

Dear Sirs,

We take pleasure in inviting you to the Conference "Japan one year after the disaster: Dignity, reconstruction, future, knowledge." The event, jointly organized by the Embassy of Japan in Italy and Osservatorio Asia, in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will take place at Villa Madama in Rome, on February 29th, 2012 (from 14.30 to 18.00).

The Conference will be dedicated to learning about the latest developments in Japan after the March 11th disaster last year and its global repercussions. The occasion will also provide an opportunity to discuss the "Japanese model" in the areas of politics, economy and science and technology, among others, and its implications for Italy.

This wide-spectrum reflection on Japan and on the potential for its closer relationship with Italy will be explored by distinguished personalities of both countries. The programme of the Conference is attached. (The working language is English).

We would be honoured if you could participate in this important event. Please note that attendance is by reservation only and the participants are kindly requested to register by February 23rd. Respond to Osservatorio Asia's office, at <u>convegni@osservatorioasia.com</u>, or call 0542.31977.

Yours sincerely,

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