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Open Symposium on Industrial Strategy and Global Competitiveness in Japan and the United States

As globalization progresses, the competitive rivalry between developed countries and countries once considered to be developing nations is getting fierce. While competing with the rising economies, developed countries must implement dual-faceted industrial strategies to realize both a high level of employment and a high quality of life by activating their local economies.

The Japan Foundation and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation will jointly conduct an open symposium featuring Abe fellows and Mansfield fellows to debate the industrial strategies of Japan and the United States from the academic and empirical points of view. Topics will range from the role of the auto industry as a driving force for the Japanese economy to the invigoration of entrepreneurial activity and the creative clusters of local communities.

Date and time: **Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 14:00 to 17:00**

Venue: **Japan Foundation International Conference Hall**

Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Admission and booking: Admission is free. **Booking is required.**

Speaker: Masaaki Sato, journalist and publisher of *Real Simple Japan* (Nikkei BP)

Moderator: Masaru Yoshitomi, President and Chief Research Officer, Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry

Participants: Takahiro Fujimoto (1995 Abe Fellow), Professor, University of Tokyo
Kathryn Ibata-Arens (2004 Abe Fellow), Professor, DePaul University
Keith Krulak (2001–03 Mansfield Fellow), U.S. Department of the State
Christopher Winship (2003–05 Mansfield Fellow), U.S. Department of the Treasury

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