

**The twentieth Edition of Roundtable Japan*****Meeting the requisites to remain a global player*****Tokyo, 14-15 November 2024**

Over its twenty years of existence as an annual event, the Roundtable Japan has established its role and value as one of the most relevant platforms for thinking the future of Japan in a fast-changing global context.

This 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Roundtable will again be among the major in-person events in Tokyo to share insights on the corporate initiatives and government policies to accelerate and expand Japan's process of economic and social transformation while responding to the radical changes in the regional and global geopolitical environment. In a true brainstorming fashion, speakers and participants will explore and assess such initiatives and policies to help address existing challenges and make new opportunities of them.

Created in 2005, Roundtable Japan is an annual *rendezvous* to review the key challenges shaping the mid-term future of Japan and to generate ideas and proposals that will have an impact on public policies and corporate orientations. The Roundtable brings together innovative thought-leaders, political and business personalities from Japan and abroad to contribute to the on-going discussion on the future of Japan in the global context.

- ✓ **A unique format** of well-structured brainstorming sessions is designed to generate actionable outcomes.
- ✓ **A top-level attendance**, limited to 150 by-invitation-only participants to ensure the diversity of viewpoints while keeping a manageable size for optimum interaction. Participants include top business leaders from Japanese corporations as well as from global corporations involved in Japan, policy makers and public personalities, thought leaders and opinion makers.
- ✓ **A prestigious media Partner**, the Nikkei, has been Roundtable Japan's media partner from the beginning, reporting on it both in its Japanese & English papers while respecting Chatham House rule to protect the openness of the interaction which is the hallmark of the Roundtable Japan.

**The value proposition**

- ✓ A timely event: This 20<sup>th</sup> edition is scheduled at a moment of increasing pressures to accelerate the DX and GX transformations, to ensure the sustainability, and competitiveness of Corporate Japan and Tokyo's attractiveness as a global financial and investment hub. Meanwhile, an increasingly volatile and tense regional and global geopolitical context is calling for cold-headed responses;
- ✓ A unique platform to impact the on-going discussion about the future of Japan;
- ✓ A club-like atmosphere to connect and interact with the people who count;
- ✓ "Straight talk" discussions (English/Japanese simultaneous translation for unhindered interaction)
- ✓ A time-efficient update on Japan's key economic business and political challenges and prospects
- ✓ An opportunity to develop and nurture business and personal relationships.

**Some of the topics on the agenda of Roundtable Japan 2024**

- **Assessing the implications of the outcome of the US presidential election for Japan and for the geopolitical landscape**
- **Japan as an "Asset Management Nation"**
- **Managing the normalization of Japan's monetary policy**
- **Resetting the economic relationship with China despite the divide on security and geopolitical issues?**
- **AI and the revitalization of Corporate Japan**

- **Making the most of the Japan-India special partnership**
- **Analyzing market fluctuations: stock market, bond market, exchange rates market**
- **What new steps going beyond the two Million foreign workers milestone?**
- **Restoring Japan's place as an innovation leader**
- **Does Japan have an energy transition strategy?**
- **Enhancing corporate value that will translate in the financial markets**

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