

Main Institutions in Japan Conducting Development Research with Output in English

This is an outline of the main centres / networks on development research in Japan (which overlap to some degree). These include:

Agencies

- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC): As part of its work JBIC carries out and commissions research and surveys on development topics through the JBIC Institute and the Sector Strategy Development Department. A large amount of output is in English, including JBIC review, research reports, discussion papers and the Journal of Development Assistance (until 1998). Much more information is available in Japanese. For English, see: <http://www.jbic.go.jp/english/research/report/index.php>
- Global Development Network (GDN) Japan hub: JBIC hosts this initiative where the most useful product for research purposes is a search engine of development-related studies produced or organised by Japanese institutions. (www.gdn-japan.jbic.go.jp).
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA): As part of its work JICA carries out and commissions research on development topics. The units that carry this out are the JICA Institute for International Cooperation (IFIC), the First Research and Development Division and the Second Research and Development Division. There is a large amount of output in English, including Country Study Reports, Topical and Sectoral Studies, and the Journal Technology and Development, all of which are fully downloadable. English Publications page: <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publication/studyreport/index.html>

Research Institutes

- Institute of Developing Economies (IDE): IDE conducts research on developing countries and produces a range of publications. For English speakers, IDE has the most accessible web page and the most content on development issues. IDE produces books, reports and papers and also produces the quarterly journal *The Developing Economies* – abstracts of papers are available online. Each year the Institute grants awards for outstanding publications – while currently in Japanese, this would seem to be a good start for translation into English. Research page in English: <http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Research/index.html>
Publications page in English: <http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Publish/index.html>

- National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS): The International Development Strategies programme at GRIPS is an important new addition to the development studies scene in Japan. The Development Forum project, led by Izumi Ohno, specifically seeks ‘innovation in Japan’s intellectual aid.’ The GRIPS website has access to publications on development issues in English.
GRIPS Development:
www.grips.ac.jp/research/internationaldevelopment.html
GRIPS Development Forum: www.grips.ac.jp/forum-e/ (especially *Download* section)
- International Development Research Institute (IDRI): IDRI within the Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development (FASID) conducts policy-oriented and theoretical research and surveys to contribute to policy-making. The directory of development specialists in Japan, research, database and email functions are clearly very developed and important for the development community within Japan. Much less information is available in English. FASID holds regular seminars and serves an important function within the development community in Japan as a forum for discussion and bringing people together.
<http://www.fasid.or.jp/english/surveys/index.html>
- International Development Centre of Japan (IDCJ): IDCJ, founded in 1971, was Japan’s first think tank specialising on development and cooperation. It conducts research, training and consulting activities. Very few publications are available online in English.
Activities page in English:
http://www.idcj.or.jp/4Publications_e/41_pub_e.htm

Networks

- Japan Society for International Development (JASID): JASID (kokusai kaihatsu gakkai) has 898 regular members and 272 student members. It consists mostly of researchers but also includes some practitioners. It holds annual meetings and publishes the Journal of International Development Studies every six months. Presently hosted by Hiroshima University.
Basic information in English: <http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jasid/>
- Japan Evaluation Society (JES): JES provides comprehensive information on evaluation activities in Japan and has a development focus. The English website was not working when access was tried (October 2003). IDCJ hosts this organisation.
Japanese: www.idcj.or.jp/jes/
English: www.idcj.or.jp/jes/index_english.htm
- Society for Researchers in International Development (SRID): Founded in 1974, and with about 200 researchers currently involved, SRID holds monthly meetings, publishes a newsletter every month and holds a symposium every

summer. It is a closed group requiring recommendation by two existing members to join.

Japanese: <http://hal2001.itakura.toyo.ac.jp/~ikeda/SRID>

English: <http://hal2001.itakura.toyo.ac.jp/~ikeda/SRID/eng01.htm>

- ODA Reform Network: This is an informal network of about 55 organisations and 400 people with offices in Tokyo and Osaka. Currently lobbying for an ODA Law, to correspond with the 50th anniversary next year of Japanese ODA.
www1.jca.apc.org/oda-net (No information in English)
- DC Forum: DC Forum is a very active email discussion list for Japanese working in development that focuses on development policy issues. The Forum holds seminars in the US and the list is run from Washington DC.
www.developmentforum.org (No information in English)
- Development World Mailing List: This is a very large email mailing list with about 2,000 to 3,000 members working in development, many overseas. Main mailing list is in Japanese but an English version is being established.
www.dwml.net/english/index.html

Universities (with Development-related Information in English)

There are few universities with a substantial amount of development research publications available on their websites in English. Kobe, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Nihon Fukushi and Ferris have some of the strongest Development Studies departments in Japan. For a list of graduate schools offering development studies in Japan, please go to: <http://www.fasid.or.jp/english/link.html>

International Organisations

- The three main international organisations with research capacity in Japan are:
 - United Nations University (UNU): www.unu.edu
 - Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI): www.adbi.org
 - United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD):
www.uncrd.or.jp/
- World Bank, Tokyo Office, also has many papers and documents:
www.worldbank.or.jp

Box 1: Some Leading International Development Researchers in Japan

- Yonsuke Hara writes on Economic History and East Asia.
- Yujiro Hayami is an expert on rural development issues.
- Akio Hosono, now an Ambassador, is the best known researcher on Latin America.
- Shigeru Ishikawa is one of the founding fathers of development studies in Japan.
- Fukunari Kimura is seen as one of leading writers on economic issues.
- Kennichi Ohno is widely seen as Japan's leading development economist.
- Izumi Ohno is one of leading scholars, currently focusing on PRSPs in East Asia.
- Yasutami Shimomura, formerly at JBIC, is now leading on governance as well as aid issues.
- Kan Sato is one of the leading researchers on agriculture and social development.
- Motoki Takahashi and Katsumi Hirano are seen as key people for Africa.
- Toru Yanagihara, works on Latin America, and led the JICA study group on PRSPs.
- Hideki Esho is seen as one of the leading writers on poverty.