

# ABC - GCCIJ - SCCIJ Joint Luncheon

## Speaker: Mr. Shuji Kobayakawa

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## Topic: Bank of Japan and Monetary Policy

### Summary:

Having gone through the "lost decades," Japan has often been quoted in the context of learning lessons from its bitter experiences. Recently, however, there have been changes. In this presentation, Mr. Kobayakawa will discuss what the Bank of Japan has done in order to overcome deflation. While the Bank initiated a number of measures as an "avant-courier" of unconventional monetary policy, he will also discuss implications of those initiatives for foreign firms based in Japan.

### Biography:

Mr. Shuji Kobayakawa is currently Assistant Director-General of Monetary Affairs Department which plans and formulates monetary policy at the Bank of Japan. After having worked for the OECD as an economist covering structural policy analysis and country analysis of New Zealand and Canada, he became a chief editor of the Bank's "Financial System Report". He then headed the Bank's statistics division before assuming the current position. Mr. Kobayakawa has a M.Phil. and a D.Phil. in Economics, both from the University of Oxford.

**Date:** Thursday, May 9, 2013  
**Time:** 12:00 to 14:00  
**Venue:** Grand Hyatt Tokyo, 2F Anise  
<http://tokyo.grand.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp?language=en>  
**Fee:** 8,000 yen  
(No-shows and cancellation after deadline will be charged in full.)  
**Registration:** Please RSVP by April 28, via e-mail ([tokio@advantageaustria.org](mailto:tokio@advantageaustria.org))  
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