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18:00–19:30 Reception, hosted by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for
Foreign Affairs Shinichi Nakatani

[Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

(19:40 Bus leaves Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Hotel New Otani)

Thursday, December 5th

(8:55 Bus leaves Hotel New Otani for First Member's Bldg. of the House of
Representatives)

9:30 Opening remarks by the Chairmen
Eizo Kobayashi, Chairman, Japanese-German Forum (Japan)
Matthias Nass, Chairman, Japanese-German Forum (Germany)

9:40–12:30 **SESSION I** Political and economic change in Japan and
Germany: Challenges for resilient democracy

CHAIR: Eizo Kobayashi

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Toshiaki Miura (Political and Diplomatic
Correspondent, *The Asahi Shimbun*)

GERMAN SPEAKER: Prof. Dr. Karl-Rudolf Korte (Professor/Director of the
NRW School of Governance, Duisburg-Essen University)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

12:30–13:25 Lunch

13:30–17:15 **SESSION II** How to cope with protectionism and
authoritarianism around the world?

CHAIR: Matthias Nass

GERMAN SPEAKER: Dr. Markus Kaim (Helmut Schmidt Fellow, German
Marshall Fund of the United States / Senior Fellow,
German Institute for International and Security Affairs)

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Kenichiro Sasae (President and Director General,
The Japan Institute of International Affairs)

15:20-16:20 *Break*

(15:25 Leave First Member's Bldg. of the House of Representatives for
Prime Minister's Office on foot. **PLEASE BRING YOUR PASSPORT**)

15:50–16:05 Meeting with Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister, for German members

16:30–17:15 **SESSION II** resumption

(17:30 Bus leaves First Member's Bldg. of the House of Representatives for
Ambassador's residence)

18:00–19:30 Reception, hosted by the German Ambassador Designate to Japan,
H.E. Ina Lepel

[Venue: Ambassador's residence]

(19:40 Bus leaves Ambassador's residence for Hotel New Otani)

Friday, December 6th

(8:55 Bus leaves Hotel New Otani for First Member's Bldg. of the House of
Representatives)

9:30–12:30 **SESSION III** Efforts by Japanese and German Business
towards SDGs and their future collaboration

CHAIR: Eizo Kobayashi

JAPANESE SPEAKER: Chiaki Nosaka (Member of the Board & Corporate
Vice President, AJINOMOTO, Co., Inc.)

GERMAN SPEAKER: Nadine-Lan Hönighaus (Co executive director,
BDI/econsense)

11:00–11:15 *Coffee Break*

12:30–13:15 Lunch

(13:30 Bus leaves First Member's Bldg. of the House of Representatives for
Hotel New Otani)

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