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High Level Symposium on EU-Japan Cooperation: Common Challenges and Perspectives

6 February 2015, Press Conference Center,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Address: K.Valdemāra iela 3, Rīga

**Chaired by Dr. Einars Semanis, Ambassador Director-General of Bilateral Relations Directorate,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia**

08:45 – 09:15 Registration/Welcome coffee

09:15 – 09:30 **Opening**

Mr Andrejs Pildegovičs, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
H.E. Toshiyuki Taga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Latvia

09:30 – 10:30 **EU-JAPAN RELATIONS**

Moderator: Dr. Axel Berkofsky, Professor of Asian politics and history, University of Pavia, Italy

Panelists:

Dr. Gerhard Sabathil, Director for North East Asia and the Pacific, EEAS *[lead]*
Dr. Artis Pabriks, Member of the European Union Parliament
H.E. Keiichi Katakami, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union
Dr. Yuichi Hosoya, Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Japan

Discussion, Q&A

10:30 – 11:30 **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AND CENTRAL ASIA – PRIORITIES OF LATVIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Moderator: Dr. Andris Sprūds, Director of Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Panelists:

H.E. Juris Poikāns, Ambassador at Large for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia *[lead]*
H.E. Petr Mares, Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic
H.E. Martin Hagstrom, Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
H.E. Keiichi Katakami, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union

Discussion, Q&A

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50 – 12:50 **SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST ASIA**

Moderator: Dr. Ken Endo, Professor of International Politics & Global Governance, Hokkaido University, Japan

Panellists:

Dr. Yuichi Hosoya, Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Japan *[lead]*
Mr Aivars Puriņš, Director of Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
Dr. Gerhard Sabathil, Director for North East Asia and the Pacific, EEAS
Dr. Žaneta Ozoliņa, Professor of political science, University of Latvia

Discussion, Q&A

12:50 – 13:00 **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Einars Semanis, Ambassador Director-General of Bilateral Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia