First Session
Program

Saturday, May 14  13:30-17:30
MC: Kakazu, Katsumi
(Acting Managing Director, Japanese-Language Department, The Japan Foundation)

13:30  Prospectus for First Session: Oka-Fukuroi, Mariko
(Former Managing Director, Japanese-Language Department, The Japan Foundation)

Part 1  Moderator: Ohashi, Rie (Associate Professor, The University of the Air)
New theories pertaining to national curricula and standards, with focus on communicative proficiency in each country

14:00~  (Presentation 20 min. + Q & A 10 min.)
Joseph Lo Bianco (Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia)
Richard Brecht (Executive Director, Center for Advanced Study of Language at the University of Maryland, USA)
(15:00~15:15  Coffee Break)
Yi, Dok Bong (Professor, Dongduk Women’s University, Korea)
Joanna Panthier (Administrator, Language Policy Division, Council of Europe)

16:15~  Discussion
17:30  End of the Session

Sunday, May 15  9:00-17:00
MC: Kakazu, Katsumi
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Part 2  Moderator: Ito, Sukero (Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Introduction of proficiency assessment tests that reflect language proficiency standards—with reference to language tests around the world

9:00~  (Presentation 20 min. + Q & A 10 min.)
Carl Falsgraf (Director, Center for Applied Second Language Studies, University of Oregon, USA)
Kate Green (Project Director, The Languages Ladder, The National Recognition Scheme for Languages, DfES, UK)
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David Baum (Assessment Specialist, Arts & Languages, Assessment Development Division, Educational Testing Service, USA)

(10:30~11:00 Coffee Break)

Katharina von Ruckteschell (Head, Language Department, Goethe-Institut, Germany)
Bruno Mègre (Program Manager, CIEP, France)
Xie, Xiaoqing (Deputy Director, HSK Testing Center of China)
Matsui, Yoshikazu (Professor, Osaka International University, and Chairman of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Planning Subcommittee)

13:00~ Lunch (buffet)

Part 3 Moderator: Hirataka, Fumiya (Professor, Keio University)
Discussion of themes to be set in establishing new proficiency standards in Japanese-language education

14:00 Facilitator: Otsubo, Kazuo (Professor, Reitaku University and member of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test Administration Committee)
14:20 Discussion
17:00 End of the Session