

**TENTH DELEGATION FROM JAPAN –  
10-13 February 2003**

The tenth delegation from Japan consisted of six Diet Members from the Liberal Democratic Party and the Democratic Party of Japan, plus a representative from the Japan Center for International Exchange.

Delegation Members included:

Liberal Democratic Party

**Mr Norihisa Tamura MP** – (delegation leader), Member, House of Representatives, Mie 4<sup>th</sup> District;

**Mr Yasushi Kaneko MP** – Member, House of Representatives, Kumamoto 5<sup>th</sup> District;

**Mr Yoichi Miyazawa MP** – Member, House of Representatives, Hiroshima 7<sup>th</sup> District;

Democratic Party of Japan

**Mr Masamitsu Naito MP** – Member, House of Councillors, Proportional Representation;

**Mr Koji Matsui MP** - Member, House of Councillors, Kyoto District;

**Mr Osamu Yamauchi MP** - Member, House of Representatives, Proportional Representation Chugoku Block;

Japan Center for International Exchange

**Mr Hyoma Ito**

The delegation visited Canberra and Sydney during its four-day visit. Unfortunately the sitting of the Japanese Diet prevented a longer visit, but delegation members were still afforded the opportunity to meet with many involved in politics and were able to gain an appreciation of life in Australia.

Canberra

The delegation arrived in Sydney on Monday morning 10 February, and departed immediately for Canberra. Upon their arrival in Canberra the program commenced with lunch hosted by **Mr Chris Pearce MP** and **Mr Michael Keenan**, former delegates to Japan 2002.

The Canberra program included meetings/briefings with:

- **Hon Neil Andrew MP**, Speaker of the House of Representatives, (Patron of the Council) and **Senator the Hon Paul Calvert**, President of the Senate, (Patron of the Council);
- **Mr Tony Nutt** (USA 1989, UK 1995), Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister;
- **Hon Alexander Downer MP** (USA 1986), Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- **Mr Kevin Rudd MP**, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- **Senator Andrew Bartlett** (Germany 1995), Leader of the Australian Democrats, (Principal of the Council);
- **Hon Ross Cameron MP** (Japan 1998), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services;

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- **Ms Jenny Macklin MP**, Deputy Leader of the Opposition;
- **Parliamentary Relations Office**;
- **Mr Bruce Edwards** (Japan 1992) from the **Liberal Party of Australia**;
- **Mr Tim Gartrell** (USA 2002) and **Mr Linus Power** from the **Australian Labor Party**;
- **Australian Electoral Commission**; and
- **Professor Gordon de Brouwer**, Australia-Japan Research Centre, Australian National University.

Other activities included:

- Lunch hosted by **Senator the Hon Eric Abetz** (Germany 1991, Vietnam 1996), Special Minister of State;
- Reception and dinner at the residence of **HE Mr Atsushi Hatakenaka**, Ambassador of Japan;
- Lunch in Parliament House with former delegates to Japan, hosted by Council Members, **Hon Alan Cadman MP** and **Ms Sam Hudson**; and
- a tour of Canberra, including areas affected by the bushfires with **Mr Chris Fry** (Japan 1999).

### Sydney

The delegation spent its last day in Sydney, where the program included:

- a briefing on the Australian Economy by the Macquarie Bank, arranged by **Mr Jody Fassina** (Vietnam 2001);
- a meeting and morning tea with **Hon Amanda Fazio MLC** (Japan 1994) to discuss the NSW State Election;
- lunch at the residence of the Consul-General, **Mr Shigenobu Kato**; and
- drinks at the home of **Mr Andrew Robb AO** (Japan 1993).