

For the fiscal year 2002, we have reorganized our research activities into the following nine clusters to respond flexibly to the need for medium- to long-term reform of the economic system as well as to further enhance synergy within our research program.

Research projects previously included in "IT Revolution and Economic System" in 2001, proved to be related to other research clusters. This cluster has therefore been divided and reorganized into the "Corporate Governance, Organization and Strategy" cluster as well as the "Regulation, Deregulation and Competitiveness" and the "Political Economy and Public Policy Process" clusters. Moreover, research projects on social safety nets, formerly incorporated into the clusters on "Enterprise Organization, Management, Legal System, and Employment Contracts" and "Macroeconomics, Financial and Monetary Mechanisms," have been merged into a new cluster on "Employment and Social Safety Nets."

In addition, results of a number of studies conducted during the previous fiscal year will be published and numerous policy debate symposia will be held.

### 1 Corporate Governance, Organization and Strategy

- "Potential for Corporate Governance by Japanese Institutional Investors"
- "The Organizational Form of Japanese Corporate Governance Since the Mid-1990's"
- "Defining Factors of International Competitiveness in the Manufacturing Industry"
- "Fiscal Discipline and Independence of Local Governments"

### 2 Regulation, Deregulation and Competitiveness

- "Study of IT Projects"
- "Political Economy of the Kyoto Protocol: Managing the Economy and the Environment"
- "Policy-Level Evaluation of ODA"
- "Deregulation of the Electric Power Generation Industry"
- "Establishment and Theoretical Foundation of Public Accounting Systems"

### 3 Employment and Social Safety Nets

- "Labor Mobility, Human Capital Development and Economic Growth"
- "Environment Surrounding Corporate Management and Safety Nets"
- "Designing a Medical Services' Report Card"
- "Sustainability of Government Debt Including Pensions"

### 4 Innovation and University-Industry Cooperation

- "New Business Creation Capabilities in Technology Advanced Metropolitan Area (TAMA)"
- "Role of Universities in China's Industry-Academia Cooperation and its Innovation System"
- "Japanese Science and Technology Network Based on Science Linkage of Japanese Patents"
- "Significance and Problems of Pro-Patent Policies"

### 5 International Economic Relations

- "Analysis of the WTO Panel and Appellate Body Reports"
- "Investigation of the Possibility of Multilateral Agreement on Investment"
- "Political Economy of WTO's New Agricultural Negotiation Process"

### 6 Asian Economies and Regional Integration

- "Business Conditions in China"
- "East Asian Economic Integration and Institutional Convergence"
- "Security Environment in Asia-Pacific"
- "New Concept for Development and Economic Cooperation: Asian Dynamism and Economic Cooperation Dichotomy"

### 7 Political Economy and Public Policy Process

- "Informatization and Civil Society Empowerment in Japan"
- "Role of Transnational Civil Society in the Formulation and Implementation of the Aarhus Convention"
- "Establishing a Playing Field for Knowledge Creation, Its Enlargement and the Role of Government"
- "Heuristic Study of Competition Policy Based on Trust and Safety"

### 8 Macroeconomic Policy and Performance

- "Theories in Financial Macroeconomics"
- "Japanese and U.S. Budgetary Systems"
- "Empirical Analysis of Bank Behavior and Bank-Corporation Relationship"
- "Factors of Price Fluctuation"

### 9 Quantitative Analysis and Databases

- "International Competitiveness of Japanese Industry"
- "Industrial Structure Analysis"
- "Organizational Capability and Competitiveness of Japanese and U.S. Corporations"
- "Development of Multi-Sector General Equilibrium Model for Policy Evaluation"

#### Conferences, Symposia, and Other Events Scheduled for Fiscal 2002

April 22-23, 2002	ANEPR Symposium Series "Asian Economic Integration: Present State and Outlook"
September 1, 2002	RIETI International Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa Special Panel Discussion "Growth Driven by Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation —The East Asian Experience in Economic Development and Cooperation"
September 23, 2002	RIETI Policy Symposium "The First Business Support Library—Broadening Business Opportunities at the Library"
November 6-7, 2002	Japan-China Economic Conference 2002 (in Osaka) "Japan and China Revisited: China's Dynamism, Japan's Strength, Fully Exploited?"

Symposia on Business Management and Safety Nets, Security in Asia, and Corporate Governance are scheduled.

#### Scheduled for Publication in 2002

- **Economic Policy Review Series** (These are all working titles)  
*A Reintroduction to China's Economy for Japanese*, written by Chi Hung Kwan  
*Knowledge Nation Theory*, written and edited by Ikujiro Nonaka and Hirohiko Izumida  
*University-Industry Cooperation: Issues and Controversies*, written and edited by Yuko Harayama
- **Economic Policy Analysis Series** (These are all working titles)  
*The Japanese Firm in Transition*, written and edited by Hideshi Itoh  
*The WTO and Non-Trade Interests and Considerations*, written and edited by Akira Kotera  
*The Political Economy of the Japanese Financial Big Bang*, written by Tetsuro Toya  
*International Treaties and the Role of NGOs*, written by Motoko Mekata