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# The DPJ and Hatoyama Government: Opportunities and Challenges

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**Wednesday 16 June**  
**5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
(Presentation from 6:00 PM)

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In August 2009 a so-called 'political earthquake' struck Japan. It uprooted the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from 55 years of almost solid hold on government and led to the formation of government by the Democratic Party of Japan. The DPJ under Prime Minister Hatoyama Yukio was swept to power on an electoral manifesto pledging to 'change' political processes and policy outcomes, particularly to make politicians responsible and accountable for policies. This would reconfigure a political landscape heavily dependent on bureaucrats and structured to accommodate entrenched interests through lobbyists, factions, organisational representation and the like. It would in rhetoric at least shift policy away from 'concrete' to 'people'. In this presentation, I examine what the Hatoyama government has been able to achieve in the last eight months and what political challenges Japan faces in near future.

Professor Purnendra Jain is the former head of the Asian Studies Department of the University of Adelaide. He has published over 10 books on Japanese politics, numerous journal articles and has written recent opinion pieces have appeared in The Australian Financial Review, the Australian, the Advertiser (Adelaide), Daily Yomiuri (Tokyo); The Pioneer (New Delhi); The Asian Age (India); Asia Times Online (Hong Kong) and Radio Singapore International.

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