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The Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business (APK) is the flagship event for business leaders, executives, and political representatives to discuss and promote economic relations between Germany and Asia-Pacific. Since 1986, the conference is being held biennially in various locations across the Asia-Pacific region. The APK is jointly organized by the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), and the German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHK) in Asia-Pacific. It is co-chaired by the APA-Chairman, President and CEO of Siemens AG Joe Kaeser and the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Peter Altmaier. The local host is the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan (AHK Japan).

Confirmed Speakers



“ Asia is a global economic power house. The APK is the biggest German networking event in the region building new bridges and fostering cooperation. The fact that the conference will take place in Tokyo after the EU-Japan Free Trade Agreement entered into force in February 2019 sends out a clear signal: in times of increasing trade conflicts, we would like to further deepen the ties with our Asian partners, and free, rules-based trade is key for that. ”

Peter Altmaier, German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy



“ I'm convinced that Asia will play an even bigger role in the decades to come. In an increasingly complex, yet connected world, this trend brings both, opportunities and challenges for German companies and their partners in Asia. The APK in Tokyo shall play a vital role in deepening collaboration between Germany and Asia. It is more important than ever to ensure that we talk to each other rather than about each other. ”

Joe Kaeser, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA),
President & CEO Siemens AG



Prof. Dieter Kempf
President of the
Federation of German
Industries (BDI)



Dr. Eric Schweitzer
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