

The role of policy research institutes does not end with the completion of research. They have an obligation to stimulate policy debates by broadly disseminating the results of their research. RIETI actively circulates its research results via its website, holding symposia and issuing publications and periodicals. RIETI emphasizes interaction with its audience, conducting surveys to grasp reader needs, and developing a reader's column on the website.

Website

The core of RIETI's public relations activities is its website which is available in Japanese, Chinese and English (<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/index.html>). The number of page views for each language has been growing steadily (see table below). All discussion papers, written by researchers as the result of their research (http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/publications/act_dp.html), and all policy discussion papers, also written by researchers featuring timely policy issues currently facing Japan (http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/publications/act_pdp.html) are posted on the website to transmit and provide easy access to in-depth research results. Contents in pages set up by individual researchers and study groups are enhanced, and pooled stories and special feature articles are frequently posted. Contents such as long-term inter-industry input-output database and foreign direct investment database, the results of consolidating database for policy analysis (<http://www.rieti.go.jp/jp/database/index.html>), and AMU (Asian Monetary Unit) and "AMU deviation indicators of East Asian currencies," the results of the research project on "Optimal exchange rate regime for East Asia (<http://rieti.go.jp/users/amu/en/index.html>)," are quite unique and exclusive to RIETI. A reader's column has been set up for the columns on timely and policy-related topics written by researchers in order to create a forum for active discussion.

In enhancing the English and Chinese websites, custom-made contents are created and added for issues of special interest for overseas audience, and electronic newsletters such as "RIETI Report" (in English) and "Dianzixinxi" (电子信息 in Chinese) are published to circulate Japanese policy information to RIETI's broad international audience.

Symposia & Seminars

During fiscal 2005, RIETI organized 9 symposia and 80 Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) seminars which have contributed to increasing RIETI's visibility (<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/event/index.html>). Policy administrators, academics and business experts were invited to the symposia as speakers and discussants, with a total of over 800 participants as audience. BBL seminar participants numbered over 4,400. The average level of satisfaction shown in questionnaire surveys of participants conducted after each symposium was above 83%, indicating an extremely positive response.

For those who cannot attend these events, output of symposia including recorded video clips, conference reports and handouts are regularly made available on RIETI's website. Hardcopy symposium proceedings are distributed to related organizations and available to the public on demand.

Publications and Periodicals

In terms of printed publications, "Architecture-based Analysis of Chinese Manufacturing Industries", "Economic Analysis of Labor Market Design: Enhancing the Job-Matching Function", "Microeconomic Modeling for Policy Analysis", "Implementation System Under the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism", "Current Issues Surrounding Women at Work and in the Family: Proposals Going Beyond This Age of Decreasing Population", and "Japan's National Innovation System: Rebuilding the Engine of Growth" were published as part of the Economic Policy Analysis Series. Many of these publications received positive publicity and reviews in national newspapers and magazines (<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/publications/index.html>).

RIETI Highlight, a bimonthly public relations newsletter featuring RIETI's recent events and activities, was launched in January 2005. Policy Analysis Paper (PAP) is a new initiative for research results dissemination which started in May 2005. PAPs summarize highly specialized research results in easy-to-read, executive-summary format for a non-academic audience including policy-making authorities and business leaders (http://www.rieti.go.jp/jp/publications/act_pap.html). Both were very well received according to questionnaire surveys and contributed to broadening RIETI's public relations coverage.



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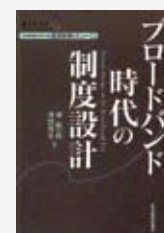
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What financing mechanisms and organizations of business entities best facilitate innovation?	
http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/06022701/info.html	
Date	February 28, 2006
Venue	Economics Research Bldg., University of Tokyo
Program	
Opening Remarks	Kazuo UEDA (Professor, University of Tokyo)
Recapitulative session: Financing mechanisms and organizations of business entities that best facilitate innovation	
Session chair	Masato HISATAKE (SF, RIETI)
Session 1: Finance and investment—A theoretical framework	
Speaker	Takao KOBAYASHI (FF, RIETI/Professor, University of Tokyo)
Commentator	Masako UEDA (Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Session 2: Investors' perspective: Examining their motives	
Speaker	Jun SAITO (Executive Staff, Nikon Corporation/Research Fellow, RCAST, University of Tokyo)
Commentator	Ronnie QUEK CHENG CHYE (Partner, Corporate & Commercial, Allen & Gledhill)
Session 3: Entrepreneurs' perspective: What facilitates their innovation?	
Speaker	Erik VERMEULEN (Professor, University of Tilburg)
Commentator	Leo GOLDSCHMIDT (Director, European Corporate Governance Institute/Honorary Managing Partner, Bank Degroof)
Session 4: What to learn from differences emanating from institutional divergence among nations?	
Speaker	Noriyuki YANAGAWA (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, University of Tokyo)
Commentator	Wataru TANAKA (Associate Professor, Seikei University)
Q&A	
Panel discussion	
Panel chair	Masato HISATAKE (SF, RIETI)
Panelists	Noriyuki YANAGAWA (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, University of Tokyo) Wataru TANAKA (Associate Professor, Seikei University) Joseph McCAHERY (Professor, University of Tilburg and University of Amsterdam) Merritt B. FOX (Professor, Columbia University School of Law) Masakazu ICHIKAWA (Director, Industrial Finance Division, METI)
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

RIETI Policy Symposium	
Japan's financial system: Revisiting the relationship between corporations and financial institutions	
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Date	February 16–17, 2006
Venue	Shinsei Bank Hall
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Symposium moderator	Takako KIMURA (Staff, RIETI)
February 16	
Opening Remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)
Session 1: The workings of relationship banking—Impact on capital procurement and corporate activity	
Session chair	Ichihiro UESUGI (F, RIETI)
Speakers	Tsutomu WATANABE (FF, RIETI/Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University) Hirofumi UCHIDA (Associate Professor of Banking and Finance, Faculty of Economics, Wakayama University) Gregory F. UDELL (Bank One Chair of Banking and Finance at the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University) Kazuo OGAWA (Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Research, Osaka University)
Commentator	Akiyoshi HORIUCHI (Professor, Faculty of Policy Studies, Chuo University)
Q&A	
Session 2: What to look for in credit complementarity of SMEs: The role of mortgage, guarantee and public lending facilities	
Session chair	Tsutomu WATANABE (FF, RIETI/Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University)
Speakers	Arito ONO (Senior Economist, Mizuho Research Institute Ltd.) Ichihiro UESUGI (F, RIETI) Wako WATANABE (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tohoku University)
Commentator	Hirohide HIRAI (Director, Corporate Finance and Tax Affairs Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, METI)
Q&A	
February 17	
Session 3: Is relational banking relevant for corporate revitalization?: Cooperation among and respective roles of financial institutions, revitalization funds and public institutions	
Session chair	Sumio HIROSE (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Shinshu University)
Speakers	Peng XU (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Hosei University) Junsuke MATSUO (Professor, Faculty of Business Administration, St. Andrew's University) Shoichi TAGASHIRA (Professor, Law School, Sophia University)
Commentator	Takehiko YASUDA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Toyo University)
Session 4: Is the market for indirect financing competitive? Impact of the restructuring of financial institutions	
Session chair	Shuichi UEMURA (SF, RIETI)
Speakers	Yoshiro TSUTSUI (FF, RIETI/Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Research, Osaka University) Kotaro TSURU (SF, RIETI) Allen N. BERGER (Senior Economist, Financial Studies Section, Division of Research and Statistics, The Federal Reserve Board)
Commentator	Hajime TAKATA (General Manager/Chief Strategist, Fixed Income Research Dept., Fixed Income Group, Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.)
Q&A	
Special Speech: Future of the Japanese financial system	
Speaker	Kazumasa IWATA (Deputy Governor, Bank of Japan)
Panel discussion: A wish list for the Japanese financial system—What is it lacking?	
Coordinator	Shuichi UEMURA (SF, RIETI)
Discussants	Yuri OKINA (Chief Senior Economist, Economics Department, The Japan Research Institute, Ltd.) Naotaka KAWAKAMI (Director for Banks Division II, Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency) Mark M. SPIEGEL (Vice President, International Research/Director, Center for Pacific Basin Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) Yoshihiro FUJII (Senior Staff Writer, Economic News Department, Editorial Bureau, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, INC.) Nobuyoshi YAMORI (Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Nagoya University)
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

Global management and innovation of Japanese enterprises –The strengths of global management and further challenges

<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/06012601/info.html>

Date	January 26, 2006
Venue	Shinsei Bank Hall
Program	
Symposium moderator	Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
Opening remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)
Overview of the main issues	Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
Key note speech	Yves DOZ (Professor of Global Technology and Innovation, INSEAD)
Speaker	Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
	Q&A

Session 1: Issues and response to global innovation for Japanese enterprises

Session chair & Speaker	Kazuhiro ASAKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
Speakers	Marco CASSIS (Corporate Vice President, ST Microelectronics; President, ST Microelectronics K.K.) Toyoji YOSHIDA (Member of the Board and General Manager of Corporate Communication Department, Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.) Hiroshi NAKAMURA (Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
Commentators	Yasuo SUGIYAMA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University) Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University) Yves DOZ (Professor of Global Technology and Innovation, INSEAD)
Wrap-up	Kazuhiro ASAKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
	Q&A

Session 2: Evolution of production, research and development of Japanese enterprises in ASEAN (case study of the Thai automobile industry)

Session Chair	Masato HISATAKE (SF, RIETI)
Speaker	Hiroshi OHKI (Director, International Economic Research Division, Economic Research Department, Japan External Trade Organization [JETRO])
Commentator	Yasuo SUGIYAMA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University) Yves DOZ (Professor of Global Technology and Innovation, INSEAD)
Wrap-up	Masato HISATAKE (SF, RIETI)
	Q&A

Panel Discussion: The strengths of global management of Japanese enterprises and further challenges

Session Chair	Tsuneo YAHAGI (Professor, Graduate School of Business and Graduate School of Medicine, Keio University)
Presentation of the Proposal	Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
Spekaer & Panelist	Tomohiko FUJIYAMA (General Manager, Corporate Strategy and Research Department, Mitsubishi Corporation) Toshinori KOBAYASHI (Director, International Economic Affairs Division, Trade Policy Bureau, METI)
Panelists	Yves DOZ (Professor of Global Technology and Innovation, INSEAD) Kazuhiro ASAKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
Wrap-up	Tsuneo YAHAGI (Professor, Graduate School of Business and Graduate School of Medicine, Keio University)
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

Japan's pension system—Evaluating the 2004 reform and establishing clear principles for further reforms

<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/05121501/info.html>

Date	December 15–16, 2005
Venue	Keidanren Kaikan
Program	
Symposium moderator	Daigo NAKATA (F, RIETI)
December 15	
Opening remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)

Session 1: Evaluating the 2004 reform and identifying the remaining issues

Session chair	Haruko NOGUCHI (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Toyo Eiwa University)
Speaker	Kazutoshi KOSHIRO (Emeritus Professor, Yokohama National University/Vice-Chair of the Pension Council of the Social Security Deliberation Council, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2002–2004))
Commentators	Olivia S. MITCHELL (Professor of Insurance & Risk Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania) Ole SETTERGREN (Director of the Department of Pensions, Swedish Social Insurance Agency)
	Q&A

Session 2: Establishing clear principles to promote further pension reforms in Japan

Session chair	Masako KUROSAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)
Speaker	Mitsuhiro FUKAO (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Business and Commerce, Keio University) Yoshihiro KANEKO (CF, RIETI/Director, Department of Empirical Social Security Research, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)
Commentators	Olivia S. MITCHELL (Professor of Insurance & Risk Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania) Ole SETTERGREN (Director of the Department of Pensions, Swedish Social Insurance Agency)
	Q&A

Session 3: Learning from pension reforms in foreign countries

Session chair	Satoshi SHIMIZUTANI (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University)
Speaker	Ole SETTERGREN (Director of the Department of Pensions, Swedish Social Insurance Agency)
Commentators	Nobuhiko YAMAZAKI (CF, RIETI/Director, Actuarial Affairs Division, Pension Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) John PIGGOTT (Professor, University of New South Wales)
	Q&A

Session 4: Impact of the 2004 reform on employment and the reality of the Japanese elderly

Session chair	Yoshihiro KANEKO (CF, RIETI/Director, Department of Empirical Social Security Research, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)
Speakers	Yoshio HIGUCHI (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Business and Commerce, Keio University) Masako KUROSAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)
Commentator	Isao OHASHI (Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University)
Speakers	Hidehiko ICHIMURA (FF, RIETI/Professor of Graduate School in Economics, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo) Satoshi SHIMIZUTANI (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University) Haruko NOGUCHI (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Toyo Eiwa University)
Commentators	Emiko TAKEISHI (Head Senior Analyst, Social Development Research Group, NLI Research Institute) Olivia S. MITCHELL (Professor of Insurance & Risk Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)
	Q&A

December 16

Recapitulative panel discussion: Establishing new principles for further reforms of the Japanese pension system

Panel Chair	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)
Panelists	Yoshihiro KANEKO (CF, RIETI/Director, Department of Empirical Social Security Research, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research) Toshiaki TACHIBANAKI (Research Counselor and FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University) Yoshibumi ASO (Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University) Olivia S. MITCHELL (Professor of Insurance & Risk Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania) Nobuhiko YAMAZAKI (CF, RIETI/Director, Actuarial Affairs Division, Pension Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

RIETI Policy Symposium

Corporate value creation through the strengthening of intellectual asset management<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/05113001/info.html>

Date	November 30, 2005
Venue	United Nations University
Program	
Symposium moderator	Hidemi KIMURA (F, RIETI)
Opening remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)

Session 1: ERM process, intangible assets and information disclosure

Session chair	Yuji HOSOYA (Director of Research, RIETI)
Speaker	Takeaki KARIYA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Global Business, Meiji University)
Discussant	Kazuhiro ASAKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor of Organizations and Strategy, Graduate School of Business Administration, Keio University)
Speaker	Fujio YAMAGUCHI (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Global Business, Meiji University)
Discussant	Kentaro NODA (Director, Policy Planning Department, Environmentally Sustainable Development Group, Development Bank of Japan)
Speaker	Satoru KIMURA (Professor, Graduate School of Global Business, Meiji University)
Discussant	Kazuyuki MOTOHASHI (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo)
	Q&A

Session 2: Current status of intellectual asset management and future issues: Cases of Europe and Japan

Session Chair	Risaburo NEZU (Director, RIETI)
Key Note Speech 1	Ahmed BOUNFOUR (Professor, University of Marne-La-Vallee)
Key Note Speech 2	Leif EDVINSSON (Adjunct Professor of Intellectual Capital, Lund University/Inspirator and CEO, Universal Networking Intellectual Capital [UNIC])
Speakers	Mart KIVIKAS (Partner & CEO, Wissenskapital Edvinsson & Kivikas GmbH) Nobuo TANAKA (Director for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD)

Panel discussion: Toward strengthening the value creation capabilities of Japanese corporations

Panel chair	Nobuo TANAKA (Director for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD)
Panelists	Takeaki KARIYA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Global Business, Meiji University) Leif EDVINSSON (Adjunct Professor of Intellectual Capital, Lund University/Inspirator and CEO, Universal Networking Intellectual Capital [UNIC]) Mart KIVIKAS (Partner & CEO, Wissenskapital Edvinsson & Kivikas GmbH) Takayuki SUMITA (Director, Intellectual Property Policy Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, METI) Masato HASHIKAWA (General Manager, Investor Relations Department, Shiseido Co.,Ltd)
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

Japan-China Economic Conference 2005<http://www.congre.co.jp/jcec2005/>

Date	October 25–26, 2005
Venue	Osaka International Convention Center
Program	
October 25	
Opening Remarks	Yoshihisa AKIYAMA (Chairman, Kansai Economic Federation)

Panel Session: Perspective on Japan-China interdependence—Deepening of exchanges and private sector undertakings at a time of historical turning point

Panelists	Dan KONG (Vice-Chairman, President, China International Trust & Investment Corporation[CITIC]) Gang FAN (Director, National Economic Research Institute, China Reform Foundation [NERI-China]) Jun SONG (Chairman, Tsinghua Holdings Co.,Ltd) Yukio SHOTOKU (Managing Director, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) Yuzo SETO (Adviser, Asahi Breweries, Ltd.)
Moderator	Osamu WATANABE (Chairman, Japan External Trade Organization[JETRO])

RIETI Session: East Asian Community and Japan-China relationship

Speakers	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI) Yunling ZHANG (Director, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
Moderator	Yasuo TANABE (Vice President, RIETI)
	Subcommittee meetings

October 26

Closing Remarks

Speakers	Panitchpakdi SUPACHAI (Secretary General, UNCTAD [Former Director-General, WTO]) Jack MA (Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Alibaba.com)
Moderator	Yasuhiro GOTO (Editorial Writer, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc.)
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RIETI-CEPR Conference

Corporate finance and governance: Japan-Europe comparisons<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/05091301/info.html>

Date	September 14, 2005
Venue	Keidanren Kaikan
Program	
Symposium moderator	Kotaro TSURU (SF, RIETI)
Key Note Speech	Colin MAYER (Peter Moores Professor of Finance, Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK/Fellow, CEPR)
Key Note Speech	Hideaki MIYAJIMA (FF, RIETI/Vice Director of Waseda Institute of Finance, and Professor, Waseda University)

Panel Discussion: Takeover regulation: Lessons from Europe

Panel Chair	Jenny CORBETT (Executive Director, Australia-Japan Research Center, Australian National University/Research Fellow, CEPR)
Panelists	Marc GOERGEN (Professor of Finance, Sheffield University Management School [SUMS]) Satoshi KUSAKABE (Former Director, Industrial Organization Division, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, METI) Makoto OKITSU (Chairman and Representative Director, Teijin Ltd.) Paul SHEARD (Managing Director and Chief Economist Asia, Lehman Brothers Japan Inc)
	Q&A
Closing Remarks	Kozo OIKAWA (Chairman, RIETI)

RIETI Policy Symposium

Prospects for the Doha round—Major challenges in the multilateral trading system and their implications for Japan

<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/05072201/info.html>

Date	July 22, 2005
Venue	Royal Room, Kasumigaseki Tokyokaikan
Program	
Symposium moderator	Tsuyoshi KAWASE (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor of Law, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University)
Opening remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI) Akira KOTERA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo)

Session 1: Strategy and benefits of trade liberalization—Multilateral vs regional

Session chair	Fukunari KIMURA (Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University)
Speaker	Jota ISHIKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University)
Discussants	Hideshi UEDA (Director, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, METI) Tsutomu KIKUCHI (Professor of International Political Economy, School of International Politics, Economics and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University) Hiroshi MUKUNOKI (Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Gakushuin University)
	Q&A

Session 2: What should be dispute settlement?—On the purpose of WTO dispute settlement mechanism

Session chair	Ichiro ARAKI (Professor of Law, International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Yokohama National University)
Speaker	Akira KOTERA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo)
Discussants	Tsuyoshi KAWASE (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor of Law, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University) Kazumochi KOMETANI (Of Counsel, Nishimura & Partners/Professor, Hosei University Law School) Taiji FURUSAWA (Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University)
	Q&A

Session 3: American trade politics and the Doha round: Can the Twain meet?

Session chair	Yoshinobu YAMAMOTO (Professor, School of International Politics, Economics and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University)
Speaker	I. M. DESTLER (Professor, School of Public Affairs, University of Maryland)
Discussants	Ichiro ARAKI (Professor of Law, International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Yokohama National University) Yu UCHIYAMA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo) Ken MATSUMOTO (Executive Advisor, The Fair Trade Center/President, KM International Associates, Inc.)
	Q&A

Session 4: WTO and global governance—Overcoming obstacles and confrontation

Session chair	Tsuyoshi KAWASE (FF, RIETI/Associate Professor of Law, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University)
Speaker	Yoshinobu YAMAMOTO (Professor, School of International Politics, Economics and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University)
Discussants	Tatsuo AKANEYA (Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Tsukuba) Kenzo ABE (Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Osaka University) Fukunari KIMURA (Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University)

Panel discussion: Prospects for the Doha round and implications for Japan

General Overview / Session Chair	Akira KOTERA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo)
Panelists	Jota ISHIKAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University) Hideshi UEDA (Director, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, METI) Yoshinobu YAMAMOTO (Professor, School of International Politics, Economics and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University) I. M. DESTLER (Professor, School of Public Affairs, University of Maryland)
	Q&A
Closing Remarks	Sozaburo OKAMATSU (Chairman, RIETI)

RIETI Policy Symposium

Lifecycle of small and medium enterprises and revitalization of the Japanese economy

<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/05062301/info.html>

Date	June 23, 2005
Venue	RIETI's seminar room
Program	
Symposium moderator	Ichiro UESUGI (F, RIETI)
Opening remarks	Masaru YOSHITOMI (President and CRO, RIETI)

Session 1: Business start-up

Session chair	Takehiko YASUDA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Toyo University)
Speakers	Yuji HONJO (Associate Professor, Faculty of Commerce, Chuo University) Hideo OKAMURA (Associate Professor, School of Business Administration, Kwansei Gakuin University) Hiroyuki OKAMURO (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Hitotsubashi University)
Commentator	Noriyuki TAKAHASHI (Professor, Economic Management Course, Musashi University)
	Q&A

Session 2: Exit and revival

Session chair	Hideo OKAMURA (Associate Professor, School of Business Administration, Kwansei Gakuin University)
Speakers	Nobuyuki HARADA (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba) Toshiaki TACHIBANAKI (Research Counselor and FF, RIETI/Professor, Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University)
Commentators	Eiji TAKEUCHI (Lead Economist, Research Institute, National Life Finance Corporation) Shigeru MATSUSHIMA (Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Hosei University)
	Q&A

Session 3: Business succession

Session chair	Nobuyuki HARADA (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba)
Speaker	Takehiko YASUDA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Toyo University)
Commentators	Kiyohiko SHIBAYAMA (General Manager, Research Institute, Japan Finance Corporation for Small and Medium Enterprise) Hirohide HIRAI (Director, Corporate Finance and Tax Affairs Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency)
	Q&A

Session 4: Panel discussion

Panel Chair	Takehiko YASUDA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Toyo University)
Panelists	Hiroyuki ITAMI (Professor of Management, Graduate School of Commerce and Management, Hitotsubashi University) Tsuyoshi OKAMOTO (President, Okamoto Glass Co., Ltd.) Shunji NANJO (Vice Chairman of Editorial Board, Yomiuri Shimbun) Harufumi MOCHIZUKI (Director-General, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency)
	Q&A
Closing Remarks	Sozaburo OKAMATSU (Chairman, RIETI)

Note: Titles and affiliations of participants are current as of the date of the event.

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Date	Seminar Title	Speakers (unless otherwise noted as commentator)
2005/03/30	Competition and collaboration for innovation: Policy issues for efficient development and diffusion of technical standard	Sadao NAGAOKA (Professor and Director, Institute of Innovation Research, Hitotsubashi University) Commentator: Manabu ETO (Director, Industrial Standards Research Office, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, METI)
2006/03/28	The globalisation of value chains—Evidence and policy implications	Dirk PILAT (Head, Science and Technology Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, OECD)
2006/03/24	Knowledge, heavy manufacturing and competitiveness: The case of the flat panel display industry	Stefanie LENWAY (Dean of the College of Business Administration and Professor of Management, University of Illinois at Chicago) Thomas MURTHA (Professor of Management, College of Business Administration, University of Illinois at Chicago) Commentator: Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Senior Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
2006/03/23	The future scope of WTO—Issues as seen in the Sutherland report	John H. JACKSON (University Professor, Georgetown University Law Center)
2006/03/22	Current discussion and view of the post-Kyoto regime	Hiroki KUDO (Unit Manager, Climate Change Policy Research Group, Global Environment & Sustainable Development Unit, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan)
2006/03/17	Microeconomic modeling	Yoshitsugu KANEMOTO (FF, RIETI/Professor of Economics, University of Tokyo)
2006/03/08	Prospect of eco-design	Manabu AKAIKE (Director, Universal Design Intelligence Inc.)
2006/03/06	Growth potential in the Japanese economy—The age of endogenous innovation	Tsutomu MIYAGAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Faculty of Economics, Gakushuin University)
2006/03/02	The comparative research on management between Japanese and Chinese enterprises—The theory and case study	Fangqi XU (Post Doctoral Fellow, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy, Hitotsubashi University/Director of Institute for Creative Management, Jiangsu Polytechnic University)
2006/02/23	Japan's strategy on science and technology	Taizo YAKUSHIJI (Member, Council for Science and Technology Policy/Visiting Professor, Keio University)
2006/02/21	Experience of the IRCJ—Rebuilding of market discipline and corporate governance	Kazuhiko TOYAMA (COO and Executive Managing Director, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan)
2006/02/13	Development in take-over defense discussions	Kenichi FUJINAWA (Managing Partner, Nagashima, Ohno & Tsunematsu)
2006/02/07	International harmonization of intellectual property systems—Trends and challenges ahead	Shouzo UEMURA (Former Deputy Director General of World Intellectual Property Organization [WIPO])
2006/02/02	A Canadian perspective on Northeast Asian relations	Joseph CARON (Ambassador of Canada to Japan)
2006/02/01	Challenge of Elpida Memory: Considering the future of Japanese semiconductor industry	Yukio SAKAMOTO (President & CEO, Elpida Memory, Inc.) Commentator: Hiroyuki CHUMA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Hitotsubashi University Institute of Innovation Research)
2006/01/31	CxOs' IT literacy	Nobuhiko HIDAKA (President, Gartner Japan, Ltd.)
2006/01/23	Lawson's challenges in the face of changes	Takeshi NIINAMI (President and CEO, LAWSON, INC.)
2006/01/18	U.S. defense transformation and U.S.-Japan alliance	Satoshi MORIMOTO (Director of Institute of World Studies and Professor, Takushoku University)
2006/01/13	Outcomes of the WTO Hong Kong ministerial and prospect for the negotiations	Tsunehiro OGAWA (Director General, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, METI)
2006/01/12	The East Asia summit and the vision of an East Asian community	Takio YAMADA (Director, Regional Policy Division, Asian and Oceanian Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
2005/12/22	Achievements and evaluation of EXPO 2005 AICHI JAPAN	Toshio NAKAMURA (Secretary-General, Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition)
2005/12/19	The true relationship between female labor-force participation and fertility rate: An analysis of OECD countries	Kazuo YAMAGUCHI (VF, RIETI/Professor, University of Chicago)
2005/12/08	New perspective of digital contents industry	Yoichi WADA (President, SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD) Commentator: Masaki ITOKAWA (Media and Content Industry Division, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, METI)
2005/12/06	How did measures to promote university-industry collaboration impact the academia	Akira GOTO (FF, RIETI/Professor, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo) Commentator: Hironori NAKANISHI (Director, Academia-industry Cooperation Promotion Division, Industrial Science and Technology and Environment Bureau, METI)
2005/12/05	A challenge to global warming—The Kyoto mechanisms	Makoto KATAGIRI (President & CEO, Natsource Japan Co., Ltd.)
2005/11/24	Patent policy in the knowledge-based economy: Trends and issues in OECD countries	Dominique GUELLEC (Chief Economist, European Patent Office [EPO])
2005/11/17	India and a resurgent Asia	Aftab SETHI (Former Ambassador of India to Japan/Professor and Director of Global Security Research Institute, Keio University)
2005/11/15	East Asia community-building and Japan-U.S. alliance	Takashi SHIRAIISHI (FF, RIETI/Vice President and Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies [GRIPS])
2005/11/14	Recent activities of ESCO industry in Japan	Hidetoshi NAKAGAMI (President, Jyukankyo Research Institute Inc.) Chiharu MURAKOSHI (Director, Jyukankyo Research Institute Inc.)
2005/11/07	Corporate governance in Japan: The role of independent directors	Yuzaburo MOGI (Chairman and CEO, Kikkoman Corporation)
2005/11/01	Public diplomacy in Japan	Hatsuhisa TAKASHIMA (Special Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs)
2005/10/26	Hong Kong ministerial—Entering dangerous waters at the WTO	Jeremy HOBBS (Executive Director, Oxfam International)
2005/10/24	Future perspective on EAFTA and China's strategy	Yunling ZHANG (Director, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
2005/10/20	Global management and innovation of Japanese companies	Susumu SANBONMATSU (CF, RIETI/Researcher, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN/Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)
2005/10/18	Aging society and its consequences	Hans VULBRIEF (Director-General Economic Policy, the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands)
2005/10/17	AMU: Toward coordinated exchange rate policies in East Asia	Eiji OGAWA (FF, RIETI/Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Commerce and Management)
2005/10/13	Russian energy politics: Focusing on new markets in Asia	Vladimir IVANOV (Director of Research Institute for Northeast Asia [ERINA])
2005/10/06	The issue of foreign labor in Japan	Yoshihide EZAKI (Director, Policy Planning and Coordination Division, Minister's Secretariat, METI)
2005/10/05	Outlook for the world oil market	Ken KOYAMA (Senior Research Fellow and Unit Chief, Energy Strategy Unit, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan)
2005/09/28	White Paper on the labour economy 2005—Labour policy issues in a society with a declining population	Yoshio ISHIMIZU (CF, RIETI/Principal Labour Economist, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare [MHLW])

2005/09/22	Demographic challenge to Japanese economy and society	Kousuke MOTANI (Senior Adviser, Planning Department for Regional Development, Development Bank of Japan)
2005/09/15	Revolution in the Japanese corporation—What is the "Japan Cool" model for HR & organizational management?	Keizo TANNAWA (Representative Director and President, Watson Wyatt K.K.)
2005/09/07	Shifts in corporate finance and industrial financing	Masakazu ICHIKAWA (Director, Industrial Finance Division, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, METI)
2005/09/06	U.S. tax reform and pension reform	Shigeki MORINOBU (President, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance)
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