Special Lecture: Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Japan The euro, energy and geopolitical importance of Poland

## Cyryl KOZACZEWSKI Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Japan

Cyryl Kozaczewski joined the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995. He is a career diplomat with experience both in the fields of bilateral and multilateral affairs.

During his training period in the MFA's Personnel Policy Department he dealt with Central European countries, diplomatic protocol, consular affairs and Polish relations with and within the international institutions. This period included also one year assignment to the Polish Embassy in Seoul, Korea.

In 1997 he became an expert in the Security Policy Department, completed postgraduate studies in Geneva Centre for Security Policy in 1999 and from 2001 to 2005 he served as First Secretary in the Permanent Representation of Poland to NATO, dealing with arms control, non-proliferation and nuclear planning policy. He returned to Warsaw where he was acting Head of Nonproliferation and later OSCE Divisions.

This year Poland commemorates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its democratization. After experiencing "shock therapy" economic reforms in the 1990s, it has achieved political stabilization and transformed the economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe today. Poland's long history also went through flux and reflux of the tides, ruling vast track of land by the 16<sup>th</sup> century but being partitioned among neighboring powers by the late



18<sup>th</sup> century, and later gaining independence in 1918 but being overrun by Germany and the Soviet Union in the World War II.

Poland's history also reflects its geopolitically important position. One of the major gas pipelines from Russia to wider Europe runs through the country, and with the current turbulent events in the adjacent Ukaine and Russia, Poland holds a key position as a forefront of the NATO pact.

We feel honored to invite Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Japan, Mr Cyryl Kozaczewski, and listen to his lecture on energy, the euro and geopolitical importance of Poland. Students with interests in the current European affairs as well as regional and currency integration issues will find this lecture valuable.

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