



LUNCH SEMINAR

on the Japanese Economy and Society

at the Maison franco-japonaise

Monday December 20th, 2010, from 12:30 pm to 2 pm

Maison franco-japonaise, room 601 (6th floor)

Prospects of Reforming Migration Policy in Japan: New Proposals

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Summary

The objectives of this presentation is to explore prospects of migration policy reform in Japan by examining the proposals done by the Alliance of Cities with High Density of Foreigners (外国人集住都市会議 *Gaikokujin Shūjūtoshi Kaigi*) and by the Japan Forum on International Relations (日本国際フォーラム) in 2010. Although net immigration to Japan has been decreasing for the past two years as a result of the global economic crisis, Japan had more than

2.2 million foreign residents with growing number of permanent residents at the end of 2009. The speaker will analyze recent development of international migration, its impacts at national and local levels in Japan, as well as their economic, social and political backgrounds. He will also take into consideration the new developments in terms of regional economic integration in Asia and Pacific.

Short Biography of IGUCHI Yasushi



Studied at Hitotsubashi University and started career in the Ministry of Labor from 1976. Graduate studies at University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany from 1980 to 82. Engaged in the Uruguay Round and in the SOPEMI of the OECD until 1994 as Director for Foreign Worker's Affairs at the Ministry.

Changed his career to Associate Professor at Kwansei Gakuin University in 1995 and became Professor in 1997. Obtained a degree of "Doctor of economics" in 1999, Invited Professor at the University of Lille 1 (France) in 2000 and Guest Researcher at Max-Planck Institute in Munich (Germany) in 2001. Since 2003, advisor for the Alliance of Cities with High Density of Foreign Citizens in Japan. From 2005 to 2010, Special Member of the Council on Regulatory Reform in the Cabinet Office. Founder member and Director of the Research Institute for Economies with Low Fertility at Kwansei Gakuin University. Pr. Iguchi has written extensively on labor market and international migration. His main books are *International Migration and the Labor Market* (1997, Japan Institute of Labor) and *The Era of New Labor Migration* (2000, Chikuma Shinsho).

Short Biography of Hélène LE BAIL



Research fellow at the Research Institute of the Maison franco-japonaise, Helene Le Bail studies migration issues in Japan and Asia focusing on Chinese migrants and marriage migration. She was in 2008-2010 in charge of the China Project of IFRI (French Institute for International Relations, Paris) and was a visiting researcher at Waseda University in 2007. She holds a Ph.D from Sciences Po Paris in political science and a M.A. in Chinese from the INALCO (National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations).



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| – 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.

