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### EBC Annual Trade Policy Report

The EBC annual policy report entitled **Economic Integration: A New Approach to Reform: The EBC Report on the Japanese Business Environment 2007**, the leading source of economic and trade policy analysis for Europe and Japan will be released on November 21.

In this year's report, the EBC argues that to deal with persistent structural barriers, constant red tape and competitive pressure, a new approach is needed - an Economic Integration Agreement (EIA) - that will lead the EU and Japan towards integration of their respective rules and regulations, offering the prospect of greatly increased market access and mutual trade, while respecting shared concerns for economic, social and environmental balance.

### EBC Meeting with EU Parliamentarians

On October 29, EBC Chairman, Richard Collasse, EBC Executive Director, EBC Policy Director and EBC Financial sector experts met with a delegation of EU Parliamentarians from the Economy and Monetary Affairs Committee. The EU group were briefed on key issues in the financial sector as well as important developments in business regulations, and EBC activities in promoting an EU-Japan Economic Integration Agreement.

### Launch of EBC Trade Policy Report Wednesday, November 21

Come to the launch of the annual EBC white paper and listen to what EBC experts have to say about progress made by the Japanese government so far, what remains to be done, and how an EU-Japan EIA would help to achieve changes in the business environment.

Comments will also be made by His Excellency, Ambassador Hugh Richardson, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Japan, Mr. Richard Collasse, Chairperson of the EBC, and a panel of key EBC Committee Chairmen. The programme will be conducted in English.

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COB, Friday, November 16, 2007

## EBC Committee News

### New Immigration Procedures

The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) will introduce new immigration procedures at Narita airport on November 20. The new electronic registry system will require fingerprinting and photos for all foreigners except diplomats, permanent residents, and children under the age of 16. Semi-automatic gates will be installed at the same time allowing pre-registered Japanese and foreign residents to have automatic access without lining up for inspection. However, the Ministry has yet to issue an official document in English with details on the new entry and departure procedures.

### Airlines

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) has issued a set of guidelines on revision of competition policies and regulations of the

international aviation industry. The Airlines Committee is studying these guidelines which are available for public comment until October 31.

### Healthcare

On October 5, the EBC Secretariat organized Eucomed's visits to the Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare (MHLW), the Japan Federation of Medical Device Associations (JFMDA), the Japan Medical Association (JMA), and the Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) as well as with the Delegation of the European Commission to Japan. Eucomed, the Brussels-based federation of medical device industries and organizations regularly visits Japan to promote mutual regulatory acceptance for devices produced in the EU and Japan.

### Event Calendar

November 1  
JETRO Seminar: Access to Success-  
Doing Business In Kobe

November 1  
BCCJ Luncheon: Executive- Are you  
missing out on a competitive edge

November 6  
CCIFJ Seminar - members only  
Survey of the economic and regula-  
tory environment in Japan

November 7  
BCCJ Seminar: Sustainability: Differ-  
ing approaches by global compa-  
nies

November 8  
CCIFJ Seminar -members only  
Management interculturel France  
Japan - Travailler au Japon

November 9  
BLCCJ: Belux Business Talk- Staff  
Downsizing in Japan

November 9  
PCCIJ: Poland Investment Seminar

November 15  
BCCJ  
India Japan Partnership- New Global  
and Strategic Perspectives

November 21  
EBC: Annual Launch of EBC Trade  
Policy Report

November 22  
ICCJ: Gala Dinner and Concert

November 29  
CCIFJ - members only  
Visite de l'entreprise Canon

November 27  
DCCJ: Warm Lights of Louis Poulsen

December 8  
SCCIJ: Winter Gold Competition

December 13  
NCCJ and BLCCJ Joint Luncheon:  
The Big Picture is Found in the De-  
tails: Japan's Position and Politics in  
a Newly Chaotic World

December 15  
SCCIJ: The SCCIJ Christmas Party

For details, refer to the Event  
Calendar on the EBC website :  
<http://www.ebc-jp.com/>