

Economic Perspectives of European Integration and Implications for Asia

Conference held in Tokyo on 23/24 May 2002

jointly organized by

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW),
Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance (PRI MOF),
Japan Center for International Finance (JCIF)

Venue: Mita KAIGISYO, 1-8, Mita 2-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0073, Japan

Programme

Thursday, 23 May 2002, morning

9:30 Opening of the conference

Opening address: *Hiroyasu Watanabe, President of Policy Research Institute MOF*

10:00 Panel 1: European integration versus regional economic co-operation in Asia

Chairperson: *Kimiyoshi Tsukasaki, Director of JCIF*

The dynamics of European integration (political and institutional aspects)
Dietmar Schweisgut, Austrian Ambassador in Japan

Economic aspects of EU enlargement
Sándor Richter, Senior Researcher WIIW

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Asia and Global Economy

Yutaka Harada, Vice President of Policy Research Institute MOF

East Asian economic and monetary co-operation: from an ASEAN perspective
Eric Teo, Council Secretary, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Thursday, 23 May 2002, afternoon

14:00 Panel 2: The role of the EURO in international trade and finance

Chairperson: *Michael Landesmann, Research Director of WIIW*

The Euro-system: implications for Europe and the world
Thomas Wieser, Deputy Minister for International Affairs (treasury), Austrian Ministry of Finance

The role of the Euro in international trade and finance: from an Asian point of view
Haruhiko Kuroda, Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs

15:00 Coffee break

- 15:30** EU enlargement and Europe's periphery
Peter Havlik, Deputy Director of WIIW
- 16:00** Challenges and opportunities of European integration for the Asian/Japanese economy
Toru Hashimoto, Chairman of the Fuji Research Institute Corporation
- Roundtable: summing-up discussion on the topics of the first day**
Chairperson: *Waltraut Urban, Senior Researcher WIIW*
- 17:30 End of afternoon session**

Friday, 24 May 2002, morning

- 9:30 Panel 3: Strategies for closer economic co-operation between Europe and Asia**
Chairperson: *Satoshi Watanabe, Director of Research Departement, Policy Research Institute MOF*
- Japan's/Asia's strategies for economic co-operation with Europe
Masahiro Kawai, Deputy Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs and former Professor of Economics, Institute of Social Science, Univ. of Tokyo
- Foreign direct investment in inter-regional integration: Europe - Asia
Gábor Hunya, Senior Researcher WIIW
- Discussion**
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:00 Special Lecture**
Introduction by *Haruhiko Terada, Special Adviser to the President of JCIF*
- Asia-strategies of the European Union
Michael Reiterer, Counsellor ASEM, EU Commission
- Discussion**
- 12:15 Concluding remarks**
Tomikazu Hiraga, Director of JCIF
Michael Landesmann, Research Director of WIIW
- 12:30 End of conference**