted by Kagawa Prefecture. JR Clement Hotel

### October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wed)

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Ceremony
09:30 - 11:00	Session 1
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:15	Session 2
13:30 - 14:45	Luncheon hosted by MOFA
15:00 - 16:30	Session 3
16:30 - 16:45	Closing Ceremony
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner hosted by Chair of Japan. Restaurant Nicho.

### October 24<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

8:50 - 11:45	Excursion (Naoshima Island)
11:50 - 13:50	Luncheon hosted by Chair of Japan (while in Naoshima island)
14:00	Ferry back to Takamatsu Port

## **2 Program (October 23th (Wednesday)) – Kagawa International Conference Hall**

The Japan–Spain Forum was established in 1997 to promote mutual understanding and strengthen cooperation between the two countries from a long-term perspective. We had held twenty three forums to date, creating a platform for intellectual exchange on timely topics. As the foundations of a free and open international order based on the rule of law are shaken, multi-layered cooperation between Japan and Spain has never been more important. In this forum, we will discuss medium- and long-term strategies on how to deepen Japan-Spain relations.

### **09:00 – 9:30 Opening Ceremony**

[Speech]

- Mr. FUKAZAWA Yoichi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Diego MARTÍNEZ BELÍO, State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs, Spain
- Mr. IKEDA Toyohito, Governor of Kagawa Prefecture
- Mr. ONISHI Hideto, Mayor of Takamatsu City
- Ms. Angeles DELGADO, Chair of Spain (President of Spain-Japan Council Foundation)
- Mr. SATO Yoshio, Chair of Japan (Former Chairman of the European Regional Committee of Keidanren and Special Advisor to Sumitomo Life Insurance Company)

### **9:30 – 11:00 Session 1 : Initiatives for international peace and stability**

As Russia's aggression against Ukraine still continues and the situation in the Middle East becoming more unstable, how to ensure peace and stability in the international community and create an environment for economic prosperity are top-priority issues that each country must share its wisdom to solve. Unlike in the 1990s, when this forum began, the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific security environments are now completely inseparable. More than two years since the beginning of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, Russia's procurement of North Korea's ballistic missiles and their use against Ukraine is a striking example. There are threats and challenges of various types and intensity, such as the advancement of North Korea's nuclear and missile activities, unilateral changes of the status quo and attempts to do so with respect to the East and South China Sea and other areas, piracy, terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and natural disasters. In addition, as the international community becomes increasingly divided and

confrontational, it is also becoming increasingly important for our like-minded countries to redouble our efforts to address various challenges together with developing and emerging countries in the so-called “Global South”.

**【Key Questions】**

- ✧ In order to influence countries in the Global South, how have Japan and Spain been reaching out to the countries where they have strengths and what good practices do we have?
- ✧ How can Japan and Spain cooperate in engaging the Global South in various areas such as politics, security, economy, public diplomacy.

**【Modelator】** Mr. TAGUCHI Seiichiro, Deputy Director General, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

**【Panelists】**

- Mr. ITOH Motoshige, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo
- Mr. TAKENAKA Harukata, Professor, Graduate School of Policy Studies University
- Mr. Lluç VIDAL, Senior Lecturer at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) in International Relations and East Asia
- Ms. Georgina HIGUERAS, General Manager of Asia Forum

**11:00– 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:15 Session 2 : Business cooperation between Japan and Spain in the global market**

Given the current international situation, it is necessary for Japan and Spain to deepen their cooperation on economic security issues. At the same time, it is an urgent task for governments to redouble their efforts to promote trade and investment between the two countries, and as part of this, to encourage cooperation between companies of the two countries in the global market by using all possible tools. Discussions will focus on the green sector and infrastructure sector, a promising area for collaboration between Japanese and Spanish companies.

**【Key questions】**

- ✧ What are the challenges and strategies to promote business between Japanese and Spanish companies?
- ✧ What are the possibilities and challenges of cooperation between Japanese and Spanish companies in the global market?

**【Moderator】** Mr. SATO Yoshio, Chair of Japan (Former Chairman of the European

Regional Committee of Keidanren and Special Advisor to Sumitomo Life Insurance Company)

[Subsession 1 Green sector 11:30-12:20]

- Mr. MANABE Katsuhito, President and representative director, Renewable Japan
- Ms. NAKAYAMA Chikako, Country Manager Iberdrola Renewables Japan

[Subsession 2 Infrastructure sector 12:25-13:15]

•Mr. FUJIWARA Yasuhisa, Management administration department Manager  
KEN ROBOTECH CORPORATION

- Mr. Rubén CAMBA, Country Manager ACCIONA Infrastructures for South East Asia

### **15:00 – 16:30 Session 3 : Exchange in culture, art, architecture**

The scenic Seto Inland Sea is known as the “Jewels of the World” for the beauty of many islands. In Kagawa Prefecture, the site of the Forum, there are many contemporary artworks scattered in the islands of the Seto Inland Sea, as well as numerous buildings designed by famous architects, including the Kagawa Prefectural Office Building in Takamatsu City (designed by Kenzo Tange) and Chichu Art Museum in Naoshima Town (designed by Tadao Ando).

In the center of Takamatsu City, there is Ritsurin Park, which is designated as a special scenic site by the government and has received the highest rating of three stars in the Michelin Green Guide Japon, and Takamatsu City is working to revitalize the region by utilizing such cultural heritage and contemporary art.

The Sagrada Familia in Spain, which is expected to be completed in 2026 and is famous worldwide for its art and architecture, is very popular among Japanese people. Their Majesties the Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emerita visited the “Gaudi and the Sagrada Familia” exhibition in Japan from last year to this year, and this is a symbol of the cultural exchange between the two countries. The traveling exhibition in three cities in Japan was a great success, attracting more than 500,000 visitors. We will explore possibilities for further expansion of exchange between the two countries through art and architecture.

[Key questions]\*How to incorporate into the forum is under consideration.

- ❖ What are good practices for regional revitalization and inbound tourism promotion using art and architecture?

- ◇ What are the possibilities for cooperation between Japan and Spain in areas such as culture, art, and architecture?

【Moderator】 Mr. Víctor ANDRESCO, Director of Cervantes Institute Tokyo

【Panelists】

- Mr. UNO Eshin, Former Executive Director of Fukutake Foundation / Special Director of Setouchi Triennale
- Mr. HASHIMOTO Kazuyuki, Professor, Faculty of Fine Arts, Tokyo University of The Arts/Geidai PARK(Geidai Platform of Arts and Knowledge for the Future), Project Leader for Setouchi Branch School
- Mr. Tarek ABBAR, artist
- Ms. Sara CATALÁN, art curator, The Over Art Platform (Brooklyn-Barcelona)

### **16:30 – 16:45 Closing ceremony**

- Mr. SATO Yoshio, Chair of Japan (Former Chairman of the European Regional Committee of Keidanren and Special Advisor to Sumitomo Life Insurance Company)
- Ms. Ángeles DELGADO, Chair of Spain (President of Spain-Japan Council Foundation)