



The Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver and The Centre for Japanese Research of University of British Columbia are pleased to present a lecture on:

# Japanese Politics and Economy: What course should Japan take?

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*(Lecture Held in English)*

Location

**UBC Asian Centre Auditorium**

**1871 West Mall**

<http://www.asia.ubc.ca/departments/about-us/directions.html>

Time

**4:00 PM**

*(Presentation and discussion about 1hr)*

Last year, there was an historic changeover of power in Japan from the former Liberal Democratic Party coalition to a new governing coalition led by Democratic Party of Japan. This new government is struggling to steer a difficult course in order to tackle complex and diverse issues that are present in both domestic and foreign challenges affecting Japan. Mr. Katsuyuki Yakushiji, an expert on the politics and diplomacy of Japan will discuss how Japanese politics, economy, and diplomacy should progress.

Mr. Yakushiji is currently a senior staff writer at the Asahi Shimbun in Tokyo, Japan and a special visiting professor at Gakusyuin University. He has published several books and articles on the history of various high-ranking Japanese politicians. His publications include work on the current Prime Minister, Naoto Kan. Mr. Yakushiji has served as a lecturer at Osaka University and Waseda University, and as a visiting professor at Kyoto University. His experience also includes the position of visiting fellow at the Henry Stimson Center in Washington, D.C. where he presented on the evolution of Japanese security policy.

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