INTERVIEW

WITH PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA AND PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL JANEZ JANŠA FOR THE NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN - NIKKEI



SUMMARY

Combat against climate change

The EU Member States has basically agreed on the reform of the EU-ETS which is the scheme to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) efficiently. I think that the effect will be very large if Japan cooperates. So I will ask the cooperation to the Japanese Prime Minister at the Summit on 23rd. The Japanese proposal to reduce GHG by the bottom up approach could be useful. I think it is necessary for the EU to study the advantage. The cooperation between the EU and Japan leads to a successful agreement for the post Kyoto protocol.

Tibet issue

The EU has serious concern on the human rights in Tibet and required Chinese authority to make a dialogue with Dalai Lama. The EU citizen is very sensitive to the violation of the human rights. I strongly desire to be solved the Tibet problem as soon as possible and not to affect for the Olympic Games.

Economic situation

It is very important to improve transparency of financial market to stop financial turbulence which is related with the US housing loan problem. At this stage the inflation become serous problem in Euro zone. It is unavoidable that Euro zone economy will slow down in 2008 even though it might not be recession.

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