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A Conference co-organised by the International Institute of Air & Space Law (IIASL, www.iiasl.aero), and the Modern East Asia Research Centre (MEARC, www.mearc.eu), Leiden University, The Netherlands

The four hundred year history of Dutch-Japanese trade relations is the longest sustained relationship between Japan and any Western nation. This relationship has borne witness to and survived massive social, political, and intellectual change across the globe. The aim of this one day conference is to explore some of the ways in which technological advancements have impacted on this key relationship, which lies at the core of Japan's orientation towards Europe more generally.

In particular, the conference will focus on the evolution of transport relations and their social, political (including strategic) and legal implications. In this context, maritime, aviation, and space relations will be addressed. The use of space technologies - and the case of the International Space Station (ISS) as a concrete example of cooperation between Europe, Japan, and other partners - is of special interest in the present, as a launching point for consideration of the future ... perhaps *the next four hundred years*.

The last session of the conference, hosted by Asiascape.net, will pick up on the idea of space and 'the future' as categories that are in need of careful and imaginative consideration in order to keep this vital international relationship healthy. This session will explore the interactions between imagination (and prediction) and technological change, focussing in particular on visions of the (space-faring) future in Japan, the Netherlands and Europe more widely. Various futurities from a comparative perspective will be investigated, asking questions about what such visions tell us about the (socio-cultural and political) present and the (socio-technological) evolution of the future.

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PROGRAMME

I. Opening Session (09.00-10.45 hrs)

Chairman: *Professor Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, Leiden University*

Welcome address

- *H.E. Judge Hisashi Owada, International Court of Justice, The Hague*

Opening address

- *H.E. Mr. Camiel Eurlings, Minister of Transport and Public Works, The Hague*

Setting the Scene

- The development of Japanese-Dutch Trade and Transport relations
H.E. Mr. Minoru Shibuya, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Cooperation in space between Japan and Europe
Mr. Peter Hulst, Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations, ESA
- Maritime relations between Japan and The Netherlands
Mr. Hubert-Jan van der Wyck, former managing director, Nedlloyd Lines, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Coffee Break hosted by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines: 10.45 - 11.10 hrs

II. Aviation panel (11.10 – 12.30 hrs):

LIBERALISATION AND GLOBALISATION OF AIR SERVICES

Chairmen:

Mr. Hiroshi Maruyama, President, Japan International Transport Institute, Japan

and

Mr. Michiel van der Zee, Slot coordinator The Netherlands, Vice Chairman of the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University

- The challenge of world wide liberalisation of air services
Mr. Nobutaka Ishikure, Advisor to Japan Airlines Corporation, Japan
- Serving the world: the potential of bilateral air relations to help resolve the global challenges of development, energy, and climate change
Mr. Jan-Ernst de Groot, Managing Director, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
- Concluding remarks of the morning sessions
Mr. Mark Dierikx, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, The Netherlands

Lunch Break hosted by the President of Leiden University: 12.30-14.00 hrs



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III. Space panel (14.00 – 16.10 hrs):

JAPAN-EUROPE COOPERATION IN SPACE –
THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (ISS) AS AN EXAMPLE

Chairmen:

Prof. Toshio Kosuge, University of Electrocommunications, Japan
and

*Mrs. Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Deputy Director, International Institute of
Air and Space Law, University of Leiden, and President, International
Institute of Space Law*

- International cooperation in space activities: the UN context
*H.E. Judge Peter Tomka, International Court of Justice, The
Hague (invited)*
- The ISS and Europe/Japan interactions in space: a view from
Japan
Mr. Masahiko Sato, Head Legal Affairs, JAXA, Japan
- The ISS and Europe/Japan interactions in space: a view from
Europe
*Mr. Robert Veldhuyzen, Head Programmatic Division,
Directorate of Human Space Flight, ESA/Estec*
- Prospects for and legal implications of future space coopera-
tion between Japan and Europe
Prof. Setsuko Aoki, Keio University, Japan

Tea break hosted by Martinair: 16.10-16.30 hrs

IV. Visions of the Future and Asiascape Exhibition (16.30-17.30 hrs):

IMAGINEERING THE FUTURE OF JAPAN AND EUROPE IN SPACE (AND
BEYOND) - YONSIDERING VISIONS AND IMAGES FROM EAST EN WEST

Chairman:

*Prof. Chris Goto-Jones, Director, Modern East Asia Research Centre,
and Professor of Modern Japan, Leiden University, The Netherlands*

- Visions of the Future in Modern Japan: the Next Four-
Hundred Years
Prof. Susan Napier, Tufts University, USA
- Visions of the Future in Modern Europe and the USA: the
Next Four-Hundred Years
Prof. Peter Pels, Leiden University, The Netherlands
- An Introduction to the Asiascape.net Exhibition: Visions of
the Future, East & West
Prof. Chris Goto-Jones, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Visit of the Japanese Room in the Peace Palace, and closing drinks
hosted by the Modern East Asia Research Centre (MEARC): 17.30 –
18.30 hrs

During drinks there is the opportunity to visit the exhibition of
anime stills sponsored by Toei Animation, Japan

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