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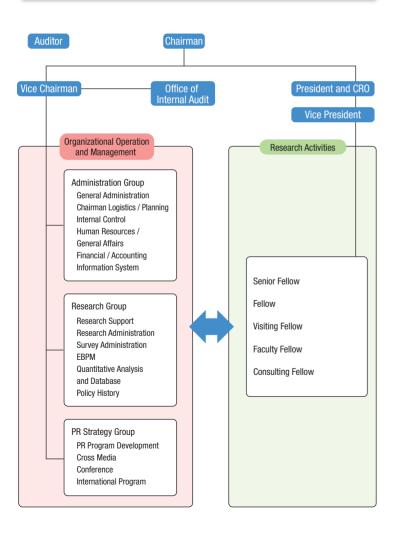
RIETI is a policy think tank established in 2001. Its mission is to conduct theoretical and empirical research, maximize synergies with those engaged in policymaking, and to make policy proposals based on evidence derived from such research activities. The institute is highly regarded both in Japan and abroad for its activity.

Established: April 1, 2001 Number of fellows: 71

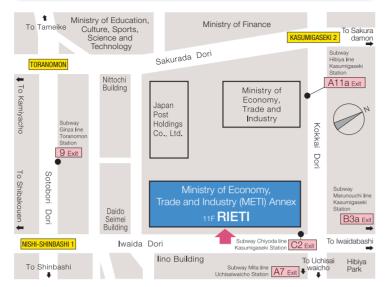
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Message

Purpose of RIETI

Japan is facing fundamental changes in its economy and society that can be characterized metaphorically as "earth-shaking movements." These include the aggravation of labor shortages due to demographic changes caused by a low birthrate and an aging population, the fourth industrial revolution brought about by technological innovation, the deepening of global economic partnerships, and increasing competition for rule formation. Bearing these changes in mind, RIETI, throughout the fourth medium-term plan period (fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2019), will promote research activities and propose countermeasures to tackle diverse and complicated problems, based on its "Three Medium- to Long-term Perspectives on Economic and Industrial Policy": (1) cultivating Japan's strength in the world economy, (2) making Japan into an innovative nation, and (3) overcoming population decline.

The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) promotes policy

formulation backed with theoretical and analytical research from a global

perspective that is not confined within the traditional framework of thinking.

with the ultimate goal of building a number of Research Programs that meet the

needs of Japan's economic and industrial policies, within which the individual

Research Projects interact in an organic manner. To effectively and efficiently

disseminate the results of its research and promote policy recommendations.

RIETI makes active use of its website, publications, and a variety of other tools.

Therefore, from a neutral and objective perspective, RIETI will proceed with policy-oriented theoretical and empirical research. Moreover, in order to further enhance the recognition won as an "intellectual platform" in Japan and abroad, RIETI will deepen cooperation with research institutions and universities in the United States, Europe, Asia, and other countries. It will also contribute to economic and industrial policymaking.

RIETI will recognize economic issues in Japan and abroad, continue to fulfill its mission of carrying out evidence-based research that contributes to the formulation of economic and industrial policies, and provide research results on a timely basis. On behalf of RIETI, we sincerely ask for your continued support and encouragement.

NAKAJIMA Atsushi, Chairman YANO Makoto, President and CRO



Research Programs

Three Medium- to Long-term Perspectives on Economic and Industrial Policies

1. Cultivating Japan's strength in the world economy

2. Making Japan into an innovative nation

3. Overcoming population decline

Lineup of Research Programs and Program Directors International Regional and Low Birthrate Trade and Innovation **Economies Aging Population** Investment KORAYASHI Kejichiro TOMILIRA Fiichi HAMAGUCHI Nobuaki NAGAOKA Sadao Keio University litotsubashi Universi Kobe University Tokvo Keizai Universi Raising Law and Policy History Industry Frontiers Industrial and **Human Capital Economy** and Policy Firm Productivity Assessment YANO Makoto Acting Program Director RIFTI The University of Toky itotsubashi Universi Keio University he University of Tokyo

Research Process

To further improve on the quality of research. RIETI ensures that discussions are organized for each research project through brainstorming workshops and Discussion Paper/Policy Discussion Paper seminars, where Japanese and foreign experts and policymakers participate to deepen the research.

Brainstorming Workshops— Launching of a new research project



Discussion Paper and Policy Discussion Paper Seminars— Deepening the analysis of individual papers



Symposiums, Workshops, Seminars, Publication of DPs and PDPs. Book Publication. Articles Published in Newspapers and Magazines, Research Papers, RIETI Original Articles— Dissemination of research findings

Classification of Fellows

Senior Fellows and Fellows: Full-time resident fellows with previous affiliations to governmental organizations, research institutes. and universities both in Japan

hold concurrent positions as university professors.

Chief Research Officer

Consulting Fellows:

and abroad.

Fellows who hold full-time positions in governmental as well as other organizations and participate in RIETI's research activities while off-duty.

Visiting Fellows:

Professors at foreign universities who undertake studies on a relatively short-term basis, with RIETI serving as their research base.

Faculty Fellows: Fellows who

Symposiums and Seminars

RIETI organizes various public events including symposiums and seminars that not only make research results from each project widely available to the public but also generate discussion of issues that are of great public interest and significant importance in international affairs with researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders on a timely basis. Furthermore, RIETI holds BBL (Brown Bag Lunch) Seminars by inviting domestic and overseas experts as lecturers. The summaries, handouts, and other materials from these symposiums and seminars are available on our website.



RIETI-CEPR Symposium Post-Brexit World Economy March 22, 2019



RIETI EBPM Symposium Establishing a solid foundation of evidence-based policy making December 14 2018

Website

RIETI's website is available in Japanese. English, and Chinese, and introduces the depth of the activities of RIETI and its research fellows as well as posts of extensive content that is useful for policy formation. The website is mobile compatible and can be viewed clearly on a smartphone. RIETI also posts information on its official Facebook and Twitter pages.

RIETI's website provides discussion papers, which show the results of research, policy recommendation columns written by research fellows, various databases, and handouts and summaries of various events. In addition, RIETI strives to enhance pages on the website set by study groups and individual fellows, which disseminate in-depth information on each policy issue.

Furthermore, the website offers various services to provide timely information, including an e-mail newsletter service that sends the latest roundup of information posted on the website to users and an RSS feed service that delivers

the latest information in each designated policy category to users by e-mail with a short text.

RIETI also endeavors to enhance its website for our international readers and provide original contents on issues that are expected to draw much attention from overseas. In addition, the website offers a monthly e-mail newsletter service that sends information to users. Through these websites, RIETI aims to provide information about Japan's economic and industrial policies to people overseas





Research/Policy Papers

Discussion Papers (DPs) and Policy Discussion Papers (PDPs) are research results summarized in the form of treatises after going through internal review processes. DPs are aimed at contributing to policymaking, while maintaining

high academic standards. PDPs are aimed at stimulating policy debates on a timely basis. RIETI also prepares non-technical summaries that summarize briefly policy implications in DPs. These papers can be downloaded from RIETI's website.





PR Magazine

RIETI Highlight is a quarterly public relations magazine that keeps readers up to date on the activities of RIETI, including brief reports on symposiums and seminars, reviews of new publications, and columns written by our fellows. An article titled "Research Digest," which introduces recently published discussion papers through interviews with their authors, explores the motivation underlying

their research in an easy-to-understand manner that has been well-received by readers. We also look at timely topics chosen from among our research results and present them as the feature in each edition of the magazine.







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Publications

RIETI's publications cover a diverse array of themes and appear under the imprint of various publishers. The contents range from studies of a high academic standard that have undergone peer review in their respective disciplines to timely policy study topics for a wider audience



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- Japanese Firms Choose Invoicing Currency Written by ITO Takatoshi, KOIBUCHI Satoshi, SATO Kiyotaka, SHIMIZU Junko Edward Elgar Publishing July 2018
- The Economics of Artificial Intelligence: How Our Lives. Our Work and Our Society Will Change Written and Edited by MANAG Shunsuke MINERVA SHOBO CO., LTD. October 2018
- · Productivity: Misconceptions and Written by MORIKAWA Masavuki Nikkei Publishina Inc. November 2018