

# The Sharing of “Knowledge”

## Making an intellectual contribution to the world

The research results produced through the research activities carried out at the Institute of Developing Economies, as well as the knowledge, perspectives, and analytical methods accumulated by each researcher, are shared with the world in various forms, including the publication of papers and monographs, lectures at seminars and other events, commentary in the media, online articles, and video commentary via social media.

We make an intellectual contribution to the world by carrying out research that accurately identifies the needs of society and returns those results to society in an accurate way.

IDE-JETRO

www.ide.go.jp

@ideas.idejetro

@idesquare

@ide\_jetro



Message from the President of IDE-JETRO

## Aiming for high-quality research into developing and emerging countries

For the past 60 years, the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) has studied the economic, political, and social issues facing developing countries and regions from national, regional, and international perspectives. During the 21st century, the global economy has been driven by the strong growth of developing countries and regions due to the deepening of international divisions of labor based on the international economic and security system established by the developed Western economies after World War II. Today, however, orthodox international economic and security systems are at a critical juncture amid the emergence of a struggle for hegemony over trade and technology between the United States and China, the decline of international dispute resolution functions such as the WTO, and turmoil in the EU, set against a backdrop of rapid technological innovation such as in digital

technology. Amidst this uncertainty, it is becoming increasingly important to comprehensively analyze the various phenomena occurring around the world from an academic perspective, and to design a fair, transparent, and open international order. The Institute of Developing Economies is committed to making intellectual contributions to both Japan and the rest of the world through the creation, accumulation, and dissemination of knowledge through research activities that actively respond to these issues.

FUKAO Kyoji

President  
The Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO

## Overview

N a m e	Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO) (A research institution affiliated with JETRO, an incorporated administrative agency)
P u r p o s e	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'")
A d d r e s s	Wakaba 3-2-2, Mihamaku, Chiba, Chiba Prefecture, 261-8545, Japan
Number of employees	204 (As of January 1st, 2020)
P r e s i d e n t	FUKAO Kyoji

## IDE Organization Chart(as of January 2020)

Research Planning Dep.			
Research Operations Dep.			
Area Studies Center	East Asian Studies Group	Southeast Asian Studies Group I	Southeast Asian Studies Group II
	South Asian Studies Group	Middle Eastern Studies Group	African Studies Group
	Latin American Studies Group	Current Affairs Studies Group	
Development Studies Center	Economic Modelling Studies Group	Micro Economic Analysis Studies Group	Economic Integration Studies Group
	Economic Geography Studies Group	Business and Industry Studies Group	
Inter-disciplinary Studies Center	Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group	Governance Studies Group	Gender and Social Development Studies Group
	Law and Institution Studies Group	Global Studies Group	
Academic Information Center			
ERIA Support Office			



# The Creation of “Knowledge”

Creating novel value from original and pioneering research

The Institute of Developing Economies conducts in-depth research into the economics, politics, and societies of developing countries and regions-including Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. The institute places emphases on area studies and empirical studies.

Target research topics cover a wide range of economic issues such as trade and investment, industry, finance, and technological innovation; political issues such as democracy, political parties and elections, diplomacy and international relations; and sociological issues such as population and labor, disability and gender, and poverty reduction.

Our researchers move back and forth between the unique qualities and historicity of regions and societies and the universality and rigor that social science methodologies aim to achieve, while advancing research into the issues that each must solve.

## Research Projects

Operating expense subsidies

The Institute of Developing Economies conducts research on various issues in developing countries and regions using block grants provided by the Japanese government.

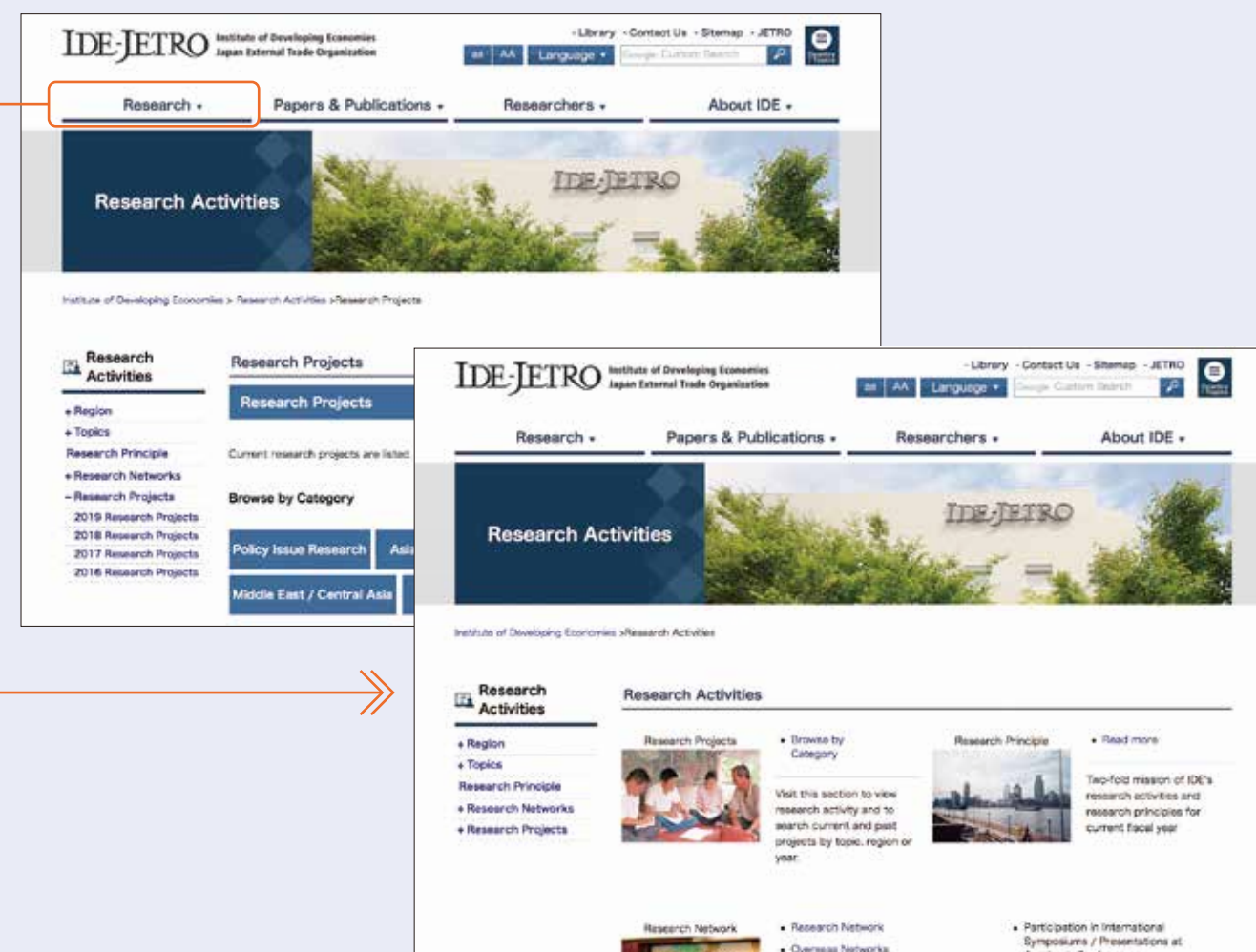
Research projects include basic research serving as a gateway to new research topics, comprehensive research that deepens and applies basic research, collaborative research conducted through partnerships with international organizations, economic analyses focusing on specific countries or regions, and policy-issue research aiming to contribute to Japan’s foreign policy.

### Example of our Research

- Analysis of Current Affairs in Asia
- Analyses of Politics and Economics in Contemporary Middle East
- Political Economies in Africa
- Publication of the Latin America Report

Please visit our website for the latest updates on the research project ▶▶

<https://www.ide.go.jp/English/Research/Project.html>



## International Research Hub Functions

# The Accumulation of “Knowledge”

Aiming to be an international center for academic research where academics gather

With one of the world’s leading special libraries, the Institute of Developing Economies collects and compiles a vast amount of research results, data, and materials pertaining to developing countries and serves as an academic information platform providing a public good that forms the intellectual foundation for academic research.

In addition, by further strengthening the network of research institutions and researchers around the world that we have built up over the course of our long history, we aim to become an international academic research hub where academics from around the world come together.

### Partnerships with domestic and international research institutions

- A global research network -

To promote research exchanges with research institutions and universities in Japan and overseas, to stimulate cooperative research agreements, and to improve research standards, the Institute of Developing Economies is proactive in promoting the signing of research exchange agreements (comprehensive MOUs). We conduct joint research, co-host events, produce joint publications, and engage in various activities such as exchanges of researchers based on these agreements.

#### MOU partners (Partial list)

##### Overseas

The National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (NIIS, CAAS)  
The Taiwan–Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)  
The Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI)  
The Laos National Institute for Economic Research (NIER)  
The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) (India)

##### Within Japan

The University of Tokyo, Kobe University, Institute of Economic Research (Hitotsubashi University), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Kanda University of International Studies



Hosting a workshop attended by the President of the Laos National Economic Research Institute (NIER) (former Prime Minister of Laos) and others (August 2019)



A workshop co-hosted with the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF; November 2019)

### Visiting Fellowship

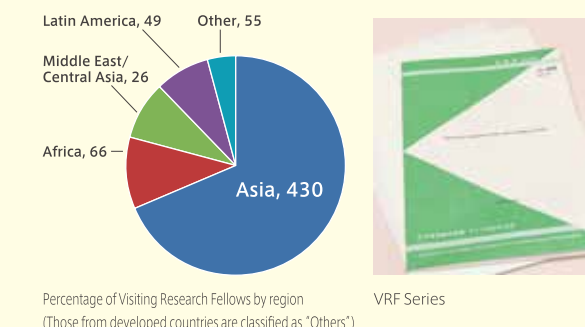
- A place for researchers to gather from around the world -

Experts belonging to research institutes and universities in Japan and overseas are received as Visiting Research Fellows to conduct joint research and to exchange opinions with researchers at the Institute. The human network developed here is a valuable asset for the researchers at the Institute of Developing Economies when conducting research activities in the field.

- Since 1970, approximately 600 experts from some 70 countries and regions have been invited. The number of Visiting Research Fellows (up to FY2019): China: 93; South Korea: 72; India: 53; Thailand: 42; The Philippines: 27
- To date, more than 500 titles have been published in the “VRF Series”  
In addition, results have also been published in IDE Discussion Papers series.



VRF Seminar (October 2019)



VRF Series