

PRESS RELEASE

Vulcanus in Europe

The **EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation**, a joint venture by the **European Commission** and the **Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)** and exists to promote trade links between Europe and Japan.

Numerous European companies wish to access the Japanese market but lack the means and the opportunity. The **Vulcanus in Europe** programme (run by the EU-Japan Centre) is aimed at European industrial companies which are seeking an initial contact with Japan or wish to develop their business with this country. By offering the opportunity of hosting Japanese trainees for 8 months, Vulcanus also enables host companies to establish close links with future managers in Japanese industry.

The trainee will be an undergraduate/post-graduate science student from a Japanese university. As well as speaking Japanese and English, (s)he will take a four-month language course in the working language of the host company, before starting the traineeship.

The **Vulcanus in Europe** programme, launched in 1996, has enjoyed increasing success:

Vulcanus in Europe programme 2010: 1 August 2010 – 31 March 2011

Application form: www.eu-japan.eu/global/host-a-trainee.html

Application deadline: 30 September 2009

The EU-Japan Centre, a not-for-profit public body, will cover the accommodation and tuition costs during the language classes and during the seminar on the European Union and EU institutions.

The host company will be responsible for covering the following costs:

- a contribution of **€ 6,600**
Unless applicable laws require that payments to the student should be made directly by the host company, the host company will transfer the money to the EU-Japan Centre for it to pass on in the form of a grant.
In both cases the beneficiary shall receive this amount NET of all national taxes.
- national taxes & costs linked with wages, visas, work permits, if applicable (*)

() Laws on issues such as visas, wages and taxes within the EU are set at National/regional level. Though Vulcanus Host Companies are normally exempt from taxes/social security contributions, they are liable for potential costs arising from applicable law in the Member-State in question .Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.*

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EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation is a joint venture by the European Commission (EU) and the Ministry of Economy, International Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan. With its offices in Tokyo (since 1987) and Brussels (since 1996), the Centre is a not-for-profit organisation which organises training programmes and seminars in Japan for European managers on the Japanese business environment as well as in-service traineeships for scientific and technical students and the "Alternative Energy Programme". The EU-Japan Centre is also responsible for administering the EU-Japan Business Dialogue Round Table.

For more details: <http://www.eu-japan.eu/global/>

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