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AJS Business Series 2009

Japanese Investment Down-Under: Recent events and where to from here?

With veteran panel including:

- **Manuel Panagiotopoulos**, economist & advisor on Australia-Japan relations
- **Tomohiro Takasa**, Chief, Sydney Bureau, the Nikkei
- **Ryuzo Saito**, CEO & Managing Director, Itochu Australia

In the recent past, a number of events have altered the landscape of Japanese investment in Australia. The abrupt decline of the Aussie dollar against the yen, Kirin's purchase of National Foods and more recently Lion Nathan, the acquisition of a stake in the Australian life insurance industry by a Japanese insurer, and the increasing interest of Chinese companies in the Australian mining sector, are set against the global financial crisis and its heavy impact on Japan.

Our distinguished panel will provide background to these developments and help us understand the current perspective of Japanese business towards Australia.

The discussion will include time for Q&A, followed by networking over drinks.

Background of speakers:

Manuel Panagiotopoulos was the Director of the Australia-Japan Economic Institute from 1989-1998. Manuel is currently a consultant to Deloitte, the Consulate-General of Japan and JETRO Sydney in addition to Blake Dawson and ANZ.

Tomohiro Takasa is the Chief, Sydney Bureau, for the Nikkei Inc. group of newspapers which includes the influential business daily the Nikkei (Nihon Keizai Shimbun). He covers all economic and political affairs in Australia, NZ and the South Pacific, and has been Bureau Chief since 2006.

Ryuzo (Roy) Saito was appointed to the position of Managing Director & CEO of Itochu Australia in April 2006. During its 50 year history in Australia, Itochu has been a significant investor as well as trader in Australian mineral resources, forests and food.

Date & Time	Wednesday 24 June 2009 5:30 for 6. Talk 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Networking drinks and snacks following
Venue	TressCox Lawyers Level 20, 135 King St, Sydney NSW 2000
Cost	\$30 AJS members \$35 non-members

Booking form is attached. **Please note we cannot accept payment on the night**, so make sure you send us your booking form early to reserve your place!

FAX or MAIL BOOKING FORM
Fax to: 02-9228-9299 (Attn Philip Mitchell)

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Wednesday June 24 2009.

Please RSVP BY Monday June 22, by filling in the form below and returning it by FAX or mail:

FAX: 02-9228-9299 (Attn: Philip Mitchell) OR

MAIL to: Australia-Japan Society of NSW, PO Box R937, Royal Exchange NSW 1225.

E-mail inquiries to bookingsnsw@austjapanfed.org.au

Note: To confirm your place we do need to receive your payment by Monday 22nd!

Persons attending (if more than one name record below):

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