In its series of public lectures, the German Institute for Japanese Studies will present on

**Thursday, 21 February 2008, 18.30 h**

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**CONSUMER PERCEPTION OF CAUSE-RELATED MARKETING**

Cause Related Marketing (CRM) refers to a partnership between a “for profit” company and a non-profit organization to raise funds for a social cause. CRM is one aspect of Corporate Social Responsibility and can be seen as being partly altruistic but also as being self-interested by enhancing corporate image. The presentation will show various examples of Japanese and non Japanese CRM programs. A specific CRM program allowing consumers to select among several charity organizations is tested in terms of its impact on the image of the company, its self-interest and the quality of its management with respondents from Japan and Singapore. Recommendations for managers, fundraisers and policy makers are formulated and discussed.

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The lecture will be given in English. It will take place on Thursday, 21 February 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at the DIJ. Admission is free, please register with Ms. Dinkel at the DIJ.

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