

## Event Report

Title: Visit of a delegation of CDU/CSU members of the Bundestag

Date: From Wednesday, 7 to Friday, February 9, 2024

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From February 7 to 9, the Japan Office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation had the honor of welcoming a delegation of members of the German Bundestag, led by **Dr. Johann Wadephul, Deputy Chairman of the Christian Democratic/ Social Union (CDU/CSU) parliamentary group**, to Japan and provided them an opportunity to exchange views with Japanese members of parliament and experts.

The delegation was invited to the general assembly of the Japan-Germany Parliamentary Friendship League held on February 7 at the Diet Members' Office Building, where they exchanged views with Japanese Diet members from the ruling and opposition parties, including **Hon. Toshiaki Endo, Chairperson of the Friendship League**. More than 50 Japanese parliamentarians attended the assembly and actively exchanged opinions on a wide range of topics, including not only German-Japanese foreign, security, and defense policy, but also human rights due diligence and policy toward Africa, etc.

During the visit, the delegation members paid also courtesy calls on **Hon. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs**, and **Hon. Minoru Kihara, Minister of Defense**, and confirmed the importance of strengthening Japan-German cooperation in security and defense fields in the face of the unstable international situation, referring to Japan-Germany contribution to the Indo-Pacific region and the ACSA. In an exchange of views with **Hon. Shintaro Ito, Minister of the Environment**, the theme of the meeting was the international approaches of Japan and Germany as advanced nations in addressing environmental and climate issues.

Meetings were also held with **Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs**, **Hon. Hiroshi Moriyama, Chairperson of the General Council of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)**, and **Hon. Kenta Izumi, President of the Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP)**, to discuss the political situation in Japan and Germany and the future of Japan-Germany cooperation, particularly in the security and defense fields.