

**8-10 October 1998
at Hotel New Otani, Tokyo**

8 October

- 10:00 - 12:00 Preparatory Meeting for the European Members
(5th floor Asebi room)
- 12.0 - 13.30 Co-chairman preparatory meeting and lunch
- 15:00 – 15:50 Co-chairmen's pre-meeting
- 16:00 – 16:30 Opening session
Opening address by co-chairmen
Dr. T. Sekimoto, Chairman, NEC Corporation
Viscount E. Davignon, Chairman, Société Générale de Belgique
- Greetings from:
Mr. S. Micossi, Director General for Industry (DGIII),
European Commission
Mr. H. Arai, Vice-Minister of MITI
- 16:30 – 17:50 "Japanese economy and business"
"Current situation and prospects"
Guest speaker Mr. K. Kaku, Deputy Chairman, Daiwa
Institute of Research Ltd
"Need for Governmental Action"
Dr. T. Sekimoto, Chairman, NEC Corporation
"Views and suggestions from European corporations"
by EU member
Discussion
- 18:00 – 20:00 Joint buffet-style reception for Round Table and Business
Forum Members
Greetings by:
Mr. Y. Kobayashi, Vice Chairman and President KeizaiDoyukai,
Chairman, Fuji Xerox
Viscount E. Davignon, Co-Chairman, EU-Japan Industrialists
Round Table
Chairman, Société Générale de Belgique

9 October

- 8:45 - 10:45 Joint Round Table / Business Forum Session
Co-chaired by

Dr. T. Sekimoto, Chairman of NEC Corporation
Dr. T. Hardiman, Chairman of IBM International Treasury
Services Co.

“Asian currency crisis and Asian economy”

Mr. K. Minaguchi, Vice -Chairman and President,
KeizaiDoyukai
Advisor, Nomura Reserach Institute Ltd
Mr. R. Willi, Chairman Asia-Pacific, Dresdner Bank AG

“Corporate Governance”

Mr. Kosai, President, Sumitotmo Chemicals Co., Ltd

Discussion

10:45 - 11:00

Break

11:00 - 12:30

“EU economy and business”

“The Euro and its impact”

Viscount E. Davignon,

“Enlargement of the EU”

EU member

“Views and suggestions from Japanese corporations in the
EU”

Mr. H. Hamada, Chairman, RICOH Co., Ltd.

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

“Deregulation and competitiveness”

- Deregulation in Japan

Japanese Working Group report by Mr. H. Hamada,
Chairman, RICOH Co., Ltd

- Deregulation in EU

EU Working Group report by Mr. R. Perissisch, Director of
Public and Economic Affairs, Pirelli SpA

Discussion

15:00 - 16:00

“Telecommunication and Standard Issues”

- Working Group report from Mr. M. Naruto, Vice-Chairman
Fujitsu Ltd.

- Discussion

16:00 - 16:15

Coffee break

16:15 - 17:00

Wrap-up and Comments from MITI and the Commission

- Wrap-up by co-chairmen

Dr. T. Sekimoto, Chairman of NEC Corporation

Viscount E. Davignon, Chairman of Société Générale de Belgique

- Comments from
Mr. H. Arai, Vice Minister of MITI
Mr. S. Micossi, Director General for Industry (DGIII),
European Commission

10 October

Round Table Special Session on Electronic Commerce
open to Business Forum members, EU Commission, MITI etc.

10:30 - 12:20

“Electronic commerce”

- Speech by
Dr.M. Bangemann, Member of the Commission
- Working Group report by:
Mr. Naruto, Vice-Chairman, Fujitsu Ltd.
- Comments from European Industrialists
Mr. E. Brok, Vice-President of European Affairs,
Bertelsmann AG
Mr. H. Martre, Chairman, AFNOR
- Comments from Mr. H. Arai, Vice-Minister, MITI
- Discussion

12:20 - 12:30

- Closing
- Closing remarks by co-chairmen
Dr. T. Sekimoto, Chairman, NEC Corporation
Viscount E. Davignon, Chairman, Société Générale de Belgique

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

Press conference
Dr. M. Bangemann, Member of the Commission
Dr. Sekimoto, Chairman, NEC Corporation
Viscount E. Davignon, Chairman, Société Générale de Belgique
Mr. S. Micossi, Director General Industry (DGIII), European
Commssion
Mr. H. Arai, Vice-Minister of MITI