

Combined Proposals for the Working Program of the Japan Delegation in 2005

I. Activities on the 2005 EU – Japan Year

1. Opening event in the European Parliament February 2005
2. EU-Japan Interparliamentary Meeting May 2005
in Tokyo
(meeting Japanese Diet Members with other than Foreign Affairs interests, e.g. Research Policy, meeting with Shokichi Kinea (musician/peace activist) and European citizens held in Japanese prisons, leaving one day or half a day in Tokyo for special meetings according to the wishes of the individual MEPs)
3. Parliamentarians' Seminar as a people to people project in Brussels Spring 2005
4. Parliamentarians' Seminar as a people to people project in Tokyo Fall 2005
5. several delegation's meetings open to all Members and guests in Brussels and Strasbourg (see II)

II. Topics for meetings of the Japan Delegation or seminars

1. Promotion of the "People to People Exchange" by the European Parliament
2. Current E U – Japan Trade and Commercial Problems (under participation of the business community)
3. The Status of the ongoing E U – Japan Regulatory Reform Dialogue
4. Common Challenges in the Information and Communication Technology
5. The upcoming E U – Japan Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement
6. E U – Japan Business Manager Exchange and Training Programs (presentation by and discussion with the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation)
7. The E U and the Japanese Constitutional Debates
8. Regional Security Challenges in Europe and East Asia
9. Developing Aid (Overseas Aid) of the EU and Japan

P.S.: Supporting the idea by the Secretary General of the EP for a mutual study visit of the parliamentary staff of the Japanese Diet and the European Parliament