

## Luxembourg meets Japan

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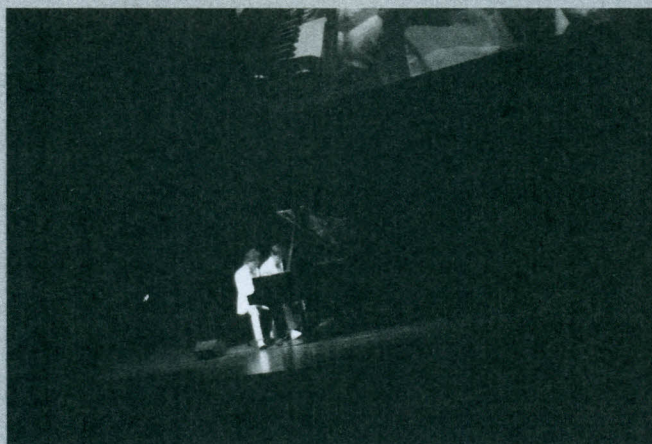
The land of the rising sun was the focus of the second in Voyages Emile Weber's "meet and greet" series. The events are aimed at bringing together decision makers from business and the public sector, diplomacy and culture, says the travel company.

Guest speakers included Japanese ambassador Takashi Suetsuna and director general of the Chamber of Commerce (and former ambassador of Luxembourg to Japan), Pierre Gramegna. Following a walking dinner of Japanese specialities, it concluded with a performance in the Philharmonie's grande auditorium by Les Frères, Japanese brothers Moriya and Keito Saito who first studied piano at the Luxembourg city conservatoire.

Both Suetsuna and Gramegna highlighted the differences and similarities between the two countries, but both urged Luxembourgers to visit Japan and discover a completely different world and way of life. Indeed, Gramegna pointed out that the Japanese mentality is in stark contrast to that in Luxembourg, not only because of the huge discrepancy in population density (in Japan only 15 percent of the country is populated), but also because of the different influence of foreign residents in the respective countries--only one percent of residents in Japan are foreign. ● DR



➡ Romain Kribs



◀ Pianist brothers Les Frères both trained at the Luxembourg city conservatoire

➡ Pierre Gramegna with Japanese ambassador Takashi Suetsuna



⬇ Fernand Weber



⬆ The meet and greet took place in the Philharmonie



⬆ East meets west, culture meets business



⬆ Tourism was one of the focuses of the event