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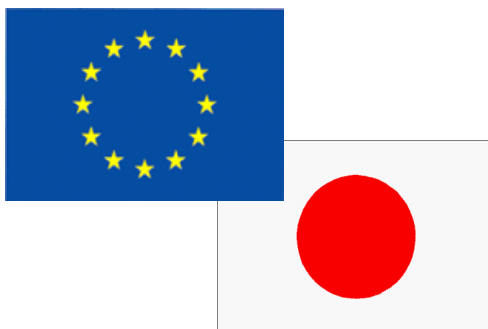
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Brussels, Egmont Palace , Petit-Sablon

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The up-coming *Conference on EU-Japan Relations* will mark the **10th anniversary** of an ongoing project aimed at understanding the inherent prospects within the evolving relationship between the EU and Japan. As major economic and commercial players, which also have a significant normative implications as well as a security footprint, Japan and the EU have developed a complex multifaceted relationship which has come to play a key role within global governance dynamics.

The 2008 Conference, entitled ***Japan-European Union: A Strategic Partnership in The Making***, will give all parties involved in this decade-long dialogue the opportunity to reflect on the progress made both within academic research as well as on the ground, most notably within the EU's strategic partnership policy vis-à-vis Japan. As such the conference will address the EU-Japan partnership in all its complexity, thus highlighting the varying visions and approaches to Strategic Partnership, as well as its different key dimensions (Security, Economy & People-to-People Relationships). Moreover, the conference will also include a more prospective dimension as it will address the future of the European Union and its impact on its strategic partnerships, and the emerging prospects for Europe-Asia Relations.

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Under the ongoing stewardship of the **Université Libre de Bruxelles - Institut d'Etudes Européennes** (ULB-IEE) and the Tokyo-based **International Christian University's Social Science Research Institute and its COE Program**; with support of several supporting partners — Egmont, KULeuven — other ULB research centres as well as two key European networks (GARNET & TEPSA), the 10th Brussels Annual Conference on EU-Japan Relations will offer a clear overview of the outcomes of two decade long parallel evolutions: the growing strategic partnership between the EU and Japan and the ongoing academic dialogue it generated.

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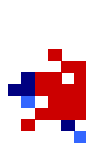
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MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2007

13:30 Registration

14:00 Opening Keynote Addresses

The Need for a Strategic Partnership Between Japan and the EU

(Chairs: **Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON**, President Egmont &
Philippe VINCKE, Rector, Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Karel DE GUCHT, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, (To Be Confirmed)

Ambassador Takekazu KAWAMURA, Japan's Ambassador to the EU

14:45 Session 1. ***Approaches to Strategic Partnership***

(Chair: **Amb. Takayuki KIMURA**, International Christian University)

Gerhard LOHAN, European Commission, DG RELEX,
Unit for Relations with Japan/Korea/Australia/NZ,
Relations Between Europe and Japan – Where are We Now ?

Yuichi MORII, University of Tokyo,
Japanese Approaches to Alliances and Strategic Partnership

Mario TELÒ, President of the Institut d'Etudes Européennes, Université Libre
de Bruxelles & GARNET,
*Strategic Partnership and Regional Integration: Complementary or
Contradictory?*

16:15 Coffee/Tea Break

16:45 Session 2. ***Strategic Partnership in Security***

(Chair: **Eric REMACLE**, Université Libre de Bruxelles-Institut d'Etudes
Européennes/ Réseau d'Etudes en Politique Internationale)

Christopher HUGHES, University of Warwick & GARNET,
Europe and Japan Facing the Challenges of Peace and War

Takako UETA, International Christian University,
*Japanese Contribution to European Security, European Contribution to Asian
Security*

Sven BISCOP, Egmont,
Partnerships Between NATO, Europe and Japan

Richard OLSON, Embassy of the United States to NATO
NATO-Japan-Europe Partnership: A view from the USA

18:30 End of the first day

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TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2007

9:15 Session 3. *Economic Partnerships*

(Chair: **Reimund SEIDELMANN**, Giessen University & Institut d'Etudes Européennes de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Yorizumi WATANABE, Keio University,
Trade and Investment Flows Between Japan and Europe

Bruno VAN POTTELSBERGHE de la POTTERIE, Université Libre de Bruxelles-Solvay Business School,
Harmonization and Convergence Between Europe and Japan

10:15 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 Session 4.

The Future of the EU and Its Impact on the Strategic Partnership

(Chair: **Takako UETA**, International Christian University)

Christian FRANCK, President of the Institut d'Etudes Européennes, Université Catholique de Louvain,
The EU's Constitutional and Institutional Development: Problems and Prospect

Graham AVERY, Trans-European Policy Studies Association
The EU's Expansion and Neighbourhood Policy, Where Will its Final Borders Be?

11:45 Lunch (offered by the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs)

13:00 Session 5.

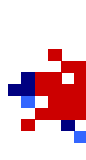
People-to-People Relations and Mutual Learning Dynamics

(Chair: **Yuichi MORII**, University of Tokyo)

Representative of Japan Foundation,
Europe-Japan Cultural Relations: Cultural & Educational Policies in Japan & Europe

Dimitri VANOVERBEKE, KULeuven & **Jeroen MAESSCHALCK**, KULeuven,
A Comparative Perspective of Changing Approaches to Ethics and Reform within Civil Services

Yves TIBERGHIE, University of British Columbia,
Civil Societies in Europe and Japan as Norm Entrepreneurs



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14:30 Session 6.

Prospects for Europe-Asia Relations

(Chair: **Amb. Jörn KECK**, Asia Institute Europe)

Tsutomu KIKUCHI, Aoyama-Gakuin University,
Japan's View on the East Asian Community

TJ PEMPEL, UC Berkeley,
U.S. Foreign Policy and Japan's Asian-European ties

Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI, MEP, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee
of the European Parliament,
Europe's View on Japan's and Europe's Role in East Asia (To be confirmed)

Frederik PONJAERT, F.R.S-FNRS, ULB-IEE, KULeuven & GARNET,
*Evolution of the Japan-EU Partnership and its impact on the Inter-Regional
Relations between Europe and Asia.*

16:30 Closing Keynote Addresses

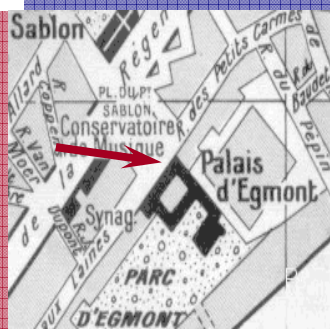
Which Strategic Partnership Within the Wider Context of Europe-Asia Relations ?

(Chair: **Amb. Jan GRAULS**, Secretary-General Belgian Foreign Ministry,
Vice-President Egmont)

Maria Joao RODRIGUES, Council to the Portuguese Presidency

Amb. Takayuki KIMURA, International Christian University

17:15 Reception offered by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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ATTENDANCE

& REGISTRATION

Attendance is free of charge yet interested parties are invited to register.

For any further information or to confirm your participation please contact M. Renaud Martel



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- ☐ I am previously engaged, but wish to be informed of future events
- ☐ I will attend the full conference
- ☐ I wish to attend the following sessions:

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