

## Press release of Romania Pavilion

### EXPO 2005 – an excellent framework for the Romanian-Japanese economic relations

July 16 – Romania Pavilion at EXPO 2005 Aichi, Japan, and the Embassy of Romania in Tokyo, together with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania and the Japan External Trade Organization is organizing on July 20, at Tokyo, the Japanese-Romanian Economic Seminar “The Romanian companies – competent and skilled suppliers”. The event is taking place at the Conference Room BCDE, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Arc Mori Building, between 9.30 and 15.00.

The seminar is taking place on the occasion of Romania’s participation at EXPO 2005 Aichi. The six months of the Exposition are, in the opinion of Romania representatives from Aichi, an excellent occasion to intensify the bilateral economical exchanges, as well as the identification of the business opportunities and the increase of the Japanese direct investments in Romania.

The seminar will include presentation of Romania economic forecasts in the context of the EU accession process, evaluations of the bilateral trade relations, as well as successful Japanese investments in Romania. The common areas of interests already identified are the industry of car components, the metallurgic industry, the shipping constructions industry, the distribution and transport of the energy. At the event they will be present Ferdinand Nagy, Commissioner General of Romania Section at EXPO 2005, secretary of state in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aurelian Neagu, ambassador of Romania to Japan, Stefan D. Popa, the prime-vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, and the Municipality of Bucharest officials of JETRO, of the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, of the Romanian Agency for Foreign Investments, together with Romanian and Japanese businessmen.

It is the third economic seminar taking place in Japan on the occasion of Romania’s participation at EXPO 2005. The first one has been held on April 14, at Osaka, and was dedicated to the exchange of experience in the area of local administration. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the National Day of our country at the Exposition, it has been organized at the EXPO site, at Rotary Hall, the seminar “Romania-The future destination of your business” attended by around 180 Romanian and Japanese officials and businessmen, held under the high patronage of the president of Romania, Traian Basescu.