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## World Economic Forum

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The World Economic Forum (WEF) is a Swiss non-profit foundation, based in Cologny, Geneva, best known for its annual meeting in Davos, a mountain resort in Graubünden, in the eastern Alps region of Switzerland.

The meeting brings together top business leaders, international political leaders, selected intellectuals and journalists to discuss the most pressing issues facing the world, including health and the environment.

Beside meetings, the foundation produces a series of research reports and engages its members in sector specific initiatives. [1]

It also organizes the "Annual Meeting of the New Champions" in China and a series of regional meetings throughout the year. In 2008, those regional meetings included meetings on Europe and Central Asia, East Asia, the Russia CEO Roundtable, Africa, the Middle East, and the World Economic Forum on Latin America. In 2008, the foundation also launched the "Summit on the Global Agenda" in Dubai.

The 2011 annual meeting in Dayos has been held from 26 January to 30 January



History

[edit]

The foundation was founded in 1971 by Klaus Schwab, a German-born business professor at the University of Geneva. [2] Originally named the European Management Forum, it changed its name to the World Economic Forum in 1987 and sought to broaden its vision further to include providing a platform for resolving international conflicts.

In the summer of 1971 Schwab invited 444 executives from Western European firms to the first European Management Symposium held in the Dayos Congress Centre under the patronage of the European Commission and European industrial associations, where Schwab sought to introduce European firms to American management practices. He then founded the WEF as a non-profit organization based in Geneva and drew European business leaders to Davos for the annual meetings each January. [3]

Schwab developed the "stakeholder" management approach which based corporate success on managers taking account of all interests; not merely shareholders, clients and customers, but also employees and the communities within which the firm is situated, including governments. [4] Events in 1973, including the collapse of the Bretton Woods fixed-exchange rate mechanism and the Arab-Israeli War, saw the annual meeting expand its focus from management to economic and social issues, and political leaders were invited for the first time to the annual meeting in January 1974. [5]

As the years went by, political leaders began to use the annual meeting as a neutral platform to resolve their differences. The Davos Declaration was signed in 1988 by Greece and Turkey, helping them turn back from the brink of war. In 1992, South African President F. W. de Klerk met with Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at the annual meeting, their first joint appearance outside South Africa. At the 1994 annual meeting, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat reached a draft agreement on Gaza and Jericho. [6] In 2008, Bill Gates gave a keynote speech on creative capitalism, a form of capitalism that works both to generate profits and solve the world's inequities, using market forces to better address the needs of the poor. [7][8]

Organization [edit]

Headquartered in Cologny, the foundation opened, in 2006, regional offices in Beijing, China; and New York City, New York, United States. It strives to be impartial, and is not tied to any political, partisan or national interests. The foundation is "committed to improving the State of the World", [9] and has observer status with the United Nations

## World Economic Forum



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• 1971, as European Management Forum

• 1987, name changed to

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Naoto Kan (菅 直人 Kan Naoto?, born 10 October 1946) is the current Prime Minister of Japan. In June 2010, as Finance Minister, Kan was elected as the leader of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) and was designated Prime Minister by the Diet to succeed Yukio Hatoyama.



Early life [edit]

Kan was born in Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture as the son of Hisao Kan, an executive for a glass manufacturer.

He graduated in 1970 from the Tokyo Institute of Technology and became a licensed benrishi (patent agent/attorney) in 1971.

His hobbies are go, shoqi and mahjong. [1] Kan built a machine to calculate the complicated mahjong point system and applied for a patent in 1973. [2]

Career [edit]

After graduating from university. Kan worked at a patent office for four years. [3] He actively engaged in civic grassroots movements for years and also served on election campaign staff for Fusae Ichikawa, a women's rights activist. [4]

After having lost in 1976, 1979 general elections and 1977 Upper House election, Kan finally achieved a seat in the lower house in 1980 as a member of Socialist Democratic Federation. He gained national wide popularity in 1996, when serving as the Minister of Health and Welfare, admitting government's responsibility for the spread of HIV-tainted blood in 1980s and directly apologized to victims. At that time, he was a member of a small party forming the ruling coalition with the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). His frank action was completely unprecedented and was applauded by the media and the public. [citation needed]

In 1998, his image was affected by allegations of an affair, vigorously denied by both parties, with a television newscaster and media consultant, Yūko Tonomoto. [5] After Yukio Hatoyama resigned as the leader of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), Kan again took over the position. In July 2003, the DPJ and the Liberal Party led by Ichirō Ozawa agreed to form a uniformed opposition party to prepare for the general election that was anticipated to take place in the fall.

During the campaign of the election of 2003, the DPJ called the election as the choice of the government between the ruling LDP-bloc and the DPJ, with Kan being presented as the alternative candidate to then Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. His face was used as the trademark of the campaign against the LDP. [citation needed]

However, in 2004, Kan was accused of unpaid annuities and forced to again resign the position of leader. On May 10, 2004, he officially announced his resignation and made the Shikoku Pilgrimage. Later, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare spokesman apologized, saying the unpaid record was due to an administrative error.

In mid-October 2005, Kan, who turned 60 in 2006, proposed the creation of a new political party to be called the "Dankai (baby boomer) Party." The initial intent of the party was to offer places of activity for the Japanese baby boomers - 2.7 million of whom began to retire en masse in 2007.

He believes the Japan Self-Defense Forces should play a more prominent role on the international stage. [6]

Finance Minister [edit]

### Naoto Kan 替 直人



Kan at the 2011 World Economic Forum

## Prime Minister of Japan

Incumbent

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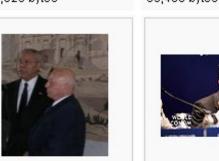










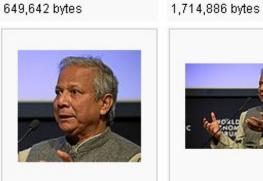




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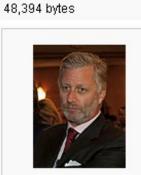






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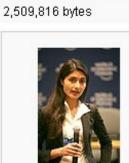


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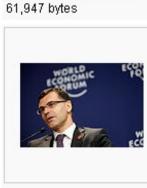
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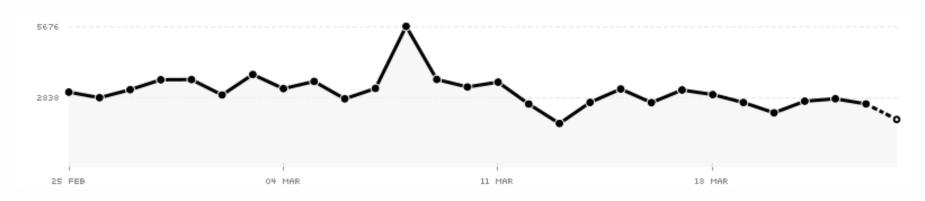
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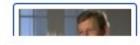
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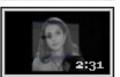
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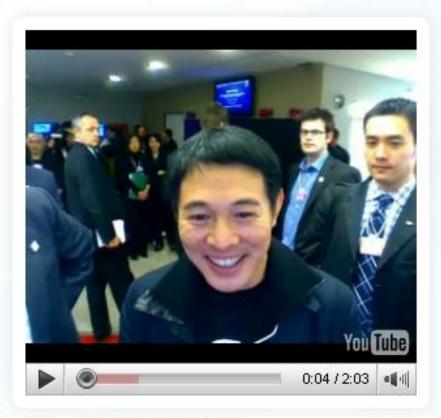












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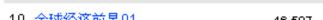


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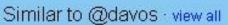














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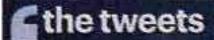
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Evan Williams, chief executive, Twitter

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Adam Fennelow, development director, Design Business Association in the UK

Overheard at Davos: our car is not allowed to go up, so you have to walk. But I never walk.

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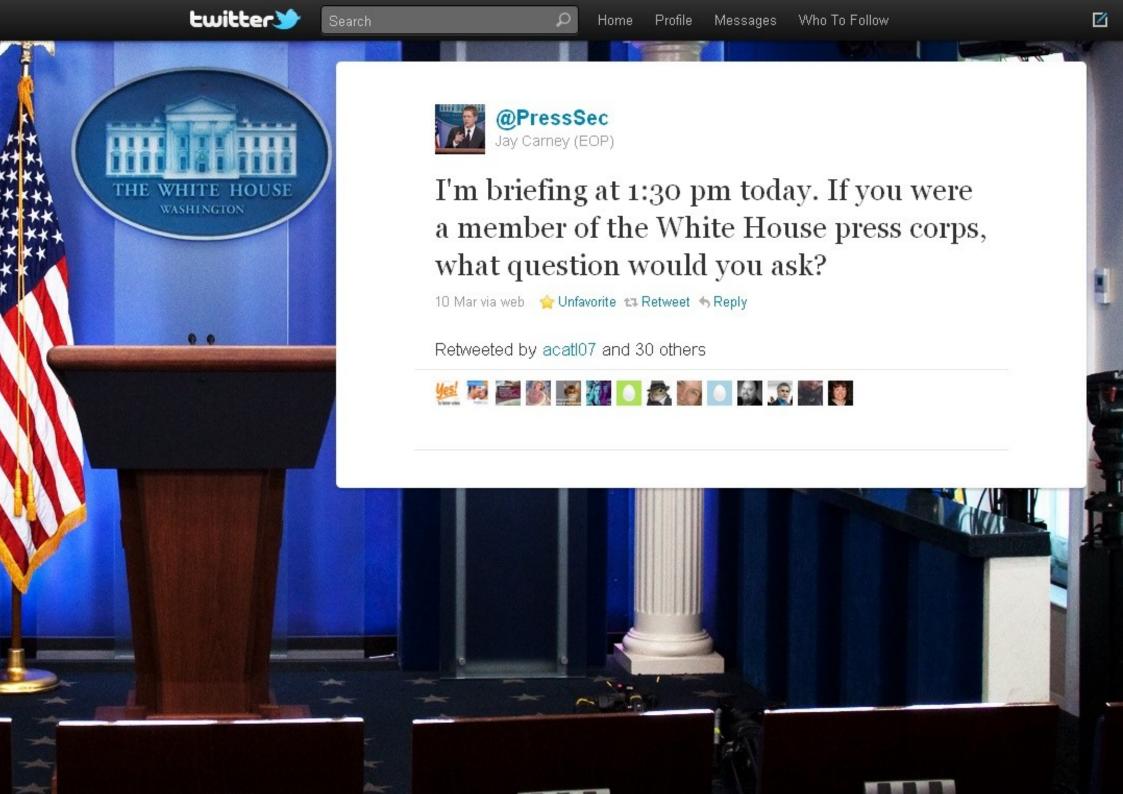


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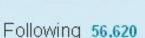
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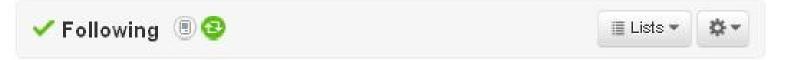
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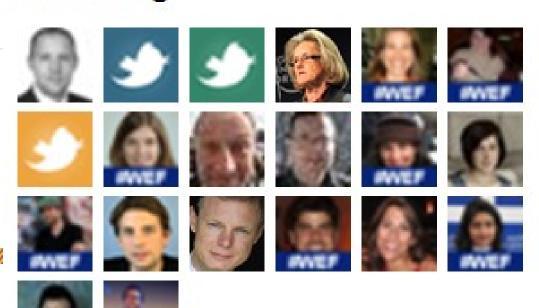


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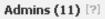




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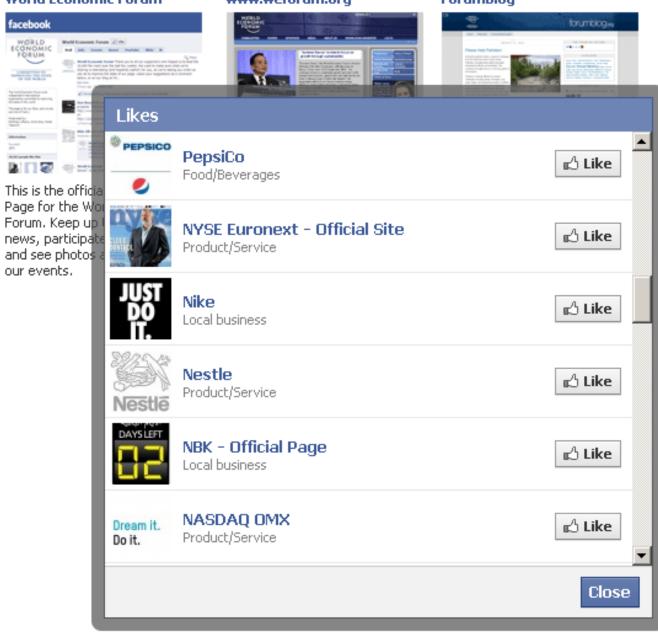
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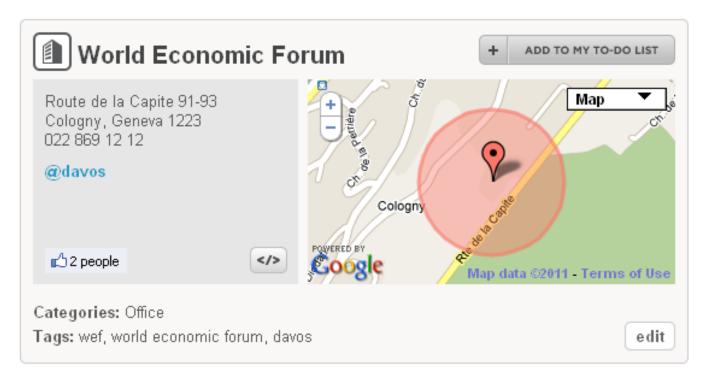


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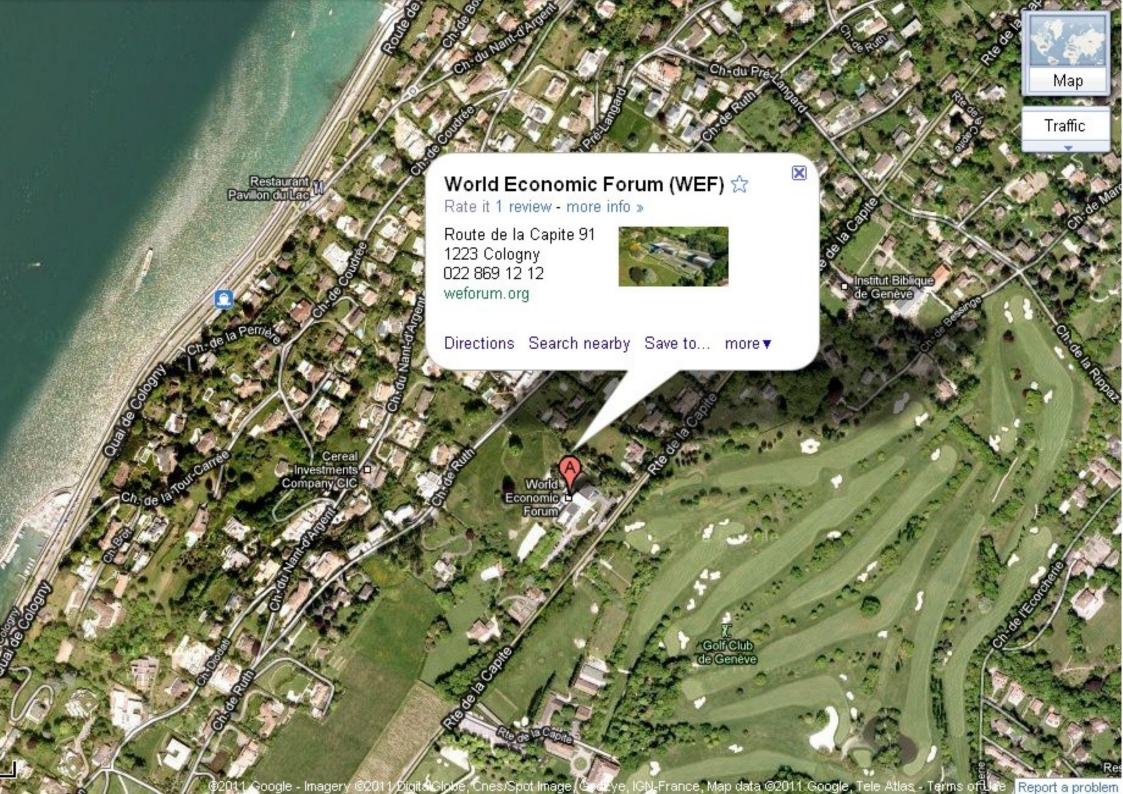
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