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Institute of Developing Economies,
Japan External Trade Organization

Message from the President of IDE-JETRO

Through the creation of high value-added research results and the accumulation of high-quality research resources, we promote regional research in emerging and developing countries that will contribute to global development.

As the international community becomes increasingly fragmented, emerging economies with large populations among the countries of the 'Global South' are increasing their presence not only in economic terms, but also in the arena of international politics and diplomacy. Academic research is also becoming even more important for regional and cross-cutting issues such as 'green', 'human rights' and 'economic security'.

Since its foundation in 1960, the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), as one of the world's largest research institutions in the field of developing country studies, has conducted research on political, economic, social and other issues facing emerging and developing country regions from an international perspective that cuts across countries, regions and disciplines. At the same time, it has been collecting and providing materials and information on these countries and regions and disseminating the results of its research. With a collection of over 700,000 books, the IDE Library plays a role as a 'regional resource and information center for emerging and developing economies' not only in Japan but also in the world.

The Institute of Developing Economies aims to create and disseminate original, high-quality research results based on objective analysis of the world's political economy, particularly in emerging and developing country regions, by drawing on a pool of researchers in many specialist fields, including leading area studies specialists and researchers in international political and economic systems. In addition, the Institute of Developing Economies will further internationalize itself, strengthen its digital infrastructure, promote active disclosure of information based on its open access policy, and make an intellectual contribution that serves as a foundation for all stakeholders to consider global trends and Japan's response to them.



President, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)
KIMURA Fukunari

Who we are?

The operations of the Institute of Developing Economies are funded by the government, and its approximately 100 researchers carry out academic research grounded in the principles of direct observation in the field and positivism on a range of issues facing emerging and developing economies, including those in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America, and issues facing international society.

The IDE Library, one of the world's leading specialist libraries, collects and maintains vast quantities of research results, data, and materials related to emerging and developing economies, and serves as an academic information platform providing public goods that create an intellectual foundation for academic research. In addition, by strengthening its network with countries around the world through its IDEAS training program and ERIA Support project, the Institute has set its sights on becoming an international center for academic research.



Overview

Name: Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)
(A research institution affiliated with JETRO, an incorporated administrative agency)

Purpose: The objectives of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) are to comprehensively and efficiently conduct activities to promote Japan's international trade and to conduct basic comprehensive research on the economies, and related matters, in areas including the Asian region, as well as to disseminate the results of such research, and to thereby contribute to the expansion of international trade and the promotion of international economic cooperation. (Quoted from "The Law Concerning the Japan External Trade Organization As an Incorporated Administrative Agency, Section 1, Article 3, 'Objectives of JETRO'")

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Number of employees: 187 (As of February, 2025)

President: KIMURA Fukunari

Organization Chart (As of April, 2025)

Research Planning Department	Planning and Coordination Division	Research Management Division	Research Personnel Division
Research Administration Department	Research Administration Division	Research Promotion Division	
	Outreach Event Division	Research Exchange and Training Division	
Area Studies Center	Northeast and Southeast Asian Studies Group	Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Group	
	African and Latin American Studies Group	Current Affairs Studies Group	
Development Studies Center	Economic Modelling Studies Group	Microeconomic Analysis Studies Group	
	Economic Integration Studies Group	Business and Industry Studies Group	
Inter-disciplinary Studies Center	Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group	Gender and Social Development Studies Group	
	Global Studies Group	Law and Governance Studies Group	
Academic Information Center	Library and Information Division	Publication Division	
ERIA Collaboration Office			
Bangkok Research Center (JETRO Bangkok)			

History

- 1958 Institute of Developing Economies Foundation (a juridical foundation) established
- 1960 The institute is reorganized into a semi-governmental body under the "Institute of Developing Economies Law"
- 1990 Institute of Developing Economies Advanced School (IDEAS) opened
- 1998 Merged with Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
- 1999 Moved to Kaihin-Makuhari, Chiba Prefecture
- 2003 JETRO was reorganized into an incorporated administrative agency
- 2023 Start of 6th Medium-term Plan period



Research

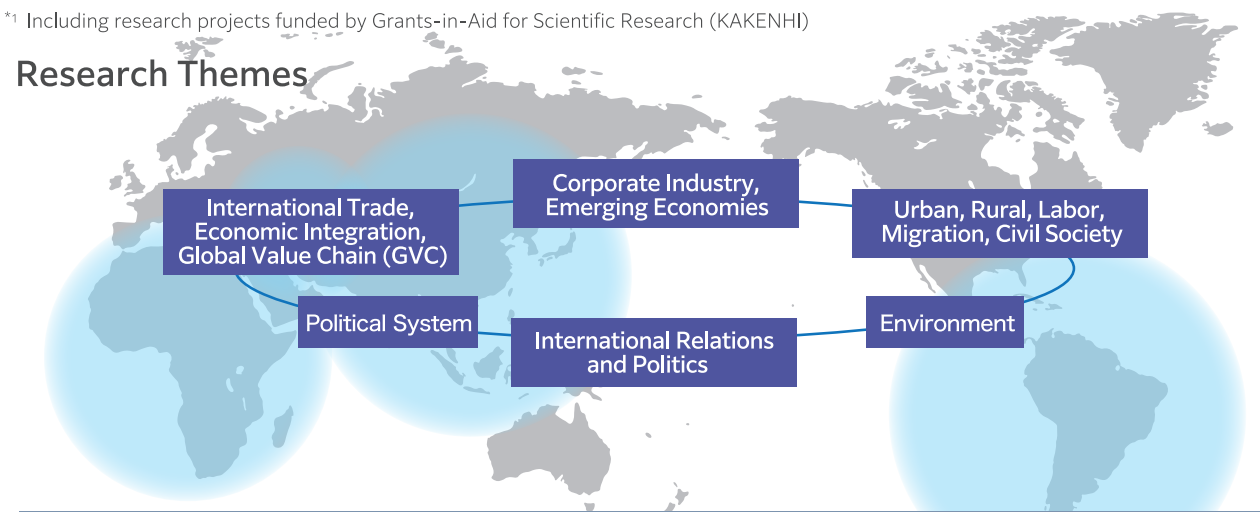
Creating new value through original, groundbreaking research

The Institute of Developing Economies' research spans the world's emerging and developing regions, including **Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America**. Research topics range from economic issues such as international trade, industry, finance, and technological innovation; political and international relations issues such as democracy, political systems, diplomacy, and international politics; and social issues such as environmental issues, population and labor, disability and gender, poverty reduction, and business and human rights.

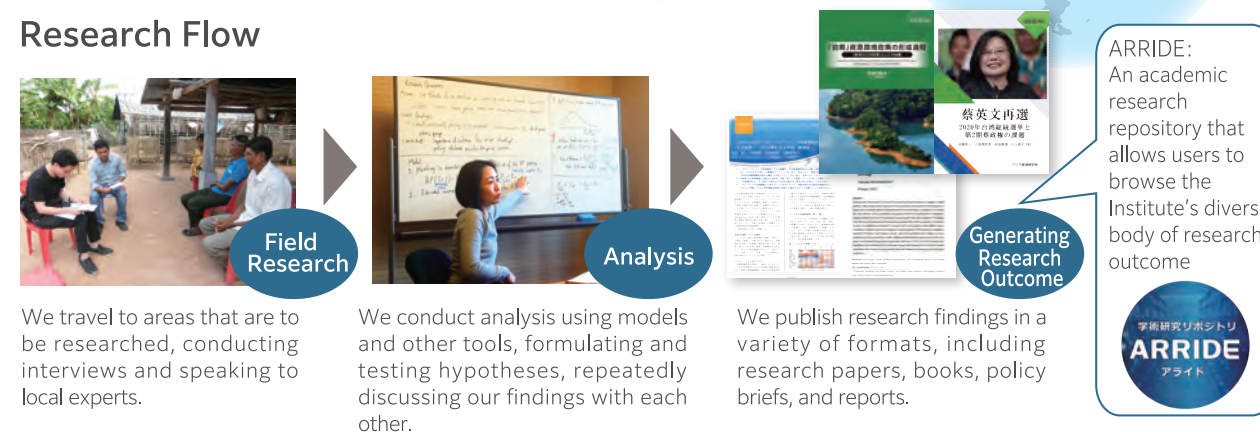
At the initiative of individual researchers, and taking into account the interests of governments, industry, and civil society in Japan as well as in emerging and developing countries and regions, nearly 200 research projects^{*1} are undertaken each year.

^{*1} Including research projects funded by Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)

Research Themes



Research Flow



Periodicals specializing in particular regions
— Full text online, free of charge —

"Yearbook of Asian Affairs" is an annual publication that analyzes the previous year's events in Asia. Since its first issue in 1970, it has based its yearly analyses on various indicators—politics/economics/foreign relations/daily reports/statistics—which has allowed for a long-term examination of the target country/region. We have also begun publishing a "bundle edition" of previously published articles, based on the notion of "a decade in the life of X country or region."

(in Japanese)



The "Latin America Report" and the "Africa Report" are two of the IDE's regional magazines. These publications provide accurate analyses of the ever-changing regional situations in Latin America and Africa, examining various aspects of their long-term social development. Both publications are available free of charge on J-STAGE^{*2}.

^{*2} E-journal platform established by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (in Japanese)



Dissemination

Returning research findings to society, making intellectual contributions to the world

The Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) makes almost all of its research findings available to the public on an open-access basis through the Academic Research Repository (ARRIDE) and J-STAGE. These findings are used in various ways and returned to society.

Academic Journals

"Asian Economies" (Aja keizai) is a peer-reviewed Japanese-language academic journal in the social sciences, released quarterly. The journal is open to a wide swathe of researchers both within and outside the institute, and we continuously strive to improve it.

The English-language "The Developing Economies (DE)" journal is unique in that it welcomes not only quantitative research papers based on statistical evidence, but also qualitative regional research papers with new data and unusual perspectives.



Books

All Japanese-language books published by the Institute of Developing Economies have been made available as eBooks (electronic books, PDF and EPUB formats) since FY2020. They can be read or downloaded for free by anyone with an Internet connection. Printed copies are available on demand (for a fee).

Some of our findings have also been published by domestic and international publishers as monographs for distribution in bookstores which critically acclaimed across various fields.



Website / Social Media

Online magazine "IDE Square" (in Japanese)

Written mainly by our staff members and researchers, the articles range from approachable essays to timely, readable editorials on current affairs and social issues through the lenses of sports, entertainment, and culinary culture.



IDE Research Columns (in English)

This is an easily digestible compilation of research findings on the economics, politics, and societal issues of emerging and developing regions, as well as other countries around the globe. They deliver essential research findings in English not only to academics, but also to a wide range of people interested in emerging and developing economies, including those involved in policymaking.



Disseminating information via social media

On Twitter, social media managers Tweet daily, mainly about the latest reports and event announcements. The official YouTube channel also offers exclusive content, such as commentaries on current issues by researchers, videos of researchers discussing their work, interviews, and more.



Academic Events and Seminars

We hold around 50 seminars and symposiums a year across a variety of formats (in-person, online, and hybrid) to disseminate research findings, comment on current issues, and address themes tailored to the needs of both companies and students. From July to September each year, we also offer paid summer courses that cover a wide range of topics, including those on specific countries and regions, high-profile political and economic topics, and social issues.



International Symposium on the Environment, to be held in January 2023

Interaction and exchanges with domestic and international experts and research institutions

We actively promote forming agreements for research and collaboration with research institutions and universities, both domestically and abroad; through the mutual acceptance of researchers and jointly organized workshops, we seek to encourage collaborative activities and raise the level of research. We also accept experts from domestic and overseas research institutes and universities as visiting researchers, so that they may conduct joint research and exchange ideas with our in-house researchers. The network cultivated here is one of the most valuable assets for researchers and their activities out in the field.



International workshop co-hosted with the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), The Netherlands

IDEAS Program

We offer training programs for domestic personnel and mid-career government officials from developing countries in Asia and Africa, which offer opportunities to learn about international trade and investment, socio-economic development, and finance and development issues. These programs contribute to the upskilling of people involved in policymaking and development in developing countries, as well as to cultivating professional and personal networks.



Training in 2022

ERIA Support Activity

Using our many years of accumulated research as well as our network of researchers across East Asia, we help support research activities conducted by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), together with the Bangkok Research Center (BRC), JETRO Bangkok.

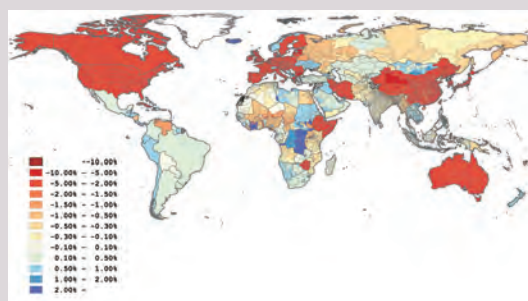
As a member (IDE-JETRO) and secretariat (BRC) of the Research Institutes Network (RIN), a network of research institutes across 16 East Asian nations*³ established to support ERIA's research activities, we also support RIN's activities.

*³ Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand



Annual RIN Meeting held in Bangkok in November 2022

Geographical Simulation Model



From IDE Research Column "Calculating the Impact of Global Decoupling on the Global Economy"

Forecasting the future of the global economy on a regional basis

Estimate the effects of FTAs and infrastructure development

Geographical Simulation Model (IDE-GSM®), which has been under development at the Institute of Developing Economies since 2007, is an economic model based on spatial economics that forecasts global GDP and population at the state, province, and prefectural level for each country.

It is used by ERIA, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank primarily for infrastructure development and FTA/RTA analysis across Asia.

The IDE Library is a specialist library with an extensive collection of more than 700,000 volumes on Asia as well as emerging and developing economies. It is open to the public and can be used by anyone after a simple registration process. (Excludes some materials)

Service Overview

*For more information, please visit our website.

■ Open

Weekdays, 1st and 3rd Saturdays 10:00~18:00

■ Closed

2nd, 4th, 5th Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, the last working day of each month, year-end and NewYear holidays, etc.

■ Reference Services

Library staff will guide users on how to search for materials.
You can also contact us by e-mail or telephone prior to your visit.

■ Photocopying Services (paid)

Photocopies can be made in person or by mail.

■ Lending

Library cards will be issued to users meeting the following criteria:
· IDE-JETRO Supporting members (regular members and individual user members)
· Inter-library loans are also available through university libraries and public libraries in Japan.

For inquiries, e-mail: Libser@ide.go.jp

TEL: 043-299-9716



Digital Archives

The Institute's research results and the Library's collection of rare historical materials have been digitized and made available on the website.

Examples of Contents:



Japan in Modern Asia



Kishi Koichi Collection



Award for the Promotion of Studies on Developing Countries

In order to contribute to improving the standard of research in the social sciences and related fields in developing countries and regions, the Institute of Developing Economies established the IDE-JETRO's Award for the Promotion of Studies on Developing Countries in 1980, and annually recognizes outstanding works on developing countries and regions.



The 2022 Awards Ceremony

