



Newsletter

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April Event Calendar

DATE:

- 6 GCCJ Legal Seminar
 "Protecting Intellectual Property in Japan"
- 10 BCCJ Luncheon
 "Catastrophe Trends & Climate Change: A Global Insurers Perspective"
- 10 ANZCCJ Talk (evening)
 "It's All Marketing: Better marketing through internal / external relationship management"
- 12 GCCJ Seminar
 "Business Practices In Japan"
- 12 BCCJ Luncheon
 "Employment and the Challenge of Globalisation"
- 13 SCCIJ Luncheon
 "Looking into the Eye of the Green Typhoon: How Japan is driving eco-industrial innovation"
- 13 GCCJ Legal Seminar (German)
- 13 SCCJ and FCCJ Stora Enso Cup Golf Challenge
- 20 ANZCCJ Breakfast
 "Effective Corporate/Non-Profit partnering for a Value-Added CSR Approach"
- 23 SCCJ Seminar
 "Business Opportunities in South Korea"
- 24 ICCJ Breakfast Seminar
 "Innovate or Evaporate"
- 24 ETPA/Bocconi Alumni (AluB) Networking Party
- 26 GCCJ / BCCJ Joint Event
 "Visa Issues for doing Business in Japan and Permanent Residency"

For Event Detail visit the EBC Website:
<http://www.ebc-jp.com/>

EBC Secretariat News

EU Business Dialogue Round Table

The EBC will be represented at the 2007 EU Business Dialogue Round Table meeting in Berlin on June 3-4 by EBC Chairman Richard Collasse who will participate as Co-Chair of Working Party 1 for the Round Table. The timing of this event will allow the Co-Chairs to present the Round Table recommendations to the EU-Japan Summit that will take place in Berlin on the following day. The occasion will also afford EU and Japanese Authorities, who will be traveling to the Summit and the subsequent G8 meeting, the chance to participate.

As the Co-Chair, Mr. Collasse will make opening remarks and will also moderate a session on "Strengthening EU-Japan Economic Co-operation." Additional information on the programme is still being finalized.

EBC Welcomes New EOB Members

In March the EBC welcomed two new members to the EBC Executive Operating Board (EOB). Michel Theoval replaces Michel Lauchaussee, who is now Chairman of the French Chamber of Commerce in Japan. The Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry has appointed Alberto Groff to replace Andre Zimmermann on the EBC EOB.

EBC Committee News

Insurance:

The EBC Committee has made the third and final presentation to the Postal Insurance Privatisation Committee. The EBC committee views the privatisation as an opportunity, but maintains that a level playing field must be established first.

Banking:

The EBC was invited to an FSA-sponsored group on March 6 to present their respective views on what action

is needed to restore Tokyo to the position of Asian financial centre. The EBC position focuses on the need to allow universal banking and stressing this as a sine qua non. The EBC Committee has been invited to return to discuss its position in more detail.

Human Resources:

The EBC Committee continues to meet with key politicians to make the case for the abolition of the re-entry permit system for foreign residents. The response to this proposal is

2007 ETP Promotional Luncheon

The EBC sponsored a luncheon on March 12 to share information about the new ETP program structure and recruitment process. More than 150 members of the European business community and potential ETP candidates attended to learn more about this longstanding and successful program.

Honored guests including Ambassador Hugh Richardson and EBC Chairman Richard Collasse praised the success of the ETP program over the past 25 years and underscored the valuable contribution that the ETP makes to European business growth in Japan. Additionally, many successful ETP alumni who now work in Japan shared testimonials regarding their own business experiences and how they benefited from the skills they gained from doing in the program.

The EBC is the official HELP DESK for ETP recruitment in Japan. For assistance with applications contact Alison Murray: ebcam@gol.com

generally favourable.

Triangular Mergers:

The Japanese Government is moving towards a formal decision that will allow companies not listed in Japan to participate in triangular mergers. MOF and METI continue to discuss the tax treatment of such mergers. The precise definition of the type of company allowed to participate will be released in mid-April.