

# Japanese Conference Series, 2009

Mitigating Endemic Democratic Problems, MEDP.

2000 places for delegates are available; the deadline for abstract submission is April 1, 2009, with the deadline for article submission May 1, 2009. If you think you have a way to improve any aspect of Japan, this conference is for you. Your paper -directed to a section, perhaps an Japanese ministry of government or other - (if accepted) will have its main points published in a book chapter. The goal of the conference is to provide the Japanese government and civil society with **practical (meaning realistic, immediately feasible) prescriptions** for their improvement. Lists of all sections are provided at the end of this document. After the conference is finished, each section's body of work will be distributed to the appropriate government ministry, public libraries, major media bodies, larger NGOs of Japan, and larger university bodies. All sections will then be published into a volume(s) by a local university press and be available for purchase worldwide. This dispersion of practical and realizable information may improve Japan.

June 1-4, 2009, will host MEDP's Japanese Conference Series to improve Japanese government and society. All Japanese government ministries will go under scrutiny (a list of them is available at the bottom of the page), as well as seven endemic problems with democracy which MEDP has identified, along with two auxiliary committees (chaired by technical school professors and exceptional post-graduate engineering students to make technical recommendations) and a specialist committee (chaired by specialists in Japanese government, society, and/or economy, to make in-depth specialist recommendations).

**All university students, academic staff, professionals, or members of the general public with either (a) relevant work experience, (b) relevant university degrees, or (c) an excellent paper are welcome to submit abstracts or articles for our conferences. University, technical school, and high school students, as well as general population are eligible to participate as audience bodies.**

University professors, doctorate holders, or senior professionals (at least 10 years of experience) vested in Japanese democracy, who specialize in Japanese government, society, and/or economy are asked to present abstracts for the **specialist committee**.

The benefits of participating in this conference series are:

- 1) Sparking discussion and awareness of practical improvements may increase the Japanese human condition.
- 2) You and your institution gain a conference proceedings publication, first class book chapter publication, and possibly a peer-reviewed journal article publication in MEDP's annual journal, *The International Abridgment of Democratic Improvement*.
- 3) Valuable discussion, networking, and the strengthening of civil society.

If you are aware of any persons (students, colleagues, friends, etc.) which may be interested in this interdisciplinary conference series, please forward this email. Below are the sections for the Japanese Conference Series currently accepting abstracts and/or papers.

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Representation, are there flaws in this system?

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Constitution, does it reflect Japan's pluralist society?

Auxiliary Committees - Are there areas of Japanese technology, technical economy, agriculture, etc., that need improvement? How?

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