

WRMA 2007 Asian Committee Meeting

Date and Hour: Thursday, March 1st, 2007 9:00-17:30

Venue: 6th Floor Seminar Room of Merrill Lynch Japan Securities Co., Ltd.
Nihonbashi 1-chome Building, 1-4-1 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku Tokyo 103-8230, Japan

Sponsored by: Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Merrill Lynch, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities,
Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance, Weathernews, Inc.

Registration Fee: WRMA Members Free
Non-Member Company \$175.00 USD per person ([click here for registration form](#))

Hotel Information: *Mandarin Oriental Tokyo, Nionbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo (5 min. by walk)
Deluxe JPY36,750/night (originally JPY65,100/night)
*Four Seasons Marunouchi, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (10 min. by walk)
Superior Room JPY36,000/night (originally JPY55,000/night)

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Program with English/Japanese simultaneous interpretation

- 8:15 **Start accepting registration**
Emcee: Hideki Nii, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance
- 9:00-9:30 **“Opening Remarks & Asian Committee Activity”** - Michiaki Kouno, Mizuho Corporate Bank
- 9:30-10:30 **“Predictability of natural climate variability: Atmospheric teleconnection and forecast experiments on the Earth Simulator”**
Nakamura Hisashi, Group Leader of Climate Variations Research Program, Frontier Research Center for Global Change (JAMSTEC), Associate Professor, Graduate School of Science, University of Tokyo
- 10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45-11:15 **“Benefit of Weather Derivatives in Japan”**
Goro Shiina, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance
- 11:15-11:45 **"Exchange Traded Contracts and inter-relation of Energy and Agricultural Contracts"**
Felix Carabello, Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME)
- 11:45-12:15 **“Emission Trade in Japan”** - Taisuke Hamaoka, Mizuho-DL Financial Technology
- 12:15-13:45 **Lunch**
- 13:45-14:15 **“What can we WNI do for you and your market?”**
Chihito Kusabiraki, Weathernews Inc. (WNI)
- 14:15-14:45 **"Exploring New Frontiers-Beyond Standard Degree Day Contracts"**
Jens Boening, Merrill Lynch
- 14:45-15:15 **“Weather Derivatives Business and New Law in Japan”**
Kentaro Nakanishi, Attorney-at-Law, TMI Associates
- 15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:15 **"Managing the Financial Impact of Increasingly Volatile Weather"**
Brian O'Hearne, Swiss Re and Warren Isom, Willis Re
- 16:15-17:00 **“Bank and Insurance Initiatives outside of Japan in the Weather Market”**
Valter Stoiani, ABN Amro Bank

17:00-17:30 **Closing Remarks** – Brian O’Hearne, Past President of WRMA

17:45-19:45 **Reception Party**