



**PES Delegation to Japan
Tokyo, Hiroshima, Okinawa
12– 16 May 2008**

Programme

Sunday, May 11 2008

Arrival in Tokyo

18.30 Dinner meeting hosted by Mr Hugh Richardson, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Japan

Monday, May 12 2008 - Tokyo

11.00-12.00 Briefing on Japanese politics by Mr Takashi Oda, Deputy Editorial Chief, the Yomiuri Shimbun, the largest national daily newspaper in Japan

12.30-14.00 Lunch meeting hosted by Dr. Sven Saaler, Head of office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Tokyo-Office

14.30-15.15 Meeting the Social Democratic Party with Mr Mataichi Seiji, Deputy Leader, Mr Himori Fumihiro, Diet Affairs Chief and Mr Yamauchi Tokushin, International Secretary.

15.30-16.00 Meeting with Mr Satsuki Eda, President of the House of Councillors

16.00-16.15 A tour in the National Diet Building

16.30-17.45 Meeting with the Democratic Party of Japan led by Mr Yukio Hatoyama, Secretary General, MP; Masaharu Nakawaga, Next Minister of Finance, MP; Mr Yukihisa Fujita, Vice-Minister of Defence of the Next Cabinet, MP; Mr Marutei Tsurunen Vice-Minister of the Environment of the Next Cabinet, MP; Tadashi Inuzaka, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Next Cabinet, MP; and Shokichi Kina, Member of the House of Councillors.

18.30-20.30 PES working dinner with Mr Mataka Kamiya, Professor of International Relations, Department of International Relations at the National Defence Academy - Topic: Japan's security policy

Tuesday, May 13 2008 – Tokyo

10.00-11.30 Meeting with RENGO – JTUC led by Mr Naoto Ohmi, Deputy Secretary General

Flight to Hiroshima





Wednesday, May 14 2008 – Hiroshima

- 10.15-11.30 Visit of Peace Museum and Peace Park, including the laying of a wreath of flowers at the Cenotaph Memorial.
- 11.30-12:30 Lunch at Peace Park
- 13.00 -15.00 Meeting with DPJ Hiroshima Chapter
- Meeting with Mr Masao Hayashi, President of the Hiroshima Prefectural Assembly
 - Meeting with the parliamentary group of the DPJ in Hiroshima, Koji Nakahara, Member of the Hiroshima Prefectural assembly; Hiroshi Sugekawa, Vice-President of Hiroshima Prefectural Chapters and Seiki Soramoto, Vice-President of Hiroshima Prefectural Chapters
 - Visit to the Office of Mr Koji Nakahara, Member of the Hiroshima Prefectural Assembly
- 15:30-16:00 Meeting with Mr Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima
- 16.30-17.30 Meeting with NGOs including Gensuikin (The Japan Congress against A- and H-Bombs) led by Mr Tomomi Kuwahara, Representative Member of the Hiroshima Branch Office of Gensuikin.
- 18:00-20:00 Dinner hosted by the NGOs Gensuikin

Thursday, May 15 2008 – Okinawa Island

Flight to Naha, Okinawa

- 11:15-11:35 Visits to US base Camp Courtney
- 12:00-12:50 Visit of the U.S. Military Base Kadena with Foreign Affairs Division, Mr Takamoto
- 13:00-14:30 Visit of the U.S. Military Kadena Air Base
- 15:15-16:15 Discussion with Mr Maher, US Consul General
- 17:00 Visit to Honeko, explanation by Mr Sakae Toyama from the Civic Movement
- 19.00 Dinner with DPJ and RENGO Okinawa leadership

Friday, May 16 2008 – Okinawa & Tokyo

- 8:00 Visit of the Morning Soap Box, Candidate Mr Tadashi Uezato, DPJ
- 9:30 Meeting with candidate Mrs Sueko Yamauchi, DPJ at the supporters' association.





11.00 Visit of Okinawa Peace Museum

Flight to Tokyo

19.00 Dinner hosted by DPJ with Masaharu Nakawaga, Next Minister of Finance, MP and Tadashi Inuzaka, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Next Cabinet, MP

