

Symposium invitation - Conversations toward a Canada/Japan EPA

The [Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan](#) (CCCJ), with the support of the [Keidanren](#) and the [Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#) (CCC), invite you to a high-level symposium on **November 2** regarding the proposed Canada-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The symposium is honoured to have the support of the Embassy of Canada to Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI).

The Symposium is the first private sector gathering on the proposed EPA since the Prime Ministers of Japan and Canada announced in March the intention to launch talks. With negotiations to commence in November, the symposium gathers key Canadian and Japanese stakeholders from the private sector for engaged discussion on pertinent issues and strategies to achieve a successful bilateral agreement. The event will also be attended by officials from across the public sector, including MOFA, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), METI and the Canadian Embassy.

Keynote speakers include the Honourable [Perrin Beatty](#), former federal cabinet minister and now President & CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and [Yorizumi Watanabe](#), Professor, International Political Economy, Keio University, who is a leading proponent of free trade.

As of the date of this announcement, panelists include representatives from the [Canadian Federation of Agriculture](#), [Japan's Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives](#) (JA-Zenchu), [Canada Wood Group](#), [National Federation on Forest Owners Cooperative Association](#), [Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association](#), [Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association](#) (JAMA) and [Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation](#) (JOGMEC). The discussions will be moderated by Japan's former Ambassador to Canada and Chairman of the CCCJ's Honorary Board of Advisors [Sadaaki Numata](#) and [Charles McMillan](#), Professor of Strategic Management and International Business at York University's Schulich School of Business and a former senior policy adviser to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The networking session following the formal presentations and panels also offers free discussion with all of the participants. The proceedings will be recorded, and media participation is anticipated.

Seating is limited - please register [here](#) to secure your place.




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Program Outline

- 13:00: Registration opens
- 13:00-13:25: Networking over light refreshments
- 13:30-13:40: Opening Remarks:
- Wilf Wakely, President, Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan
 - Haruo Murase, Co-Chairman, Keidanren Committee on Canada
- 13:40-13:50: Moderators' Introductory Remarks:
- Sadaaki Numata, Chairman, CCCJ Honorary Board of Advisors
 - Charles McMillan, Professor, International Business, Schulich School of Business, York University
- 13:50-14:10: Key Note Presentation: Yorizumi Watanabe, Professor, Keio University
- 14:15-14:35: Key Note Presentation: Perrin Beatty, President &CEO, Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- 14:35-15:00: Coffee break
- 15:00-15:40: Panel 1: Agriculture and Forestry:
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ron Bonnett, President
 - Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives (JA-Zenchu), Hirofumi Kobayashi, General Manager, Agricultural Policy Department
 - Council of Forest Industries (COFI)/Canada Wood Group, Shawn Lawlor, Director – Japan Operations
 - National Federation on Forest Owners Cooperative Association, Naoji Hijikuro, Managing Director
- 15:40-16:15: Panel 1 Discussion Period
- 16:20-17:00: Panel 2: Automotive and Energy:
- Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association (APMA), Steve Rodgers, President
 - Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association of Canada (JAMA Canada), David P. Worts, Executive Director
 - Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC), Shinji Fujino, Director General, Business Strategy, Oil & Gas Upstream Business
- 17:00-17:35: Panel 2 Discussion Period
- 17:40-17:50: Closing Remarks
- 18:30-20:30: Reception at [Roppongi Hills Club](#)

Interpretation: English – Japanese simultaneous translation will be provided

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