

CIRIEC-Japan, 2022-2024 activities

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 Kwansei 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. The secretariat of CIRIEC-Japan was relocated back to Nagoya Gakuin University in 2022.

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 the Japanese academic societies, but it provides well designed and efficiently organized international network of research and information.

And, we are pleased to announce that, as of October 15, 2024, CIRIEC-Japan has transitioned from a voluntary association to a **General Incorporated Association** in order to further enhance its development and public benefit. As a corporate entity, we will continue to promote international academic exchange in the field of public economics and place even greater emphasis on contributing to society through scholarly achievements. We are committed to providing an increasingly meaningful platform for all of our members.

Contribution of CIRIEC-Japan to the Congresses of CIRIEC International

- **The 33rd CIRIEC International Congress was held in Valencia, Spain, 13 - 15 June 2022.**
 - * Workshop C: Public, Social Economy Partnerships
"What to think about in collaboration with residents for better transport?", report presented via video by Prof. Shinichi Saito, University of Shimane (Japan)
- **The 34th CIRIEC International Congress was held in San José, Costa Rica, 16 - 18 October 2024.**

Participation in on-site sessions of Professor Kazuhiko Tabata and Associate Professor Shinichi Hanada:

- * Plenary Session 1: Human development in relation to employment, health, education and rights
"Prescription for declining population society – Proposals from Japan that is under the very low birthrate and supper aged", report presented by Prof. Dr. Kazuhiko Tabata, Vice President for Research Development and Community Relations, University of Hyogo, Vice President of CIRIEC International and CIRIEC-Japan
- * Roundtable 3: Sustainable cities
"Liberalization of the Energy Market in Japan: Regional Characteristics of Renewable Energy and the Impact of Urban Gas Deregulation", report presented by Ass. Prof. Shinichi Hanada, Head of the Public Economy Research Group, Hirosaki University (Japan)

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 Conference of CIRIEC-Japan

• The 37th Annual Research Conference of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy

This conference was held on 3-4 December 2022, hosted by Fukuyama University, and concluded successfully.

The theme was **“Challenges and Prospects Toward Achieving the SDGs and Carbon Neutral Goals.”**

37th Annual Conference Program:

<http://ciriec.com/conference/winter/37taikai-2/>

Archived Program Information:

Keynote Lecture

(Co-hosted by the Fukuyama University Faculty of Economics “Economics Research Group”)

“Efforts toward SDGs and Carbon Neutrality by the Hiroshima Bank Group and Current Status and Challenges in Supporting Local Enterprises”

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/ZL-CI5NGMM>

Panel Discussion I

“Exploring the Current Status and Challenges in Supporting Local Efforts Toward SDGs and Carbon Neutral Goals”

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/xi62d0eWK8g>

Panel Discussion II

“The Current State and Future Prospects of Social Economy Research”

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/ZFkoe3LEzeQ>

Symposium Materials:

- Hajime Imamura, Toyo University
- Kenichi Kitajima, Rissho University
- Matsuyo Makino, Professor Emeritus, University of Hyogo

Panel Discussion III

“Digital Policy and Academia”

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/T1N04UxsGE>

• The 38th Annual Research Conference of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy

This conference was held on 2-3 December 2023, and concluded successfully. The host Institution was: iU (Professional University of Information and Management for Innovation).

The theme was “**COVID, Ukraine, and the Next Challenge.**”

38th Annual Conference Program:

<https://ciriec.com/conference/winter/1739-2/>

Archived Program Information:

Special Session (Co-organized with the Digital Policy Forum)

“COVID, Ukraine, and the Future”

Moderators:

- Ichiya Nakamura, President of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy / President of iU
- Naoto Kikuchi, Board Member, Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy / Director, Digital Policy Foundation

Panelists (in alphabetical order, titles omitted):

- Nanako Ishido, Professor, Keio University / Representative of CANVAS
- Hiroshi Osaki, Co-Chair, Event Planning Committee for Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai
- Motoi Oda, Kokugakuin University
- Hanna Kang, Entrepreneur / International Sociologist
- Shinichi Hanada, Hirosaki University
- Hiroto Fujii, Mayor of Minokamo City, Gifu Prefecture
- Monte Cassim, President, Akita International University
- Noriyuki Yanagawa, Professor, Graduate School, University of Tokyo
- Keiichi Yagihashi, Takasaki City University of Economics
- Shinichi Yamaguchi, Associate Professor, International University of Japan

Panel Discussion I

“Energy Policy Under Uncertainty – What is Needed for a Stable Energy Supply”

Panel Discussion II

“The Role of the Social Economy and Gender Issues in Times of Crisis”

Panel Discussion III

“Misinformation/Disinformation and Generative AI”

- **The 39th Annual Research Conference of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy**

This conference was held on 7-8 December 2024, and concluded successfully. The host Institution was: iU (Professional University of Information and Management for Innovation).

The theme was “**Turning Points in History and Public Economics.**”

39th Annual Conference Program:

<https://ciriec.com/conference/winter/1860-2/>

Archived Program Information:

Special Symposium

“Political, Social, and Economic Change and the Role of Public Economics”

Speakers:

- Nobuo Ikeda, Director, Agora Institute
- Naoto Kikuchi, Keio University
- Ichiya Nakamura, iU
- Ryosuke Nishida, Nihon University

Panel Session

“Public and Social Economy in the Age of Globalization – The Role and Outlook of CIRIEC JAPAN”

Speakers:

- Katsunori Kaneko, Osaka Metropolitan University
- Shinichi Kusanagi, University of Hyogo
- Kazuhiko Tabata, University of Hyogo

Symposium

“Toward Building a Framework for AI Governance”

Co-hosted by the Digital Policy Forum

Video Archive: <https://youtu.be/93Vhfz8fXF4>

Speakers:

- Naoto Ikegai, Hitotsubashi University
- Naoto Kikuchi, Keio University
- Shiro Takagi, Unktok
- Yasuhiko Taniwaki, Digital Policy Forum
- Ichiya Nakamura, iU
- Ryosuke Nishida, Nihon University
- Pimprapa Yodtomorn, Ibaraki Christian University

Video Comment:

- Ken Sakamura, Toyo University

Spring Meeting of CIRIEC-Japan

- **The 11th Spring Meeting of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy**

This meeting was held on 4 March 2023, hosted by the University of Hyogo, and concluded successfully.

11th Spring Conference Program:

<http://ciriec.com/conference/spring/11taikai/>

Archived Program Information:

Symposium

"Response to the Surge in Electricity Prices"

Keynote Lecture 1

"The Surge in Electricity Prices and the Response"

Tetsuya Higashi, Director, Trading System Planning Office, Electricity and Gas Transaction Monitoring Committee, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry

Keynote Lecture 2

"The Adverse Effects Caused by Electricity Market Reform and the Policies Needed Going Forward"

Munenori Nomura, Former President, Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy; Professor, Faculty of Economics, Kansai Gakuin University

Panel Discussion

"Response to the Surge in Electricity Prices"

Discussant:

- Masato Uchiyama, Advisor, Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.

Panelists:

- Minoru Nakamura, Specially Appointed Professor, Institute of Policy Science, University of Hyogo
- Takaharu Ishizaki, President and CEO, Tokyo Commodity Exchange
- Hiroyuki Takai, Japan Representative, EEX Group
- Kaoru Higashikata, Executive Managing Director, Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/sZKu7SEb63c>

- **The 12th Spring Meeting of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy**

This meeting was held on 16 March 2024, hosted by the Musashino University, and concluded successfully.

The theme was "**Social Change through Entrepreneurship.**"

12th Spring Conference Program:

<http://ciriec.com/conference/spring/12taikai/>

Symposium

"Can Academia Contribute to Entrepreneurship?"

Coordinator: Ryosuke Nishida, Tokyo Institute of Technology

Panelists:

- Yoichi Ito, Dean, Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Musashino University
- Satoshi Umeda, Professor, Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Musashino University
- Natsuko Shiraki, Professor, Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Musashino University
- Hajime Oda, Kokugakuin University

- **The 13th Spring Meeting of the Japan Association for Public and Non-Profit Economy**

This meeting will be held on 18 May 2025, hosted by Nagoya Gakuin University.

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