



SIX MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE 3/11: A STATUS REPORT FROM THE STREETS OF JAPAN

We are hopeful that you have each enjoyed a wonderful holiday break during our limited months of summer and have returned to your responsibilities refreshed and ready for action. We have! So, without further preamble, we are herewith sending out the notice of the first presentation in the *2011 Autumn Series* of The Japan Society.

We are delighted to welcome back ROBERT ULMER, Counsellor (Commercial – Ontario), the senior Ontario Government Representative in Japan. For the past five years, Bob has managed Ontario's Japan Office which is located in the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. He has also walked the streets of Japan, both literally and figuratively, throughout his many years in Japan.

In this presentation, Bob will bring us insights and comments, both factual and anecdotal, on the past six months in Japan and the post 3/11 issues that continue to swirl around in the thoughts we each have about Japan, including: *the status of the recovery and rehabilitation process in the north east; where Fukushima is now; the continuing implications of the tsunami's impact; the stoical and settled response of the Japanese people to the tragedy; the parlous state of the government and the Diet ; the issue of leadership; the immediate and long-term future for Japanese business; the impact of the Japanese Women's soccer team World Cup victory; and on and on...* If you want or need to know the present state of Japan, this is your opportunity to be brought up-to-date!

This presentation will be held from 12:00 Noon on Monday, September 19th, at [*please note: we have moved this event to a different venue*] the offices of Davis LLP, 60th Floor, First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, Toronto. You have had the pleasure of the island view on many occasions; this time you will enjoy the sights of western Toronto from the 60th floor vantage point of the Davis offices!

Please call [[416.366.4196](tel:416.366.4196)] or email [ben@japansocietycanada.com] Ben Ciprietti to confirm your place for this special event.

As usual, a light lunch, with refreshments, will be provided at a cost of \$20 for Members of The Japan Society, the Shokokai and Canada-Japan Society of Toronto and for representatives of JETRO, and \$30 for non-Members [*please note: costs include HST*]. We look forward to welcoming you to this special presentation.

With kind regards,
Ben Ciprietti, President and John Craig, Chairman