



EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

Briefing to the delegation headed by the Latvian Minister of Transport Mr. Ainars Šlesers

Tokyo, 14th May 2008



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EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

Visit of the delegation headed by the Latvian Minister of Transport Mr. Ainars Šlesers to THO (maximum 25 people including the minister)

Programme timing

Date of visit:

Wednesday 14th May 2008

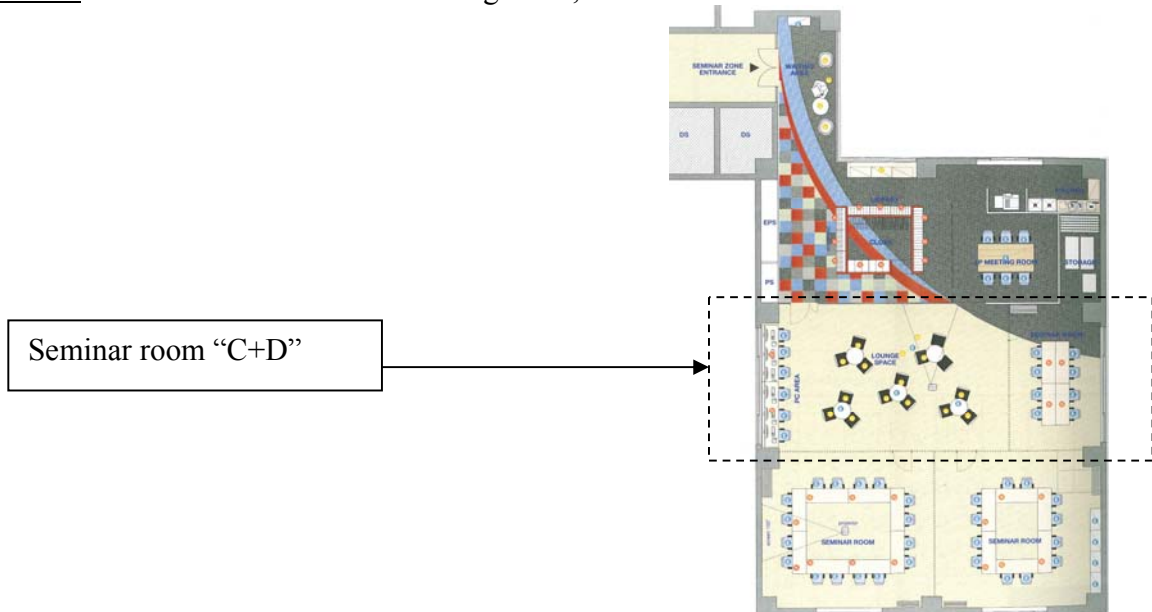
5月14日(水)

Arrival time in THO:

9h30 to 10h15 (45 minutes)

Location:

New training room, THO



Programme agenda

1. Welcome remarks by the EU-Japan Centre' top management
2. Presentation of the Centre's activities:
 - Energy Efficiency
 - FDI in Japan (in Hungary? Latvia?)
 - Seminars
 - Training programmes for businesspeople (topical mission, H RTP)
 - Training programmes for students (VIE, VIJ)
3. Questions and Answers

Delegation of the Minister of Transport

Officials

1. Mr. Ainars Šlesers, Minister of Transport
2. Ms. Inga Pelša, Head of the Minister's Office
3. Mr. Andris Maldups, Director of the Department of Transit Policy
4. Mr. Georgs Lansmanis, Adviser of the Minister
5. Mr. Andris Ozols, Director of the Latvian Investment Agency (LIAA)
6. Mr. Vladimirs Makarovs, Riga Free Port Authority
7. Mr. Uģis Magonis, Chairman of the Latvian Railways (LDz)
8. Mr. Māris Gavars, Chairman of the Board of the „LDz Cargo Logistics”
9. Mr. Helmut Kols, Adviser to the Board, „LDz Cargo”
10. Mr. Krišjānis Peters, Chairman of the Riga Airport
11. Ms. Natalie Marsans, Adviser to the Chairman of the Riga Airport
12. Mr. Bertolt Flick, President and CEO of the Air Baltic Corporation

Embassy representatives

1. Mr. Pēteris Vaivars, Ambassador
2. Mr. Egils Dzelme, Deputy Head of Mission
3. Mr. Olegs Orlovs, Attache to the Ambassador (Japan program only)
4. Mr. Dmitrijs Belousovs, LIAA Representative
5. Mr. Susumu Tanaka, Adviser to the Embassy (Japan program only)

Minister of Transport for the Republic of Latvia

Ainārs Šlesers アイナールス・シュレツセルス



Date and place of birth: January 22, 1970, Rīga

Education:

1999 – 2002	the Latvian Christian Academy
1990 - 1991	Christian Folk College in Norway
1986 -1989	Rīga Industrial Polytechnics
1977 - 1985	Rīga Secondary School No. 25

Work experience:

Since November 7, 2006	Minister for Transport
March 2006 - Nov 2006	Member of the 8th Saeima (Parliament of Latvia), Chairperson of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee of the Saeima
Dec 2004 - March 2006	Minister for Transport
March 2004 - Dec 2004	Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Transport
Feb 2004 - March 2004	Member of the 8th Saeima
Nov 2002 - Jan 2004	Deputy Prime Minister
Oct 2002	Member of the 8th Saeima
Oct - Nov 1998/1999 - 2002	Member of the 7th Saeima
Nov 1998 - April 1999	Minister for Economics
1996 - 1998	Director General of Varner Hakon Invest Ltd.
1996 - 1997	Director General of Rimi Baltija Ltd.
1995 - 1996, 1996 – 1998	Chairman of the Board and President of JSC Supermarket Centres
1994 - 1998	Director General of Varner Baltija Ltd.
1993 - 1996	President of Skandi Ltd.
1992 - 1996	President of Latvian-Norwegian joint venture, Latvian Information and Commerce Centre based in Norway

Political membership: Latvian First Party

Marital status: married, three children