



LUNCH SEMINAR

on the Japanese Economy and Society

at the Maison franco-japonaise

Incorporation of National Universities in Japan

Lights and shadows

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Summary

Japanese national universities were incorporated in 2004 and became much more autonomous from the government in their operation. After nearly six years since the incorporation, which correspond to the period of the first mid-term plans (a kind of contracts

between the government and national universities), remarkable changes as well as problems can be observed in new national university corporations. This seminar will focus on pros and cons of the reform.

Short Biography of OBA Jun



OBA Jun is Associate Professor of Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE), Hiroshima University, Japan. His current research interests include diverse university governance issues, particularly in comparative perspective. His articles include "Governance of the Incorporated Japanese National Universities" (chapter in a book, Palgrave-Macmillan, forth-coming), "Managing Differentiation of Higher Education System in Japan: Connecting Excellence and Diversity" (*Higher Education*, DOI 101007), "Creating World-class Universities in Japan: Policy and Initiatives" (*Policy Futures in Education*, Vol.6, No.5, 2008), "Incorporation of National Universities in Japan" (*Asia Pacific Journal of Education*, Vol.27, No.3, 2007) and "The Incorporation of National Universities in Japan: Initial Reactions of the New National University Corporations" (*Higher Education Management and Policy*, Vol.17, No.2, 2005).

Short Biography of Yveline LECLER



- Researcher at Maison franco-japonaise, UMIFRE 19 CNRS - MAE
- Associate Researcher, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo
- Associate Professor, Lyon Institute of Political Studies, University of Lyon
- Permanent Member of the Institute of East Asian Studies (Lyon) since its establishment in 1992.

What is the Lunch Seminar?

This typical event has been organized at the Maison-Franco Japonaise (Nichi-Futsu Kaikan) – Room 601 (6F) from 12.30 to 14.00, since 2004 with the generous support from the Economic Section of the French Embassy and the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan. For more information, please visit the website of the seminar : http://www.mfj.gr.jp/lunch_seminar/lunch_seminar.html

Please note that this is a "brown bag lunch seminar" (please bring your sandwiches or "bento").

How to attend the Lunch Seminar ?

The participation to the Lunch Seminar is free but **registration is strictly required**. Please apply by e-mail to : mikasa@mfj.gr.jp ; or by fax (03-5421-7652) specifying your :

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| – name | – adress |
| – company or institution | – phone |
| – position | – e-mail |

NB : The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the participants (in English, no translation).

How to get there ?



Nichifutsu Kaikan (MFJ) : Shibuya-ku, Ebisu, 3-9-25

▷ From the Ebisu JR station take the Skywalk Exit, turn left and walk 5 mn alongside Yebisu Garden Place.

