



International Collaboration Projects

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Considering the nature of Japanese society in the 21st Century, Japan must urgently tackle such important problems as aging, the expansion of fiscal deficits, and the worsening of global environmental issues. In this context, it is a significant challenge to establish strategies that will lead the economy to a path of stable and sustainable growth without a decline in economic welfare. On these topics, a lot of researches have already been launched abroad, and it will be difficult for Japan to resolve those problems on its own.

The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, started the “**International Collaboration Projects**” in collaboration with research institutes in Japan and abroad in order to study these issues from various perspectives. These projects started in 2004 with a focus on issues such as innovation, growth, and global warming, the goal of achieving sustainable growth, and FTA.

◆ System Chart of Project ◆ < 2004 >

Innovation and Growth

- Technological progress *Nishimura Group*
- Finance *Hitotsubashi Univ.*
- IT / Tax system *Harvard Univ.*
- Potential for growth *OFCE*

Dealing with the aging of society and employment problems

- Aging of society and international economics *Brookings*
- Senior citizen income *Brookings*
- Employment *Kyoto Univ.*

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“Sustainable growth”

Innovation / market creation for aging societies

- Pension management *NBER*
- Medical care / nursing A, B *Hitotsubashi Univ., NBER, Shimizutani / Noguchi Units*

FTA

ECLAC, INCAE, ISIS

Overcoming environmental problems

- International framework for policies on climate change *FEEM, CEPS*
- Means of formulating policies on climate change *Univ. of Texas, University College, Dublin(UCD)*
- Technological innovation and IT *Univ. of Tokyo, Sophia Univ.*
- Relations with Asia *Kyoto Univ., Nomura Research Institute*
- Changes in the U.S. *CEPS*