

# FRANKFURT “ASA NO KAI”

## JAPANESE-GERMAN BREAKFAST MEETING

Venue: Grandhotel Hessischer Hof, “Festsaal”, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 40, 60325 Frankfurt am Main

Time: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Monday), 08:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The Japanese-German Business Association (DJW) invites you to share ideas, contacts and information on business related topics while enjoying breakfast at our “Asa no Kai” in Frankfurt. On this occasion, we would like to cordially invite you in cooperation with German JSPS Alumni Association (JSPS-Club). Our guests will be welcomed by Consul General Takeshi Kamiyama. The event will be held in English.

### Agenda

**08:00** – Registration, Networking

**08:30** – Welcome, Breakfast

**09:00** – Speech, Q&A

**09:30** – Discussion, Announcements

**10:00** – Close

### Topic: “Humanoid Robots in Germany and Japan – the Future of Consumer Electronics?”

Since the commercialization of Softbank’s humanoid robot *Pepper* – a robot designed with the ability to read emotions – many began asking if this type of “emotional robot” will become the next big thing in the consumer electronics sector after smartphones and tablet PC. Notably, most *Pepper* robots are installed in Softbank’s own stores in Japan, although the company behind *Pepper*, Aldebaran Robotics, had been a French company before it was acquired by Softbank. Therefore, it seems a good time to discuss the future developments in this sector by comparing the status quo in academic research and industry in Germany and Japan. Would robots like *Pepper* be a success in Germany as well? If not, why not? If so, who would be ready to drive this development in Germany/Europe and what could be the expected outcome?

### Speaker: Dr. Christian Becker-Asano, Robert Bosch GmbH



Christian Becker-Asano is research scientist at Bosch R&D in Renningen (Stuttgart) applying artificial intelligence methodologies to practical problems of autonomous driving. Before receiving his doctor's degree from the University of Bielefeld in 2008, he was a Ph.D. student and research assistant in the Artificial Intelligence Group at the University of Bielefeld and a Pre-Doctoral Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) during a three month visit in 2005 at the National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo. He applied his experience in affective computing to the humanoid robots and androids of the Intelligent Robotics and Communication Labs at ATR in Kyoto, Japan, under the guidance of Prof. Hiroshi Ishiguro. From July 2010 until May 2015 he continued his research at the research group on the Foundations of Artificial Intelligence at University of Freiburg in Germany together with Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nebel.

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### Registration for “Asa no Kai” in Frankfurt on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Take this opportunity to network and register via email ([events@djw.de](mailto:events@djw.de)), fax (0211 - 99 45 92 12) or **online** before November 1<sup>st</sup>!

- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate. I am a **DJW member** and will participate for free.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to participate. I am **not a DJW member** and will cover the costs for breakfast by myself (**EUR 35**).

[Please transfer this amount in advance to the event – bank details will be provided after registration.]

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\* With my signature, I agree to have my name appear on the list of participants and to receive invitations to future DJW events via email. I am aware of the fact that photographs taken at the event might appear on the DJW website and on our social media presence. **Important:** The number of participants is limited. Applications will be processed in the order of their arrival. In case there are more applications than available seats, a waiting list will be opened. Please note that the fee will be charged if you do not attend but have failed to cancel your registration in written form up to two working days before the event. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact DJW (phone: 0211 - 99 45 91 91, email: [info@djw.de](mailto:info@djw.de)).