



May 2, 2013

Bahrain – Japan Business Forum

1. In line with the long-term cooperation between Japan and the Kingdom of Bahrain in the various fields which was highlighted lately by His Majesty's visit to Japan last April and further highlighted by the recent visit of H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commandar and First Deputy Prime Minister's visit to Japan last March, the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Bahrain is pleased to announce that a Japanese business delegation from **Japan Bahrain Economic Cooperation Association (JBECA)** will visit Bahrain on *May 13-15, 2013* and will hold Bahrain – Japan Business Forum on *May 14, 2013*. The Forum, which aims to attract key figures in the Bahrain and Japan business circles will provide an excellent opportunity to meet, engage and forge our relationship towards achieving our mutual goals. The Delegation of JBECA consists of 19 leading Japanese companies operating in the areas of engineering, pharmaceutical, food, landscape, finance, trading, steel, renewable energy, etc.. JBECA hopes to meet with officials of the concerned authorities and to discuss cooperation in future projects in Bahrain.
2. The Business Forum will be held at Al Dana 3 and 4, Gulf Convention Centre at The Gulf Hotel in Manama, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., **under the Patronage of H.E. Dr. Hassan Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce**, and will be immediately followed by a lunch reception. Opening Remarks will be delivered by H.E. Dr. Hassan Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Yoshihiro Shigehisa, President of JBECA, and Mr. Nasser Al Arayedh, Deputy President of The Bahrain-Japan Business and Friendship Society.
3. We are pleased to invite Government Officials, Businessmen and those who are interested in the Forum. Please see details of the event as below.

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For those interested to attend the Forum, kindly contact Embassy of Japan no later than *Wednesday, May 8th* to confirm attendance. About JBECA, please see its website at <http://jbeca.jp/en/>.

For further information in regard to this press release, media inquiries can be directed to Mr. Hiroto Asaoka, Cultural Affairs Section of Japanese Embassy at 17716565 and hiroto.asaoka@mofa.go.jp or to Japan Embassy's Web site at <http://www.bh.emb-japan.go.jp/index.htm>

PROGRAM

*Under the Patronage of
H.E. Dr. Hassan Fakhro,
Minister of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain*

*The Japan-Bahrain Economic Cooperation Association
(JBECA)*

Bahrain – Japan Business Forum

Date : May 14th, 2013

Time : 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Program : 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Opening Session

- 1. Opening address by H.E. Dr. Hassan bin Abdulla Fakhro,
Minister of Industry and Commerce*
- 2. Opening address by Mr. Yoshihiro Shigehisa, Chairman of JBEC A*
- 3. Welcome address by Mr. Nasser Al Arayedh,
Deputy President of Bahrain-Japan Business and Friendship Society*

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon Presentation by JBEC A

*Venue : Al Dana 3 & 4, Gulf Convention Centre,
The Gulf Hotel, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain*

Lunch reception will follow.

JBECA Companies' Profile

Company		Company Overview	Company Home Page
1	IHI Corporation	IHI was established 1853. This year is 160th anniversary. IHI manufactures an enormous range of products covering all areas of human activity from the earth to outer space.	www.ihico.jp/en/index.html
2	ITO EN, LTD.	ITO EN not only provides ready-to-drink beverage products but also a wide range of green tea products, including tea leaf products and tea powder and so on. At present, ITO EN handles more than 20% of all the green tea produced in Japan.	http://www.itoen.co.jp/eng/
3	SBI Pharmaceuticals Co.,Ltd	SBI Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. is a joint venture company founded by SBI Holdings, Inc. and COSMO OIL Co., Ltd. for the development and manufacturing of products containing 5-ALA (5-Aminolevulinic Acid). The purpose of SBI Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. is to provide 5-ALA-based products in the fields of medicine cosmetics, and health foods (dietary supplements).	http://www.sbipharma.co.jp/english/index.html
4	Ebara Corporation	Founded in 1912, EBARA CORPORATION is one of the world's principal manufacturers of industrial machinery, based especially on its fluid machinery, such as pumps and compressors. We have supplied more than 500 pump units to Kingdom of Bahrain, which mainly contribute to supply water.	www.ebara.co.jp/en/
5	Marine Products Kimuraya Co., Ltd.	General marine-product food-processing company mainly mozuku sea-algae and are penetrating into high polymer fucoidan for health-food industry and Oriental medicine industry	http://fucoidan-evidence.jp/en/
6	Kosugi Zohen Co., Ltd.	Kosugi Zohen is a landscape design and landscape construction company, founded in 1943 and incorporated in 1978, based in Tokyo. The company provides services including landscape design, landscape construction, and consultation work; maintenance of gardens and green space of condominiums and private houses. It has 100 employees and annually maintains gardens of 1700 condominiums. After gold medal award winning at World Skills International 2007, its Japanese Garden expertise has been recognized outside Japan and overseas projects were realized. We endeavor to spread Japanese Garden culture in the world and participated in Bahrain International Garden Show 2013.	http://kosugi-zohen.co.jp/index_en.html
7	Sumitomo Corporation	We, Sumitomo Corporation, are engaged in multifaceted business activities benefitting from our Integrated Corporate Strength, selling a variety of domestic products and services, conducting import/export and trilateral business transactions, providing domestic and international business investment, and participating in numerous other profitable activities facilitated by our global network and the relationships of trust built with corporate business partners and consumers in various industrial sectors around the world.	http://www.sumitomocorp.co.jp/english/

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8	JGC Corporation	<p>Since the company's establishment in 1928, JGC engineering has left its mark on numerous projects in the field of hydrocarbons the world over. Many have been major, state-sponsored projects carried out in Asia, Africa, South America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. JGC has the accumulated experience gained from over 20,000 projects performed in approximately 70 countries. It therefore, JGC is recognized internationally as a first-class engineering company with superior technological capabilities. In Bahrain, JGC has worked since 1970's for many oil & gas related projects.</p> <p>In these days, JGC has expanded its business into various industrial area and therefore hopes to contribute to Bahrain not only hydrocarbon projects but also such non-hydrocarbon related new business.</p>	http://www.jgc.co.jp/
9	NEC Corporation	<p>*Date of establishment: 17th July, 1899 *Number of employees: 109,102 (NEC Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries, as of March, 2012) *Main products and services: IT Services, Platform, Carrier Network, Social Infrastructure, Personal Solutions *Consolidated Net Sales: JPY 3,036.8 billion (Fiscal year ended March 31,2012) Overseas activities and investments: *NEC's overseas activities are operated by 5 regional head quarters; EMEA, North America, Latin America, APAC, and Greater China. *On top of our main businesses mentioned above, NEC is challenging the new business such as Smart Energy, Cloud Services, Public Safety business etc for Japan and abroad markets. For this, NEC has established and strengthened the centers of competence for each businesses.</p>	http://www.nec.com/
10	Nomura Holdings, Inc.	<p>Nomura is a leading financial services group and the preeminent Asian-based investment bank. When taking a look at MENA region, Nomura has been in Bahrain over 80 years. Nomura provides a broad range of innovative solutions tailored to the specific requirements of industrial, institutional corporate and government clients through an international network in over 30 countries.</p>	http://www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/holdings/
11	Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.	<p>Fuji Electric is a leading-edge company in "Energy and Environment", which consists of five technology fields that unlock the potential of electricity: Power and Social Infrastructure, Industrial Infrastructure, Power Electronics, Electronic Devices and Food and Beverage Distribution</p>	www.fujielectric.com
12	Marubeni corporation	<p>Marubeni is involved in the handling of products and provision of services in a broad range of sectors. These areas encompass importing and exporting, as well as transactions in the Japanese market, related to food materials, food products, textiles, materials, pulp and paper, chemicals, energy, metals and mineral resources, transportation machinery, and includes offshore trading.</p> <p>The Company's activities also extend to power projects and infrastructure, plants and industrial machinery, finance, logistics and information industry, and real estate development and construction.</p> <p>Additionally, Marubeni conducts business investment, development and management on a global level.</p>	http://www.marubeni.com

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13	Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd is the corporate and investment banking arm of Mizuho Financial Group, one of the largest Japanese financial services Groups and has the Bahrain Office since 1980.	http://www.mizuhocbk.com/index.html
14	Mitaka Kohki Co., Ltd.	MITAKA KOHKI manufactured the various industrial devices including a 3D measurement device and space observation and medical devices. Currently it is developing a carbon-free solar power generation system and seawater desalination system.	http://www.mitakakohki.co.jp/english/
15	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, UFJ Ltd. Is an integral part of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG), one of the world's largest and most diversified financial groups with total assets of JPY224 trillion. The group has the largest overseas network of any Japanese bank in more than 40 countries and 500 offices around the world.	http://www.bk.mufg.jp/english/
16	Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd.	A Japanese leading Electric-Arc Furnace Mill, producing structural steel. Having steel plants in Japan, USA, Thailand, Korea and Bahrain ("SULB" DRI based, 1.5mil annual capacity), with global crude steel production capacity of approx. 3.5 mil tons.	http://www.yamatokogyo.co.jp/yamato/english/index.html
17	Yokogawa Electric Corporation	From its founding in 1915, Yokogawa Electric Corporation has contributed to society by supplying industry with cutting-edge products based on its measurement, control, and information technologies.	http://www.yokogawa.com/
18	Orchester Inc.	Orchester acts as the exclusive agent for several Japanese companies which have unique technologies and patents in the field of Medicine and Science. Our strength is the unique network and flexibility.	http://www.orchester.co.jp/en/
19	Japan Bank for International Cooperation	Japan Bank for International Cooperation is a policy-based financial institution wholly owned by the Japanese government, having the purpose of contributing to the sound development of Japan and the international economy/society through financial operations.	http://www.jbic.go.jp/en/