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The German and Japanese Economies Maneuvering in Uncharted Waters

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A rapidly ageing population, global warming, digitalization and AI, heightened geopolitical risks and an U.S. induced tariff war – entering 2025, the German and Japanese economies confront an increasingly challenging as well as uncertain economic environment. They share similarities in terms of industrial structure and export orientation, but they also exhibit marked differences with regard to fiscal and energy policy or migration. How do they confront the fundamental domestic and international challenges? What possible scenarios do they envisage? These and related questions will be addressed by two leading economic scholars. Their input statements will be followed by comments from two Japanese corporate leaders, before the floor will be opened to questions from the general audience. The event will be followed by a networking reception.

Monika Schnitzer has been the chair of the German Council of Economic Experts since October 2022 and a member since April 2020. She is professor of comparative economics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU). She was visiting professor at Stanford University, Yale University, the University of California, Berkeley and Harvard University. Her research focuses on innovation, competition and multinational corporations.

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The two commentators are **Osamu Mogi**, Chair, Japan-Europe Relations Committee, Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives); Representative Director and Senior Executive Corporate Officer, Kikkoman Corporation, and **Makoto Shiono**, Member, Keizai Doyukai; Partner, Industrial Growth Platform, Inc; Director of Management, The Institute of Geoeconomics. The discussion is moderated by **Franz Waldenberger**, Director of the DIJ.

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