

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Subjects discussed

The Delegation for relations with Japan is one of the most ancient ones in the European Parliament, as a first meeting took place immediately after the first direct elections.

Originally, trade matters inevitably dominated discussions between the two delegations, together with economic and monetary questions. But agendas have traditionally also included cultural exchanges and scientific and technological cooperation.

More recently political issues (such as the role of Europe and Japan in the post-cold war era, the future role of the UN and its peace keeping missions, international aid and assistance for Russia and the CIS) formed increasingly an important part of the discussions.

The rhythm of interparliamentary meetings is a very regular one. The next step should probably be to foster more direct relations at Committee level, as well as exchanges of officials, as this is the case for some other active delegations (notably USA, Canada).

<u>Chairmen:</u>	2000-2004	:	Mr Jan ANDERSSON	(PES, Sweden)
	1999-2000	:	Mr Pierre SCHORI	(PES, Sweden)
	1997-1999	:	Mr Alain POMPIDOU	(UPE, France)
	1994-1996	:	Mr Bertel HAARDER	(ELDR, Denmark)
	1994	:	Mr Kurt MALANGRÉ	(EPP, Germany)
	1989-1993	:	Mr Bernhard SÄLZER	(EPP, Germany)
	1987-1989	:	Mr Roberto BARZANTI	(COM, Italy)
	1984-1987	:	Mr Carlo GALLUZZI	(COM, Italy)
	1979-1984	:	Sir Fred WARNER	(ED, United Kingdom)

Activities

Date	Interparliamentary meetings Working groups	Inside EU	Outside EU
2004			
April	25th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg Dublin, Ireland	
2003			
May	24th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo Tokushima (Shikoku)
2002			
May	23rd interparliamentary meeting	Brussels Helsingborg, Sweden	
2001			
April	22nd interparliamentary meeting	Brussels Exeter, England	

November	21st interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Okinawa
1999			
November	20th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Osaka
1998			
November	19th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg, Paris	
1997			
October	18th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Tanegashima
1996			
July	17th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg, Copenhagen	
1995			
November	16th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Nagano
February	15th interparliamentary meeting	Brussels	
1993			
May/June	14th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Nagasaki prefecture
1992			
May	13th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg	
1991			
May/June	12th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Sapporo (Hokkaido)
1990			
June	11th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg	
1988			
November	10th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo, Oita prefecture
1987			
November	9th interparliamentary meeting	Brussels	
1986			
December	8th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo
1985			
September	7th interparliamentary meeting	Brussels	
1982			
May	6th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo
1981			
July	5th interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg	
February	4th interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo
1980			
February	3rd interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg	
1979			
October	2nd interparliamentary meeting		Tokyo
July	1st interparliamentary meeting	Strasbourg	

