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Though Asia remains a bright spot among global economies as shown in the latest OECD Economic Outlook report, Japan and its Asian neighbors are still at risk from the weakening of the global economy. In addition, Japan and its powerful neighbors China and South Korea will enter 2013 under new administrations with the chance that political disputes may affect trade ties. What should we expect for the regional economies, and what will be the challenges and opportunities ahead?

We have three top-rated economists, Takatoshi Ito, Jesper Koll and Long Ke, coming to FCCJ to share their views on Japan and the regional economic outlook.

Takatoshi Ito is a Professor at the Graduate School of Economics at the University of Tokyo. He has served in senior positions at the IMF and Japan's Ministry of Finance, and was a member of the Prime Minister's Council of Economic and Fiscal Policy from October 2006 to October 2008.

Jesper Koll is the head of Japanese equity research at JPMorgan Securities Japan. A long-time Japan observer and one of the top rated Japanese economists, Koll was appointed to the current position in 2009, and had previously worked as a Japan economist at SG Warburg, JP Morgan and Merrill Lynch.

Long Ke, Senior Fellow of Fujitsu Research Institute, specializes in Chinese macro-economy and enterprises, has a Masters degree in Economics from Nagoya University. Ke started his current position from 1998 and is a frequent commentator for various Japanese media on Chinese economic issues.

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