

## Event Report

Title: Joint Forum “Japan and EU Connecting in the Nexus of Security and Development”

Date: Tuesday, October 24, and Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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On October 24 and 25, the Japan office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) hosted a forum on “Japan and EU Connecting in the Nexus of Security and Development” with the EU-Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN). Experts and government and ministry officials from Japan and Europe attended the forum.

At the pre-working dinner on the 24th, the keynote speaker, **Hon. Shyue-yow Chou, Deputy Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan**, gave a lecture on the international situation surrounding Taiwan, followed by a discussion among the forum participants.

The program for the following day, the 25th, began with speeches by **H.E. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan**, and **Mr. Kimitake Nakamura, Deputy Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau, MOFA**, who gave an overview of the current status of EU-Japan relations in the first session. The second and third sessions focused on geo-economic changes and EU-Japan economic relations, geopolitical changes, and EU-Japan security relations, respectively, with experts in each field leading a lively exchange of views on the current situation and challenges.

The fourth session discussed current issues and future prospects for EU-Japan cooperation in the areas of development, energy, digitalization, and AI. Finally, **Dr. Patrik Ström, Director of the European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics**, summarized the discussions of the Joint Forum by outlining the key issues for the future of EU-Japan relations.

The forum concluded with a networking event bringing together guests, mainly experts in related fields, and participants from each session.