

Institute Overview (As of 1 October, 2025)

The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) is a policy think tank established in 2001. Its mission is to conduct theoretical and empirical research, maximize synergies with those engaged in policy making, 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 (formerly Research Institute of International Trade and Industry (MITI/RI))

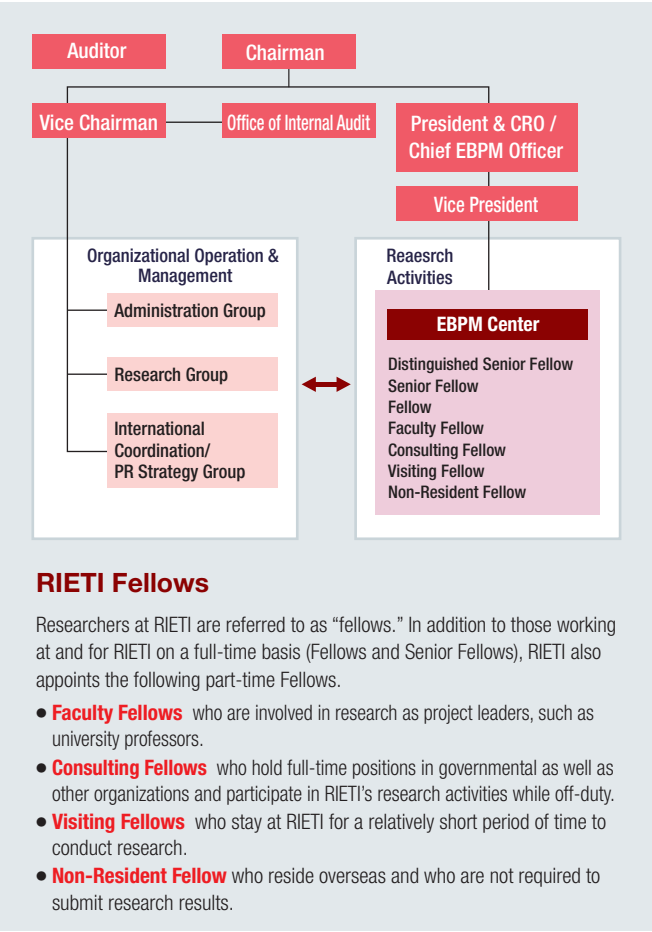
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President and CRO: TOMIURA Eiichi

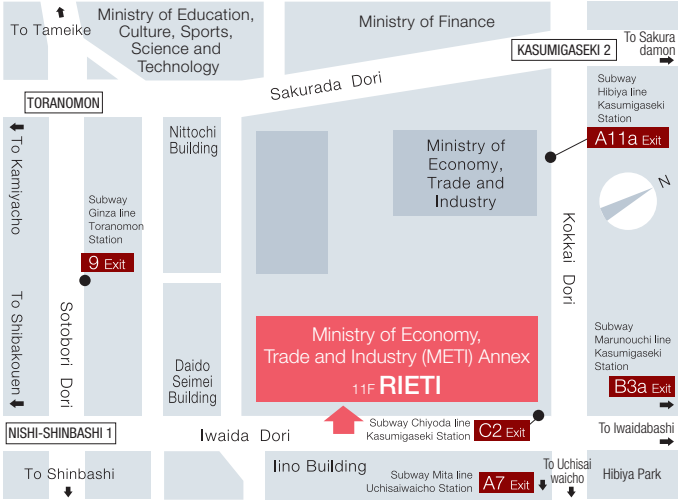
Number of fellows: 56

Primary resource of funds: Management grants
(from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

Organization Chart



Location



- Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line, Kasumigaseki Station, Exit C2. Two-minute walk.
- Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line, Kasumigaseki Station, Exit A11a. Three-minute walk.
- Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, Kasumigaseki Station, Exit B3a. Six-minute walk.
- Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Toranomon Station, Exit 9. Four-minute walk.
- Tokyo Metro Mita Line, Uchisaiwaicho Station, Exit A7. Six-minute walk.



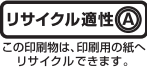
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FUKAO Kyoji, Chairman (left), TOMIURA Eiichi, President and CRO (right)

Greetings

In recent years, Japan has been facing unprecedented challenges, such as the rising geopolitical risks in the world, frequent natural disasters, and supply chain risks associated with them, as well as a structural shortage of labor due to the declining birthrate and aging population in Japan.

The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) engages in theoretical and empirical research related to various economic and social issues. In the Sixth Mid-Term Plan (FY2024-FY2028), in addition to its role as a “knowledge platform” cultivated over the years, RIETI has reaffirmed its contribution to the formulation and implementation of public policy as its most important role. We intend to support the government's medium- and long-term policy development from the perspective of research and analysis, and to actively deliver policy proposals on our own initiative.

Furthermore, with regard to Evidence-Based Policy Making (EBPM), which is becoming increasingly important for planning effective policies, the RIETI EBPM Center is strengthening various policy advisory functions, as the center provides advice to policymakers in a collaborative manner. The RIETI EBPM Center will further promote efforts to make it easier for policymakers to make use of research findings.

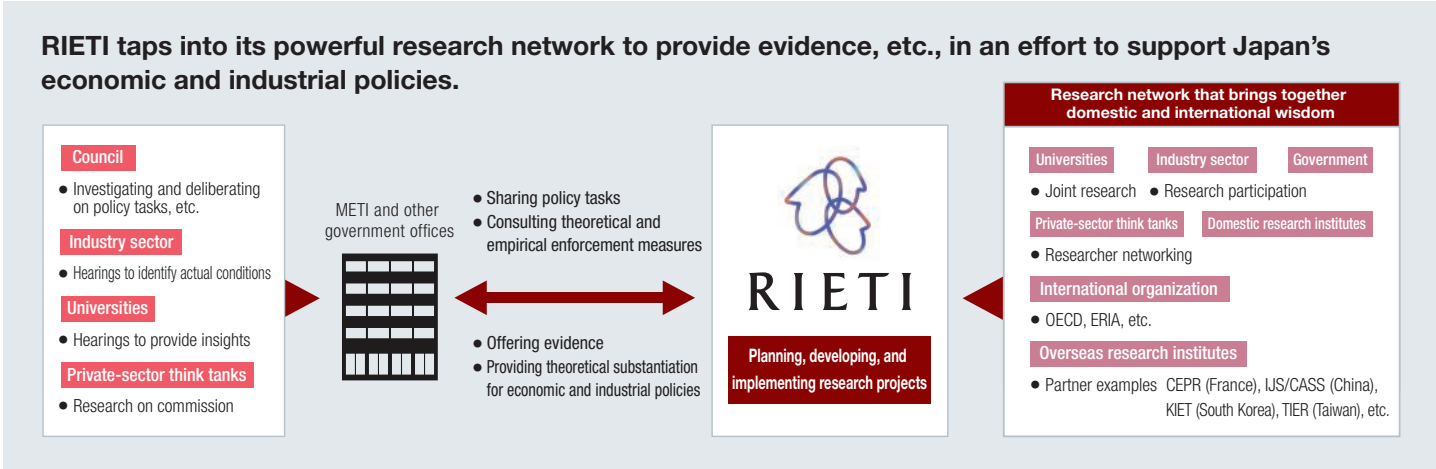
RIETI will continue to conduct evidence-based research that contributes to the formation of economic and industrial policy, which is its core mission, and to provide the results of such research in a timely manner in order to respond to various domestic and international issues that arise in the future. We look forward to your continued support and encouragement of RIETI.

FUKAO Kyoji, Chairman
TOMIURA Eiichi, President and CRO

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Purpose of RIETI

RIETI aims to efficiently and effectively conduct basic surveys and research on economic and industrial conditions and economic and industrial policies in Japan and overseas; contribute to the formulation of economic and industrial policies in Japan by utilizing the research and results of such research; promote knowledge and understanding of the economy and industry in the general public; and contribute to economic and industrial development through these activities.



Research Programs

RIETI conducts research activities based on seven research programs (approximately 60 projects), as well as research activities in areas and complex fields outside of those seven areas (“specific research”).

Seven Research Programs	KOBAYASHI Keiichiro Macroeconomy and Low Birthrate/ Aging Population	TODO Yasuyuki International Trade and Investment
HAMAGUCHI Nobuaki Regional Economies	NAGAOKA Sadao Innovation	OHASHI Hiroshi Industrial Economy
TSURU Kotaro Human Capital	KAWAGUCHI Daiji Policy Assessment	Special Projects

＝ Program Director

RIETI EBPM Center

The RIETI EBPM Center, established in April 2022, has been promoting a variety of initiatives aimed at contributing to policy. The Center also provided support for the creation of research designs to allow for future verification of effectiveness for some projects. We also began analyzing the effectiveness of subsidies at the request of the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI), and some of the results were published in a government working group document. Furthermore, our policy research examining the impact of large-scale semiconductor factories on local economies was published in an English-language peer-reviewed journal, and we are focusing on policy research using academic methods. The “EBPM Portal α”, which has been available to policymakers since April 2024, has been well received, with the access count reaching approximately 9,000 in the first year since its release, and RIETI plans to add survey paper summary content, which has been requested by many users. RIETI will continue these efforts to contribute to policy, as well as actively take on new challenges, and play a central role as a policy research institute supporting METI’s promotion of EBPM.

Public Relations Activities

RIETI disseminates its research results and activities using a variety of tools. We hold public symposiums on economic and social issues and Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) seminars in which we invite domestic and foreign experts as lecturers. We also publish videos of the lectures on our YouTube channel “rietichannel” and publish summaries of the proceedings on our website. In addition, RIETI disseminates research papers and policy advocacy columns by its fellows via its website (in Japanese, English, and Chinese), and via Twitter and Facebook, and publishes a quarterly PR magazine, *RIETI Highlight* (once a year for the English version). In addition, RIETI occasionally publishes books summarizing its research findings.

Website

English website

YouTube “rietichannel”

YouTube “rietichannel”

PR Magazine

RIETI Highlight
English Edition 2024

Publications

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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. RIETI publish 160 and more papers annually. DPs are aimed at contributing to the policy making, 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.



International Cooperation

In collaboration with overseas universities and research institutions, we have been working on expanding our research network and strengthening our research cooperation system. We have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with seven overseas research institutions. In particular, we are working with the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), a world-leading economic think tank, to co-host symposiums every year. Moreover, CEPR and RIETI mutually repost each other's content on their websites: in the case of CEPR, RIETI's content is posted on their portal site, VoxEU, and RIETI reposts content from CEPR.

MOU Partners

Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade (KIET, South Korea)
Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER, Taiwan)
Council on Foreign Relations (CFR, United States)
Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR, France)
Institute of Japanese Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IJS /CASS)