



## INVITATION - UnILiON SPECIAL 'OPEN TALK'

***'New Opportunities for EU-Japan Cooperation in Research and innovation:  
from Horizon Europe to Japan's 'Moonshot' Programme'***

**Friday 7 February, 10:45-14:00**

**Kobe University Brussels European Centre (KUBEC)  
5 Blvd de la Plaine/Pleinlaan (5<sup>th</sup> floor), 1050 Brussels**

### **AGENDA**

- 10:45-11:00** Coffee and registration of participants  
**11:00-11:05** Welcome by **Patrick Vittet-Philippe, Advisor, Kobe University Brussels European Centre**  
**11:05-12:15** Presentations by

**Pierrick Fillon-Ashida**

**Senior Policy Officer, Head of Japan and ASEAN Desks, DG RTD**

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**Hideki Iwabuchi**

**Science and Technology Counsellor, Mission of Japan to the EU**

*'International Research Collaboration: a Key Priority for Japan'*

**Marlène Bartès, Head of Japan Desk, DG EAC**

**Przemyslaw Jankowski, Policy Officer, MSCA- Training and Mobility Programme, DG EAC**

*'EU-Japan Cooperation in education and research'*

**Prof. Ken-Ichi Yoshida**

**Executive Director, Centre for EU Academic Collaboration, Kobe University**

**Professor of Applied Microbiology, Graduate School of Science, Technology & Innovation**

**Federation of European Microbiological Societies' Ambassador to Japan**

*'Your R&I Partner in Japan: Cooperation Opportunities with Kobe University'*

- 12:15-13:00** Q&A and open discussion with participating European and Japanese Universities  
**13:00-14:00** Japanese-themed light lunch, offered by Kobe University

The session will highlight the existing opportunities, as well as the exciting new perspectives for cooperation in R&I and Higher Education between EU and Japanese Universities. The entry into force of the EU-Japan Economic Partnership and Strategic Partnership Agreements (EPA and SPA), the recent signature EU-Japan Connectivity Partnership, and, most importantly, the parallel adoption of Horizon Europe and the Japanese 'Moonshot' Programme, each with a strong focus on internationalisation, are opening a radically new era for EU-Japan R&I cooperation, through new instruments and fresh funding. In particular, the planned Association of Japan to HE should provide further impetus – as well as predictable funding - for EU and Japanese Universities' joint projects.

Presenters from the EC, REA and Kobe University will provide participants with the 'big picture' policy background for this new era of cooperation, share their experience on the most successful current joint projects, and present concrete information on emerging opportunities for EU universities wishing to develop cooperation with Japan.



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## Venue

Kobe University Brussels European Centre (KUBEC)  
5 Blvd de la Plaine/Pleinlaan (5<sup>th</sup> floor)  
(Same building as Vesalius College)  
1050 Brussels

## Directions

Tram 7 and 25, Etterbeek stop  
Train: Etterbeek station

