



**PES Preparatory Delegation to Japan
8-11 March 2010
Tokyo**

Report

Introduction

A PES Preparatory Delegation composed of Philip Cordery, PES Secretary General, and David Capezzuto, Political Advisor of the PES International Unit, visited Japan's capital, Tokyo, in the period 8th-11th March 2010.

The visit laid the foundations for a PES High Level Delegation due to take place on November 1st-7th 2010. On this occasion, PES President Poul Nyrup Rasmussen will travel with PES Member Parties' Leaders to discuss issues of common concern while also strengthening the bilateral relationship and contributing to the resolution of global questions we face today.

During the preparatory visit the delegation held meetings with the party leadership of the Social Democratic Party of Japan and the Democratic Party of Japan, the head of the EU Delegation and senior officials from key ministries as well as trade unions and international think tanks.

The visit provided a unique opportunity to have exchanges on issues of mutual interest including financial regulation, economic reform, social welfare, employment, trade, environment and climate change, foreign policy and EU-Japan relations. Meetings gave the delegation the chance to acquire a thorough understanding of the current political environment in Japan, to present the latest PES political initiatives and to develop the bilateral party relation further.



2. List of participants:

1. **Mr. Philip Cordery**, Secretary General of the Party of European Socialists
2. **Mr. David Capezzuto**, Political Adviser of the PES International Unit



Philip Cordery

PES Secretary General



Born in France on 17 April 1966, Philip Cordery is married and has three children. After having studied Languages applied to law and economics at the University of Paris X Nanterre, he joined the staff of the President of the French National Assembly (1992-1993).

Member of the French Socialist party since 1985, he became International secretary of the French young socialists (MJS) in 1990. Co-founder of ECOSY, the Young European socialists, in November 1992, Philip Cordery became its first Secretary General (1992-1997).

After working a year with the Party of European Socialists (PES), he was appointed Head of the International department of the French Socialist party (1998-2004). He is Member of the National Council of the PS since 1994.

On 15 June 2004, Philip Cordery was appointed Secretary General of the Party of European Socialists.

David Capezzuto

Political Adviser, PES International Unit



Date of birth: 13 April 1982
Country of birth: Italy

David Capezzuto is an Italian and Australian national with a BA in International Studies and Political Science and a Master's in Diplomacy and Statecraft from the University of Birmingham, UK, and a DEA in Political Science from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

After working in Australia for two years in the media sector as Assistant to the Managing Director, David moved to Brussels and joined the Party of European Socialists as Assistant in the International Unit. David worked for a Member of the European Parliament with the position of Head of Office until 2008 before becoming part of the PES Team as Political Advisor of the International Unit.



3. Programme

Monday 8th March 2010

Arrival of participants

Tuesday 9th March 2010

08.30 – 09.30 Breakfast meeting with Philip Faure, Ambassador of France to Japan

11.00 – 12.00 Meeting with Tatsuo Yamazaki, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Service Agency

14.00 – 15.00 Meeting with Yukihiisa Fujita, Director-General of the International Department, Member of the House of Councillors, Democratic Party of Japan

Wednesday 10th March 2010

10.00 – 11.00 Meeting with Hidehiro Muramatsu, Director, European Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

11.15 – 11.45 Meeting with Masatsugu Asakawa, Deputy Vice Minister for International Finance, Ministry of Finance

12.30 – 13.50 Lunch hosted by Ambassador Hugh Richardson, Head of the EU Delegation

14.15 – 14.45 Meeting with Hiroshi Kawamura, Director, European Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15.00 – 15.30 Meeting with Masahiro Ohara, Deputy Director General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16.00 – 16.30 Meeting with Takehiro Kagawa, Deputy Director General, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

16.45 – 17.15 Meeting with Hiroaki Takiguchi, Director, Office of International Strategy on Climate Change, Ministry of Environment

Thursday 11th March 2010

08.00 – 08.30 Meeting with Harunobu Yonenaga, Vice Director-General of the International Department, Member of the House of Councillors, Democratic Party of Japan

09.30 – 10.30 Meeting with Mizuho Fukushima, President, Seiji Mataichi, Member of the House of Councillors, and Tokushin Yamauchi, Member of the House of Councillors, Social Democratic Party of Japan

12.00 – 12.30 Meeting with Kuniko Tanioka, Vice Director-General of the International Department, Member of the House of Councillors, Democratic Party of Japan

15.00 – 16.00 Meeting with President Nobuaki Koga, Japan Trade Union Confederation

16.30 – 17.30 Meeting with Tsutomu Okubo, Member of the House of Councillors and Chair of the Financial Committee, Democratic Party of Japan



4. Pictures



