

Research Activities

The IDE conducts world-class research employing two research methods: one being area studies, which takes a multidisciplinary approach to analyzing developing and emerging countries in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Central America, South America, etc., and the other being development studies based on quantitative empirical analyses grounded in leading economic theories. This places the IDE as a leader in research on developing and emerging countries and enables it to offer both policy makers and the industrial world research results based on academic and comprehensive studies.

Covered Regions and Topics

Regions

- East Asia
- Southeast Asia
- South Asia
- Middle East and Central Asia
- Africa
- Latin America
- Oceania



Topics

Economics

- Agriculture and Rural Economy
- Business and Industry
- Economic Growth
- Energy
- Finance
- Globalization
- Industrialization
- Intellectual Property Rights
- International Input-Output Analysis
- Labor Problem
- Logistics
- Microfinance
- Regional Integration: Regionalization and Regionalism
- Skill Formation
- Spatial Economics
- Trade and Investment
- Transition Economies
- etc.

Society

- Development Aid Studies
- Development and Disability
- Development and Environment
- Education, Human Resources
- Gender
- Globalization- Culture and Society
- Health
- International Migration
- Poverty and Inequality
- Rural Society
- Social Development
- Social Security
- Urbanization
- etc.

Politics

- African Politics
- Central-Local Relations
- Conflict and Peacebuilding
- Decentralization
- Democratization
- International Relations
- Ethnic Group
- Islam and Politics
- Latin American Politics
- Political Parties and Elections
- Political System
- Social Movements
- etc.

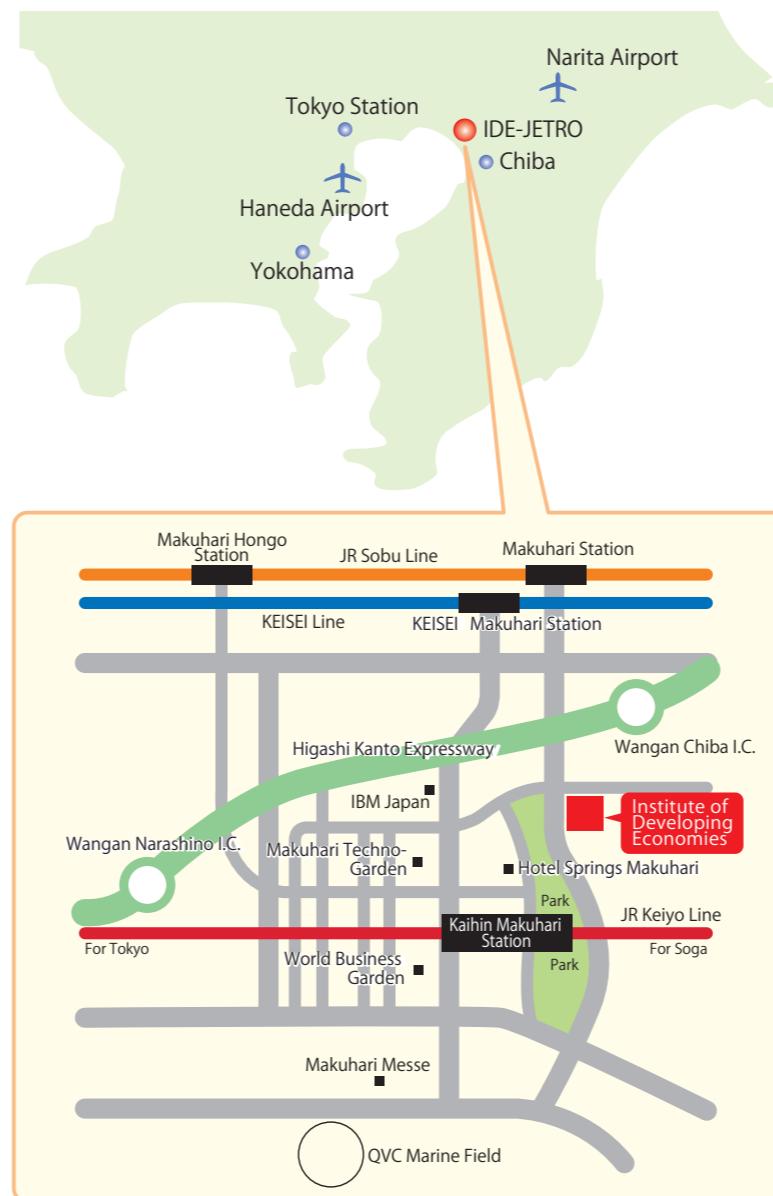
Law

- Disability and Law
- Business and Human Rights
- Law and Institutions
- etc.

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Access guide



JR Keiyo Line

10-minute walk from Kaihin Makuhari Station
(Approximately 30 minutes from Tokyo Station to Kaihin Makuhari Station by rapid train.)

JR Sobu Line

20-minute walk from Makuhari Station
12 minutes by bus from Makuhari Hongo Station
(Bound for Kaihin Makuhari Station),
10-minute walk from the north exit of Kaihin Makuhari Station

Keisei Line

20-minute walk from Keisei Makuhari Station
12 minutes by bus from Keisei Makuhari Hongo Station
(Bound for Kaihin Makuhari Station),
10-minute walk from the north exit of Kaihin Makuhari Station

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Message from the President



Kyoji FUKAO

President
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The Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) was founded in 1960 with special status under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry). Its primary objective was to undertake basic and comprehensive research on economic, political, and social issues affecting developing countries and regions. IDE conducts surveys and research on all developing, emerging countries and regions in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and Eastern Europe mainly through field surveys and empirical studies. The institute actively disseminates research findings to various stakeholders, including academics, policymakers, businesses and industries, and the civil society through its outreach programs. Through its specialized library service, the institute offers free access to collected materials and information on developing, emerging countries and regions to the public. IDE acts as the research exchange hub by conducting collaborative research projects with researchers/experts and partner institutions globally. Since 1990, the institute has held an active role in training experts on international development.

In the 21st century, high economic growth in developing countries and deepening international division of labor in the Asia-Pacific region has led the world economy. The international economy/security scheme established by countries developed by the West after World War II comprises the institutional infrastructure that enables the world economy. Today, however, the current conventional scheme faces potential divergence that may have been triggered by some key shifts such as the rise of emerging countries such as China and India; the relative decline of the U.S. influence on international relations; and turbulence experienced by the European communities. Under these uncertain international circumstances, the significance of developing a fair, transparent, and open international order is increasingly highlighted. IDE can contribute to such global challenges by providing knowledge through conducting comprehensive research on Asian economies and the world economy on the basis of the expertise of area studies and development studies.

IDE will accelerate its research activities, having a greater impact on tackling the abovementioned issues. I would highly appreciate your kind support for and cooperation with our activities.



Research Network

The IDE concludes the Memorandum of Understanding with outstanding academic institutes and international organizations for developing research networks and enhancing research collaboration.

List of Partner Institutions (as of March 2018)

- Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development (IAED), Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), CHINA
- Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences(SASS), CHINA
- University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), CHINA
- University of Costa Rica (UCR), COSTA RICA
- Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), INDIA
- Center for International Forestry Research(CIFOR), INDONESIA
- Korea Institute for International Economic Policy(KIEP), REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- Trade Research Institute, Korea International Trade Association(TRI-KITA), REPUBLIC OF KOREA
- Center of Excellence in Management, College of Business Administration, Kuwait University (CEM-KU), KUWAIT
- National Institute for Economic Research(NIER), LAOS
- El Colegio de México, A.C.(COLMEX), MEXICO
- Institute of Southeast Asian Studies(ISEAS), SINGAPORE
- Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (IOS-AS), TAIWAN
- Commerce Development Research Institute (CDRI), TAIWAN
- SOAS University of London, UNITED KINGDOM
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization(UNIDO)



Visiting Research Fellows (VRF) and Other Research Exchange Programs

The IDE invites overseas researchers and experts to programs for the purpose of promoting international research exchange on the issues of developing countries and regions.



The IDE offers a Visiting Research Fellows (VRF) program comprising two types of fellowships: IDE-supported fellowship and self-supported fellowship.

The IDE holds seminars on crucial issues of developing countries and is also conducting other exchange programs, including an international research promotion program, which invites prominent overseas development experts to discuss issues with researchers of IDE.

IDE Advanced School (IDEAS)

The IDE Advanced School (IDEAS) was founded in 1990 for training frontline development specialists in the fields of economic development and economic cooperation. The school organizes two types of training programs—one for Japanese students and the other for overseas fellows—and organizes curricula that focus on mutual learning effect. The overseas fellows program is a six-month program that targets young government officials serving in development-policy-related departments in developing countries. As of the end of March 2018, 405 fellows from more than 121 governmental organizations in 19 Asian and six African countries have participated in this program.



Publications



Since its establishment, the IDE has been publishing various publications concerning economic, political, and social issues in developing and emerging countries. Thus far, the IDE has released about 3,300 publications in Japanese and English.

- The peer-reviewed journal *The Developing Economies* (Wiley)
- Palgrave Macmillan IDE-JETRO Series
- Co-publication with other publishers (Springer, Edward Elgar, ISEAS, etc.)
- IDE Discussion Papers

Symposia, Lectures, and Seminars

To disseminate its research results and findings, the IDE not only publishes books and reports but also organizes international symposia and various kinds of lectures and seminars. The themes and topics of these events vary from academic to topical subjects targeted at the general public. The events are conducted at the IDE in the Tokyo metropolitan area as well as in cities both inside and outside Japan.



Library

The IDE's specialized library houses one of Japan's largest collections of information on the economic, political, and social issues of developing countries. Visitors to the library can use photocopy, reference, and Internet-search services. Library users can also access full texts of the Academic Research Repository (ARRIDE) and IDE Digital Archives, which include up-to-date research output of the institution as well as rare materials from IDE collections; they can also sign up to receive email alerts when selected materials or information arrive.

Collections (As of March 2016)

- Books: Approximately 500,000 volumes
- Statistical materials: Approximately 120,000 volumes
- Newspapers: Approximately 480 titles
- Maps: Approximately 54,000 sheets
- Microfilms: Approximately 88,000 reels
- Online journals: JSTOR, Science Direct, Wiley Online Library, etc.
- Online databases: UN COMTRADE, Global Trade Atlas, EIU Country Report, etc.
- CD-ROMs and DVDs

