

# 150 Years After the Meiji Restoration — Japan's Global Engagement Then and Now

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 8  
2018  
12:00 – 7:30 PM**

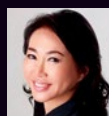
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**JAPAN IS CURRENTLY CELEBRATING** the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration. Canada's own sesquicentennial year just ended. And this year marks the 90th anniversary of the formal establishment of Canada-Japan diplomatic relations. The questions motivating this symposium reflect on those seminal moments. What can we learn from Japan's early global engagement and its embrace of modernity? What are the implications for Japan's current leadership and diplomacy in regional and global settings? What needs to be done to strengthen relationships between Canada and Japan and to deepen their cooperation in pursuit of shared interests? A distinguished group of speakers from Japan and Canada will address such questions and open an important, future-oriented conversation.

#### OPENING KEYNOTE

*Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution  
in Heavy Industry*



**Ms Koko Kato,**  
Special Advisor to the Cabinet Office,  
Government of Japan

#### PANEL 1:

*Japan's Entry into International Society*



*Featured speaker:*  
**Professor Tomoko Okagaki,**  
Dokkyo University

*Commentators:*



**Professor Robert Vipond,**  
Director, Department of Political Science,  
University of Toronto



**Ms Deanna Horton,**  
Munk School of Global Affairs

#### PANEL 2:

*Japan's Future Challenges:  
Lessons from the Meiji Era*



*Featured Speaker:*  
**Professor Yuichi Hosoya,**  
International Politics, Keio University



*Commentator:*  
**Professor David Welch**  
Dean's Distinguished Visiting Scholar,  
Endowed Chair Program in Japanese  
Politics and Global Affairs, University  
of Toronto

#### CLOSING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



**Dr Sarah Taylor,**  
Director-General for North Asia  
and Oceania, Global Affairs Canada

**Professor Yuichi Hosoya**

**Professor Tomoko Okagaki**

**Ms Koko Kato**