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18:00–19:30 **Reception**, hosted by **Kenji YAMADA, State Minister for
Foreign Affairs**

[Venue: The Iikura Guest House]

(19:40 *Bus leaves The Iikura Guest House for Hotel New Otani)*

Thursday, November 17

(8:55 *Bus leaves Hotel New Otani for First Member's Bldg. of the House of
Representatives)*

9:30 **Opening remarks by the Chairmen**

Eizo KOBAYASHI (Director Emeritus, Itochu Corporation)

Matthias NASS (Chief International Correspondent, DIE ZEIT)

9:40–12:30 **SESSION I** **Current Political and Economic Situation in
Germany and Japan: Marking One Year in Office
Amidst the Ukraine Crisis**

CHAIR: Eizo Kobayashi

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Naoya YOSHINO (Chief Political Editor, *Nikkei Shimbun*)

GERMAN SPEAKER: Prof. Dr. Karl-Rudolf KORTE (Professor, Institute of
Political Science, Duisburg-Essen University)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

12:30–13:25 Lunch

13:30–17:00 **SESSION II** **German and Japanese Role in Fighting
Aggressive Authoritarianism, the Crisis of
Democracy and Global Inflation**

CHAIR: Matthias Nass

GERMAN SPEAKER: Dr. Claudia MAJOR (Head of Research Division,
International Security, German Institute for International
and Security Affairs)

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Tomiko ICHIKAWA (Director General, The Japan
Institute of International Affairs)

15:00-15:15 *Coffee Break*

(17:10 *Bus leaves First Member's Bldg. of the House of Representatives for
Hotel New Otani*)

(18:10 *Bus leaves Hotel New Otani for Ambassador's residence*)

18:30–20:00 **Reception, hosted by Dr. Clemens von Goetze, Ambassador of the
Federal Republic of Germany in Japan**

[Venue: Ambassador's residence]

(20:10 *Bus leaves Ambassador's residence for Hotel New Otani*)

Friday, November 18

(8:55 *Bus leaves Hotel New Otani for First Member's Bldg. of the House of
Representatives*)

9:30–12:30 **SESSION III Reformulation of Energy Strategy and Possible
German-Japanese Cooperation: Towards
Non-Dependence on Russia and
Decarbonization**

CHAIR: Eizo Kobayashi

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Shin HOSAKA (Commissioner, Agency for Natural
Resources and Energy)

GERMAN SPEAKER: Prof. Dr. Peter HENNICKE (German Chairman,
German Japanese Energy Transition Council)

11:00–11:15 *Coffee Break*

12:30–13:15 **Lunch**

(13:30 *Bus leaves First Member's Bldg. of the House of Representatives for
Hotel New Otani*)

(16:00 *Bus leaves for Hotel New Otani for Prime Minister's Office*)

17:00–17:15 **Meeting with Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu MATSUNO**

(17:30 *Transfer to Hotel New Otani*)

END OF THE PROGRAM

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Ken Endo holds a Chair & Professor of International Politics, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo, since April 2022. He is also Adjunct Fellow, Japan Institute for International Affairs, Tokyo, Japan. He obtained a Ph.D. in Politics at St Antony's College, University of Oxford, in 1996. Prof. Endo is member of study groups at Japan's MOFA's policy planning unit (2012-13, 2013-14). He also works as a member of the 1.5-truck Japan-Korea policy dialogue (2012-) and organizes similar events on Sino-Japanese relations, in cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Since 2015 he joined the MOFA's policy evaluation committee and from 2017 on Prof. Endo leads a project on Europe at Japan Institute of International Affairs. Active in engaging in wider civic forums, Prof. Endo is a founding member of Hokkaido Dialogue, where civic leaders from Japan, China, South Korea, and Taiwan discuss common issues. One of his publications is *The End of Integration – The realities and implications of the European Union* (Iwanami, 2013, in Japanese), for which he was awarded the Yomiuri-Chuo Koron Yoshino Sakuzo prize in 2014. His recent book focused on the *European Complex Crisis* (Chuo-koron, 2016, in Japanese). He recently edited *Sovereignty at the Present Times* (Chikuma, 2019).

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Profiles of German-Japanese Young Leaders

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