



LUNCH SEMINAR

on the Japanese Economy and Society

at the Maison franco-japonaise

Wednesday April 20th, 2011, from 12:30 pm to 2 pm
Maison franco-japonaise, room 601 (6th floor)

How Young Japanese are Choosing their Future Life through University Entrance Examinations

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Summary

Japanese society is not strictly meritocratic. In East Asia, meritocracy prevails in China, Korea and Vietnam, not in Japan. Needless to say, it is about the pre-modern period. In a similar vein, in Western Europe meritocracy did not prevail either in the pre-modern period. How Japanese choose their future life has developed in the modern period with meritocracy, hereditary principle and fairness combined.

Short Biography of INOUCHI Takashi



INOUCHI Takashi is Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo, President, University of Niigata Prefecture. He is a political scientist, producing one hundred books and numerous articles. The latest of which include: *The Enigma of Japanese Politics*, *The Quality of Life in Confucian Society*, *Citizens and the State*,

Japanese Politics Today: From Karaoke Democracy to Kabuki Democracy, *The US-Japan Security Alliance*.

Short Biography of Marc HUMBERT



Marc HUMBERT got a French University Professor status in 1981. He has published intensively about industry and technology dynamics of firms and nations and their interactions, with application to Japanese, Latin-American, European, Breton... economies.

He is currently on leave from University of Rennes (France), and is head of the French Research Institute on Contemporary Japan (UMIFRE 19 CNRS – MAEE, MFJ) where, along with other duties, he is carrying on his theoretical research and is able to closely watch the Japanese economy and society.



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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 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.

