

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY **KOBE UNIVERSITY BRUSSELS EUROPEAN CENTRE SYMPOSIUM**

“OPEN SCIENCE, EVOLVING SOCIETIES: NEW HORIZONS FOR EU-JAPAN RESEARCH”

22 OCTOBER 2019, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The high-level Symposium “Open Science, Evolving Societies: New Horizons for EU-Japan Research” will take place on 22 October 2019 at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Jointly organised with the VUB, this event celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Kobe University Brussels European Centre Symposium, and the continued active presence of Kobe University in Brussels.

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Brussels European Centre Symposium
Organised jointly with Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Open Science, Evolving Societies:
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22 October 2019, 8:45-18:30
VUB Conference Centre, U-Residence
Boulevard General Jacqueslaan 271, 1050 Brussels

Registration 8:45-9:15
Welcome addresses 9:15-10:00
Parallel sessions 10:00-13:30

- EU-Japan EPA and SPA: joining forces for a rule-based international economic order
- Food system for quality, safety and functionality
- Preserving the past, embracing the future: a new era for cultural heritage

Japanese networking lunch 13:30-14:30
Interactive workshops/brokerage events 14:30-17:00

- New horizons in economic research
- Food research in tradition and future
- Towards a holistic approach to cultural heritage research

Closing remarks 17:00-17:15
Networking reception and drinks 17:15-18:30

Information and registration
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The symposium will open with presentations by Kobe University President Hiroshi Takeda, VUB Rector Caroline Pauwels, DG RTD Director-General Jean-Eric Paquet, and H.E. the Japanese Ambassador to the EU Kazuo Kodama.

This year's event directly builds on the recent adoption of the EU-Japan EPA and SPA, which provide fresh impetus to EU-Japan cooperation in R&I, and on the new perspectives offered by a future association of Japan to Horizon Europe.

Three parallel sessions will address highly topical themes in the areas of economics, natural sciences, and SSH:

- EU-Japan EPA and SPA: joining forces for a rule-based international economic order
- Food system for quality, safety and functionality
- Preserving the past, celebrating the present, embracing the future: a new era for EU-Japan cultural heritage research.

In addition, three interactive workshops and brokerage events will aim at developing concrete EU-Japan research projects

in response to Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe priorities.

As the first Japanese university to open an office in Brussels in 2010, Kobe University has been a pioneer in developing R&I co-operation between Japan and Europe, with over 140 agreements with European universities. One of the most resolutely international of Japanese academic and research institutions, Kobe University was the first Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Japan, actively participated in Erasmus + and FP7, and in several consortia responding to Horizon 2020 calls.

The 10th Anniversary Symposium will feature over 40 speakers who will present some of the latest results in key research areas between Japanese universities and partner institutions in the EU. Presentations and open workshops will provide the audience with ample opportunities to interact with leading Japanese and European researchers, and gain valuable insights into the latest collaborative projects between the EU and Japan.

➔ http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/events/20191022_en.html

OSAKA UNIVERSITY OFFICE HOSTED BY THE EU RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE ELI, ELI-NP

The laser dream of Dr Gerard Mourou, Nobel Physics Laureate in 1988, has come true at ELI-NP by starting the operation in 2019 of 10 PW laser system (PW = 10¹⁵ Watt): the highest peak intensity in the world. ELI-NP has been constructed near Bucharest Romania by the EC infrastructure fund since 2012.

The collaboration in the cutting edge nuclear physics has developed with Japan at ELI-NP. Japan has already its close connection to ELI-NP. Prof Kazuo A. Tanaka (Osaka Univ.) has been appointed as the scientific director since 2016 and has worked with 250 international scientists and engineers including four Japanese scientists. On June 24, 2019, Osaka University office has been opened at ELI-NP with the presence of Mr. Hitoshi Noda, the Ambassador of Japan to Romania. This office will be used to accelerate the collaboration between Japan and Romania. This unprecedented laser system will be open to the world expert users and will be used to study the extreme physics such as the dark matter and isotope production for cancer medical treatment etc.

➔ <http://www.eli-np.ro>



▲ On the day of Osaka Univ. office opening: Mr H. Noda, Japanese ambassador to Romania, Prof R. Kodama, Director of Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka University, Prof NV Zamfir, ELI-NP project leader, Prof KA Tanaka, ELI-NP Scientific Director are in the group