

The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry strives to establish new international links through its research on economic policies. It is not our primary mission to simply introduce fashionable theories in academic circles worldwide, or invite internationally renowned scholars to events that we organize. Rather, our mission is to focus on important issues that may not be tackled by overseas researchers, present research results, and convey the discourse of policy debates that may be different from that presented by foreign media.

We also acknowledge the importance of maintaining long-lasting relationships and networks with researchers from overseas in fields that are pertinent to our Institute's mandate. We continue to proactively propose research subjects in the field of international economic relations, such as the issue of economic integration and security in Asia, and the WTO negotiations.



### Recruitment of Foreign Researchers and Staff

To conduct international activities more vigorously, RIETI appointed an International Affairs Director in January 2002, and established the International Affairs Group. In August 2002, three American fellows and two Chinese fellows joined the Institute, providing additional impetus for our research. We have plans to further bolster our international affairs staff, and will be recruiting additional researchers from other countries. Seeking to learn from examples of overseas research institutes, we intend to invite visiting scholars - overseas researchers visiting RIETI for short periods of time - and provide them with research facilities.

### Ties with Overseas Research Institutes

RIETI carries out research based on individual projects proposed by its researchers, and therefore does not establish official organization-to-organization partnerships or other relationships with overseas research institutes. Instead, RIETI encourages joint research with overseas researchers and research institutions on an individual project basis and, to date, numerous overseas researchers have participated in the many policy symposia organized by RIETI, as well as smaller workshops and study groups. During fiscal 2001, RIETI convened study groups jointly with the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Researchers from RIETI are also often invited to attend symposia and study groups held by overseas research institutes.

### Information Dissemination to Overseas Audiences

We have made significant progress in improving our English and Chinese Web sites, which are major elements of our publicity to overseas audiences. Our fellows are responsible not only for providing insight on various policy issues through their theoretical and empirical analysis, but also for disseminating their work. We have started publication of regular electronic newsletters in English such as "RIETI Report" and "Miyakodayori," as well as in Chinese. RIETI will be exerting additional efforts to disseminate its research results on Japanese policy issues through effective use of overseas media.