

CIRIEC-Japan, activities 2020-2022

CIRIEC-Japan was established in 1985 by our first President, the late Hisao ONOE, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University and the second President, the late Shunzo NITTA, Professor of Toyo University.

The President of CIRIEC-Japan was succeeded by the late Masu UEKUSA, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo, Eiji SHIOMI, Professor Emeritus of Chuo University and Kenichi NAKAGAMI, Professor Emeritus of Ritsumeikan University.

The current President is Munenori NOMURA, Professor of Kwansai Gakuin University.

The office of CIRIEC-Japan had been located in Nagoya Gakuin University in Aichi until 2019, and moved to Osaka City University in 2020.

CIRIEC-Japan has inherited the spirit of inauguration, which can be seen in its website as follows: CIRIEC-Japan is aiming to be the place for exchange of opinion and research among the researchers and practitioners who are interested in public, social and cooperative issues in the market economy. One of the consequences we expect is to enhance the level of activity in public and common services that has not yet succeeded to respond the request from the people in Japan.

According to the CIRIEC International statutes, CIRIEC-Japan is an independent academic association within the network of CIRIEC International. Since its establishment, CIRIEC-Japan has developed its academic activities and expanded its international networks by frequently attending the activities of CIRIEC International. International membership fees are paid from the part of the domestic budget of CIRIEC-Japan. This system is very unique among Japanese academic societies, but it provides well designed and efficiently organized international network of research and information.

Headquarters of CIRIEC International are located in Liège (Belgium) and its national sections are located mainly in Europe, but CIRIEC extends to all parts of the world: Argentina (1966), Canada (1967), Japan (1985), Turkey (1999), Venezuela (1999), Brazil (2002),... CIRIEC holds a biennial congress to discuss problems and prospects on public utilities, cooperative and social economies. In addition, scientific meetings, seminars and conferences are organized on the subjects of public economy and social economy.

CIRIEC-Japan, as one of the national sections of CIRIEC International, holds an Annual Research Conference and Spring Meeting, and publishes an academic journal every year. It also organizes study groups for the public, social and cooperative economy.

Contribution of CIRIEC-Japan to the Congress and Conference of CIRIEC International

There are no contribution of CIRIEC-Japan to the Congress and Conference of CIRIEC International.

Activities of CIRIEC-Japan

CIRIEC-Japan's activities are mainly composed of Annual Research Conference (every December) and Spring Meeting (every March) to discuss relevant subjects by inviting speakers to panel discussions, and to offer opportunities for members to report on their academic studies. One more important activity is to publish the academic journal entitled *Kokusai-kokyo-keizai-kenkyu* ("*International Public Economy Studies*"), in Japanese.

The Annual Research Conferences of CIRIEC-Japan

- **The 35th Annual Research Conference**

This conference was held at Chukyo University in Aichi on 12th December 2020 (online).

The main theme was "**Building a new socio-economic system for post COVID-19 based on the division of roles of the public.**"

The organizer was Yurie SAITO, Professor, Chukyo University.

- * Panel Discussion 1 was titled as "The academic education under COVID-19 pandemic - What is the effect of online lectures."
The coordinator was Satoru MATSUBARA, Professor, Toyo University.

- * Panel Discussion 2 was titled as "Information, Society and Public Economy under COVID-19 Crisis."
The coordinator was Ryosuke NISHIDA, Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology.

In addition, there were three presentations by graduate student members, and five presentations by general members.

- **The 36th Annual Research Conference**

This conference was held at Tokai University in Tokyo on 11th and 12th December 2021.

The main theme was "**Consideration on Sustainability in the era of the transformed economic system.**"

The organizer was Yumiko MORI, Professor, Tokai University.

- * Panel Discussion 1 was titled as "Issues of digitization."
The coordinator was Ryosuke NISHIDA, Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology.
 - * Panel Discussion 2 was titled as "Socio-Economic sector and SDGs."
The coordinator was Megumi KASHIWAGI, Canon Institute for Global Studies, Tokyo.
 - * Panel Discussion 3 was titled as CIRIEC International: Present Condition.
The coordinator was Munenori NOMURA, Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University.
 - * Panel Discussion 4 was titled as "New Finance Currency in Social Economy."
The coordinator was Yumiko MORI, Professor, Tokai University.
The guest speaker was Kazuhiko HIRATA, full-time corporate auditors, TOBU CARD BUSINESS CO, LTD and Kenichiro FUKUDA, associate partner, EY Strategy and Consulting CO, Ltd.
- In addition, there were two presentations by graduate student members, and four presentations by general members.

- **The next 37th Annual Research Conference**

This conference will be held in December 2022, at Fukuyama University in Hiroshima.

The main theme and detail contents are now under consideration.

The organizer is Shoji KUSUDA, Professor, Fukuyama University.

Spring Meetings of CIRIEC-Japan

- **The 8th Spring Meeting**

This meeting was to be held at Tokyo Institute of Technology on 14th March 2020 but cancelled because of COVID-19.

- **The 9th Spring Meeting**

This meeting was held at Tokyo Institute of Technology in Tokyo on 13th March 2021.

The main theme was "**Socio-economic and public economy in a long-term crisis.**"

The organizer was Ryosuke NISHIDA, Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology.

- * Panel Discussion 1 was titled as "Issues of digitization."

The coordinator was Koichi KITAJIMA, Professor, Rikkyo University, Tokyo.

- * Panel Discussion 2 was titled as "Socio-economic sector and SDGs." The coordinator was Naoto IKEGAI, Toyo University, Tokyo.

In addition, there were two presentations by graduate student members, and five presentations by general members.

- **The 10th Spring Meeting**

This meeting was held at Okayama Prefectural University in Okayama on 19th March 2022.

The main theme was "**Community-based welfare for a post-COVID-19 crisis.**"

The organizer was Kenji IWAMITU, Professor, Okayama Prefectural University, Okayama.

- **Symposium "Symbiosis of Local Community on post-COVID-19 crisis".**

The guest speaker was Ichiro OKAYAMA, Chief editor, The Sanyo Shimbun.

- * Panel Discussion was titled as "Efforts for a community-based society." The coordinator was Kenji IWAMITU, Professor, Okayama Prefectural University, Okayama.

In addition, there were ten presentations by general members.

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