

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Türkiye-Japan Annual Joint Business Committee Meeting**  
**October 10, 2023, Tuesday**

Time: 09:30 - 17:00

Venue: Hyatt Regency İstinye Park İzmir

Language: Japanese-Turkish simultaneous translation

**09:30 Registration and welcoming refreshments**

**10:00 - 11:00 Opening Speeches**

- Mr. Oğulcan K. Sagun, Chairman, DEİK/Türkiye-Japan Business Council
- Mr. Tsugio Mitsuoka, Chair, Japan-Türkiye Economic Committee, Keidanren
- Mr. Nail Olpak, DEİK President
- H.E. Takahiko Katsumata, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Türkiye
- H.E. Mehmet Fatih Kacir, Minister, Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Türkiye - (tbc)
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat, Minister, Ministry of Trade of Türkiye (tbc)

**11: 15 - 12:30 SESSION 1: Investment and Business Environment in Türkiye**

Moderator: Mr. Zeki Sarıbekir, Executive Board Member, DEİK/Türkiye-Japan Business Council / Chairperson, Sarten Packaging

**Topics of discussion:**

Investment and business environment and opportunities in Türkiye

- Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye - (tbc)
- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

Expectations towards a Japan-Turkey EPA by the Turkish and Japanese business communities

- Mr. Muhammed Alper Atilla, Head of Depart., International Agreements and EU, Ministry of Trade - *Current status of the negotiations on EPA*
- Mr. Masatoshi Suguira, Deputy Director-General for International Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan (METI)
- Fishery and Animal Products Exporters, İstanbul Exporters' Association (İİB) - (tbc)  
*View of the Turkish business community on EPA*
- Mr. Kei Uruma, Chair, Japan-Türkiye Economic Committee, Keidanren  
*View of the Japanese business community on EPA*
- Mitsubishi Electric Corporation  
*Examples of Investment by Japanese Companies in Türkiye*

**12:30 - 13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH – Open Buffet**

### **13:30 - 15:45 SESSION 2: Bilateral Economic and Trade Relations and Cooperation in Third Countries**

Moderator: Mr. Özgür İncekara, Executive Board Member, DEİK/Türkiye-Japan Business Council / CEO, İncekaralar Medical

#### **Topics of discussion - Potential Sectors for Developing Economic Relations**

- *Energy & Renewable Energy*
  - Tosyalı Holding (tbc)
  - Yanmar Turkey Makine A.Ş. (tbc)
- *Health and medical industry*
  - Sojitz Corporation (Medical and Health Care Business)
  - Acıbadem Hospitals (tbc)
- *Tourism*
  - All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd.
- *Digitalization/AI*
  - Ms. Aylin Özden, Board Member, Doruk Automation and Software “Smart Factories”

### **14:30 - 14:45 Coffee Break**

- *Cooperation in Third Countries – success story/propositions*

Moderator: Mr. Hiroshi Miyoshi, Advisor, Invest in Türkiye (tbc)

- Gap İnşaat (Çalık Holding) (tbc)
- Japan Tobacco Inc. (agriculture)
- Mr. Emre Aykar, Board Member, Yapı Merkezi
- Mr. Ruşen Çetin, Chairperson, DEİK/Türkiye-Ukraine Business Council

### **15:45 - 16:45 SESSION 3: Disaster prevention and mitigation technologies and Cooperation on Disaster Recovery**

Moderator: Mr. H. Ali Karahan, Executive Board Member, DEİK/Türkiye-Japan Business Council / Chairperson, Alacalı Construction

#### **Topics of discussion:**

Disaster prevention and mitigation technologies and potential areas for cooperation in the area of disaster recovery will be discussed by the experts.

*Keynote Speaker:* H.E. Takahiko Katsumata, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Türkiye

*Speakers from Turkish side:*

- Assistant Prof. Dr. Fatih Sütçü, Disaster Management Institute and Civil Engineering Faculty, İstanbul Technical University (İTÜ)
- Duygu Akbaş, International Projects Coordinator, Yüksel Proje

*Speakers from Japanese side:*

- IHI Corporation
- Nippon Koei Co. Ltd.

### **16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks**

- Mr. Kei Uruma, Chair, Japan-Türkiye Economic Committee, Keidanren
- Mr. Oğulcan K. Sagun, Chairman, DEİK/Türkiye-Japan Business Council

### **17:00 – 17:30 Chairs' press interviews**

### **17:00 - 17:30 Coffee and networking**