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## Kato Koichi talks politics at NBK kick-off event



NBK/JEF wasted no time in kicking off its programming for the fall semester with a lecture on Wednesday, September 15, by Mr. Koichi Kato, who is currently a member of Japan's House of Representatives and formerly Secretary General of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan. The lecture was co-sponsored with the Center on Japanese Economy & Business of Columbia Business School and was held in the Hepburn Lounge of Uris Hall, drawing well over 100 attendees. Mr. Kato talked about Japanese domestic politics, such as the differences between the LDP, which is Japan's ruling party, and the largest opposition party, the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ). He also spoke optimistically about the current state of Japan's economy, and he also answered some tough questions from Columbia affiliates on topics related to Sino-Japanese relations, pension system reform, and the differences between U.S. and Japanese education systems.

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### APAC Up and Coming...

#### Zhongwen Luntan / China Forum

- **Mandarin Language Table** - all levels are welcome to attend!

*Fridays, October 1 & 15, 2:00 - 4:00 pm,  
918 IAB*

#### APAC

- **Movie Night!!** Hong Kong Film Series: The Cinema of Wong Kar-Wai, Part 1: "Chungking Express". Refreshment will be served.

*Friday, October 1, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 918 IAB*

#### Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)

- **Southeast Asia Career Professionals Panels** (presented in partnership with the Southeast Asian Fellows Program)

*Tuesdays, October 5 & 12th, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, 1134 IAB*

#### Nihon Benkyo Kai/Japan Exchange Forum (NBK/JEF)

- **Japanese Language Table & Happy Hour**

*Friday, October 8, 2004, 4:00 - 6:00 pm,  
918 IAB*

**DON'T MISS...** The Weatherhead East Asian Institute's Brown Bag Mini-Series on: ***New Perspectives on East Asian Regionalism***. Starts Wednesday, October 6, 2004. See inside for more details!

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NBK held its welcome party and introductory meeting immediately following Mr. Kato's lecture on September 15, in which the agenda included officer introductions, announcements for upcoming events and lectures, a textbook sale, and, of course, socializing with fellow students over pizza and soda.

NBK would especially like to thank Professors Gerry Curtis and Bob Immerman for their help in coordinating the lecture with Mr. Kato, as well as for their continued advice and support in NBK programming. NBK would also like to extend their warmhearted thanks to Yvonne Thurman at the Center on Japanese Economy & Business to help make the lecture possible.

## **What have other student groups been up to?**

### **China Forum/Zhongwen Luntan**

Over 25 people turned out for Zhongwen Luntan/China Forum's trip to Manhattan's Chinatown on Sunday, September 26.



Everyone happily gorged on delicious dimsum for hours in one of the local restaurants. After the feast, people enjoyed celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival- a major holiday in China- in the heart of Chinatown with parades and performances. At this time of the year, the moon is at its fullest and brightest, making it the ideal time to celebrate the abundance of the summer's harvest. A big thank you for

everyone who came and made the first outing of the year a great success! China Forum also held its Welcome Party and Introductory meeting on September 16. There was overwhelming interest by students in China and about 30 people showed up to see how they could get involved in the upcoming events of the semester.



### **Korea Focus**

Korea Focus kicked off the year with a scrumptious Korean Food Festival and Welcome party on September 28. Korea Focus also introduced Hankuk-mal Dong-ari (Korean Language Table). If anyone is interested, please contact Mina Kim (mk2350).



### **Southeast Asia Student Initiative (SEASI)**

SEASI held its first meeting on September 23 and was thrilled with students' enthusiasm for the coming year. SEASI has started to plan for lots of events for the coming year, including: an internship resource list and panel, dinner outings, language tables, Filipino traditional dance workshop, a lobby to improve Southeast Asian curriculum at SIPA, brown bags, badminton playoffs, video nights...and lots more. If you want to get involved in any of these activities, please contact SEASI co-chairs Jenna (jac2113) or Tu (td2119).

## **WEAI Brownbag Lunch Lectures**

The Brownbag Lectures at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute feature scholars, policy makers, journalists and activists who are engaged in research on East and Southeast Asia. These talks, which are open to everyone, take place virtually everyday — Monday through Thursday — from 12:00 - 1:30 pm in 918 IAB unless otherwise noted.

### **Monday, October 4**

#### **Changing Japan's Security Policy and Its Constitution**

Ambassador Shinichi Kitaoka, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN and Professor of Political Science, Tokyo University  
Co-sponsored by the SIPA UN Studies Program

### **Tuesday, October 5**

#### **Factional Politics in China: Analyzing the Results of the Fourth Plenum**

Professor Bo Zhiyue, Department of International Studies, St. John Fisher College

### **Wednesday, October 6**

#### **New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting**

A book talk by Marcia Yonemoto, author of *Mapping Early Modern Japan: Space, Place and Culture in the Early Modern Period, 1608-1868* (California, 2003)  
4:00 -5:30 pm, 918 IAB  
Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

### **3-part Brown Bag Mini-Series: New Perspectives on East Asian Regionalism**

#### **Wednesday, October 6**

##### **I. The Best of Times, The Worst of Times: America's Asian Alliances in Comparative Perspective**

Professor Thomas Berger, Department of International Relations, Boston University  
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center and the Center on Japanese Economy and Business

#### **Tuesday, October 12**

##### **II. How Do We Look Now? East Asian Views of Australia**

Dr. Alison Broinowski, author and former Australian diplomat, and Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute  
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center

#### **Wednesday, October 13**

##### **III. Remapping East Asia: The Construction of a Region**

Professor T.J. Pempel, Department of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley  
Co-sponsored by the APEC Study Center

#### **Monday, October 11**

##### **The Korean Problem: An Australian Perspective**

Ambassador Richard Broinowski, Former Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

#### **Special lecture:**

#### **Wednesday, October 13**

##### **Japanese POWs in World War II**

Ulrich Straus, Former U.S. Consul-General in Okinawa and author of *The Anguish of Surrender*

10:35 -11:55 am, 603 Hamilton

#### **Wednesday, October 13**

##### **New Horizons in Japanese Historywriting**

A book talk by Sarah Thal, author of *Rearranging the Landscape of the Gods: The Politics of a Pilgrimage Site in Japan, 1573-1912* (University of Chicago, 2004)

4:00 -5:30 pm

Co-sponsored by the Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture

#### **Thursday, October 14**

##### **Capital Flows and Domestic Market Integration in China**

Li Qi, ExEAS Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead East Asian Institute

## Events @ Columbia

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business present a symposium on **Japan's current political economy**. The event is a co-sponsored lecture with Toyota Research Center of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Speakers include: LEE BRANSTETTER, Daniel W. Stanton Associate Professor, Columbia Business School, GERALD CURTIS, Burgess Professor of Political Science, Columbia University, JOHN MAKIN, Principal, Caxton Associates LLC, HUGH PATRICK, Director, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School, LEONARD SCHOPPA, Associate Professor, Department of Politics, University of Virginia. The symposium is on Thursday, October 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at 207 Warren Hall and reception to follow. RSVP required. Please contact jo2147@colmubia.edu.

The Columbia Law School presents a special lecture series throughout the academic year to commemorate the **25th anniversary of the founding of the Center for Japanese Legal Studies**. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures will be held in Case Lounge (7F Jerome Greene Hall) from 6:30-8:00 pm, including a reception. All members of the Columbia community are welcome. Below is the Fall schedule.

October 7: ISAAC SHAPIRO, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom: "American Lawyers in Japan: A Personal History"

October 28: KAZUO SUGENO, Former Dean, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law: "Assessing Recent Changes in Japanese Law" (tentative title)

November 11: MASAHIKO AOKI, Stanford University, Dept. of Economics: "Institutional Change in Japan" \*\*JG 107 with reception in Drapkin Lounge\*\*

November 18: CHARLES WHITEHEAD, Former Chief Country Officer, Citibank Japan: "Using Negative Publicity as a Regulatory Tool: The Case of Japanese Finance"

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## Other events around town

### **AsiaStore: Designer Showcase**

October 1 - 3, 2004

Kick-off Event on Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

AsiaStore has a stunning selection of Asian-inspired books, gifts, and home accents. The 2nd annual showcase hosts the hottest designers of one of NYC's top museum stores! Preview AsiaStore's fall collections and meet the designers behind these creations. Discuss the inspirations and techniques of the most popular collections of apparel, accessories, jewelry and decorative accents with the creators themselves.

AsiaStore at Asia Society

725 Park Avenue at 70th Street

Tel: 212-517-ASIA

### **Lecture: Politics and Porcelain in China**

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Rose Kerr discusses the profound effect politics had on the production of porcelain in China.

Asia Society, \$5 Students (with ID)

725 Park Avenue at 70th Street

Tel: 212-517-ASIA

### **Panel Discussion: Yangtze and Pearl River Program: Prospects for Investment and Development in China's Subregional Economic Zones**

Monday, October 15, 8:00 - 10:00 am

Asia Society, \$15 members; \$30 nonmembers

725 Park Avenue at 70th Street

Tel: 212-517-ASIA

### **Fed Governor Ben S. Bernanke on the Economic Outlook for the U.S. & Japan**

Thursday, October 7, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

The Japanese economy suffered an unprecedented bout of deflation, and the U.S. nearly did, in a period of historically low interest rates. Governor Bernanke discusses the experience of both economies and the challenges ahead. (Corporate Luncheon).

Nonmember admission: \$65 for lunch and lecture, \$15 lecture only.

Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

Phone: (212) 715-1247 (Ellie Montazeri)

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## Useful Websites in New York

In addition to the great resources for East Asia Affairs offered at the Institute, there are many organizations that hold great activities and events that you won't want to miss. These are just some of the many organizations you may want to check out!

### *Columbia Websites*

#### **APEC Study Centre**

[www.columbia.edu/cu/business/apec](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/business/apec)

#### **Centre on Japanese Economy and Business**

[www.gsb.columbia.edu/japan/](http://www.gsb.columbia.edu/japan/)

#### **Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture**

[www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/dkc/calendar](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac/dkc/calendar)

#### **East Asian Languages and Culture Department (EALAC)**

[www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ealac)



### *Organizations in New York*

#### **Asia Society**

[www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org)

#### **Asia Source (A resource of the Asia Society)**

[www.asiasource.org](http://www.asiasource.org)

#### **China Institute in America**

[www.chinainstitute.org](http://www.chinainstitute.org)

#### **Japan Society**

[www.japansociety.org](http://www.japansociety.org)

#### **Korea Society**

[www.koreasociety.org](http://www.koreasociety.org)

## East Asia Opportunities

From time to time, *APAC News* will compile internship and employment opportunities for its readers. If you would like to advertise an East Asia-related position, please email [jmc2111@columbia.edu](mailto:jmc2111@columbia.edu).

### **Job Fair for Japanese-English Bilinguals**

The world's largest Japanese-English bilingual job fair, the 18th Annual Boston Career Forum, will be held on October 22 - 24 (Fri-Sun) at the World Trade Center Boston. Registration and participation for students is completely free. Further information:

<http://www.careerforum.net/bos/enevent.aspx>.

Students/job seekers eligible to attend this event are:

- at least business level Japanese
- any nationality / work authorization in Japan not necessary
- obtaining bachelor's degree or higher (past participation: 60% undergrad, 40% masters & professionals)
- students seeking full-time employment in the next year
- students seeking internship the summer prior to their last year of school

### **Human Rights Watch, New York Office Intern**

Human Rights Watch is the largest U.S.-based international human rights monitoring and advocacy organization. The Business and Human Rights program of Human Rights Watch is looking for one part-time (10-20 hours/week) Indonesian-speaking intern to work closely with their New York-based researcher for the fall term of 2004. The selected intern will contribute to a new project on security sector reform and budget issues in Indonesia. The internship is unpaid; however, Human Rights Watch may be able to support applications for other sources of funding, where possible. In addition, work-study funds are available. Apply by sending a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for two references to [tubbsc@hrw.org](mailto:tubbsc@hrw.org) as soon as possible. Use "Indonesia Internship"

as the subject of your e-mail. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

### **The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations**

#### **Intern**

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN is searching for 2 interns as assistants at the meetings of UN general assembly. It would be a great chance for those interested in international development to see how the UN addresses global economic issues and develop resolutions. The period is October-December 2004, and the schedule is flexible, with consideration to classes at Columbia. For details, check the following site.

<http://www.un.int/japan/jp/mission/internship.html>

### **Shinsei Bank Limited**

#### **Intern**

Shinsei Bank Limited, a Japanese Banking Corporation (CEO - Masamoto Yashiro) headquartered in Tokyo is looking for excellent students willing to build an attractive career in the financial community. It is planning to hire 30 interns (for Summer 2005) as well as 10 full-times. Kindly submit your resume to [Chihiro.Shinkai@shinseibank.com](mailto:Chihiro.Shinkai@shinseibank.com) by September 30, if possible. Mention in the e-mail your availability for the rest of September, October 1, 5 & 6 (in Midtown Manhattan). For those who are tied-up for the above dates, please inform them of your availability for the week of October 4 - 11.

### **The Committee of 100**

#### **Intern**

The Committee of 100, a national, non-partisan organization that brings a Chinese American perspective to issues concerning Asian American and U.S relations with China, is seeking a Program/Office Intern. Candidates should be available to work 10-20 hours a week. Hours are flexible. This is a paid internship. Submit cover letter and resume to: Kristine Young, Committee of 100, 677 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10020, e-mail: [kyoung@committee100.org](mailto:kyoung@committee100.org), fax: 212-371-9009. For more information, please visit <http://www.committee100.org/>. Please note that the position of Social Science Intern will work for Professor Xiaobo Lu of the

Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Interested students (for this position only) should contact Sarah Lee at [s12455@columbia.edu](mailto:s12455@columbia.edu).

### **China Labor Watch**

#### **Project Coordinator**

China Labor Watch (CLW) is an independent not-for-profit organization whose mission is the realization and defense of labor rights in China. CLW seeks the enforcement of labor laws provided for under the laws of the PRC as well as internationally recognized protections. China Labor Watch (CLW) is seeking a Project Coordinator. This position, based in New York, is responsible for helping supervise, train and direct the organization's network of volunteers; she/he will also implement organizing and affiliation with other organizations. To apply, please send both English and Chinese versions of your cover letter and resume to: [clw@chinalaborwatch.org](mailto:clw@chinalaborwatch.org) with "China Labor Watch Project Coordinator" in the subject line; or to China Labor Watch, P.O. Box 4134, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-4134. Application must be received by: October 10, 2004.

### **Internews Network**

#### **Country Director Position in China**

Internews Network seeks a Country Director to implement and manage its media development projects in China. Internews is focusing its efforts in China on a project to train journalists, editors, and media managers in China in the coverage of legal and rule of law issues through short-term seminars, a semester-long university course, and the creation of a resource center and website. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV/resume to [INjobs@internews.org](mailto:INjobs@internews.org) by October 8, being sure to place "CD-China" in the subject line.

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