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Public Symposium “Family and Work”
- Finding Policies for Supporting Family and Work in a Matured Economy -
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The common understanding of family and work values is under dramatic change, especially in Western countries. The appreciation of family value seems to be decreasing amidst an increasingly competitive work environment and change in personal priority. At the same time, advanced economies face declining population and dramatically increasing divorce.

This trend is similarly obvious in Japan and Germany, the world's second and third largest economies. Both countries face a decreasing birthrate and a rapidly aging society. Scientists and politicians in both countries look for solutions to stop or even to reverse this trend. Although an enormous number of publications, opinions and programs exist, no final, convincing solution seems to be in sight.

“The Basic Importance of Family and Work in Current Society – The Japanese and German Perspective”

Keynote Speech: *Ms. Kumiko Bando, Cabinet Office*

Keynote Speech: *Prof. Manfred Spieker, Osnabrück University*

“Positioning Values Concerning Family and Work in Today's Japanese and German Society”

Japanese Speaker: *Mr. Naoki Atsumi, Fujitsu Research Institute*

German Speaker: *Prof. Horst Helle, University of Munich*

“A Short History of the Basic Role of Family and Work in Japan and Germany”

Japanese Speaker: *Prof. Nobuko Nagase, Ochanomizu University*

German Speaker: *Dr. Wilhelm Haumann, Institut für Demoskopie Allensbach*

Discussion (open-ended)

Wednesday 26 March, 2008 15:30 ~ 18:30

**At the Japan Foundation Conference Hall, Ark Mori Bld. 20F, 1-12-32 Akasaka,
Minato-ku, Tokyo**

Language: English (simultaneous interpretation provided)

Admission: Free (Please register by March 19)

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