

# Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration



The Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration (RIEB) was established in 1919 as the Commercial Research Institute of Kobe Higher Commercial School and merged with the Institute for Mechanization of Business Administration in 1949 to become the RIEB. This is Kobe University's only attached institute and the only research institute in Japan to focus on the dual fields of economics and business administration. The institute has the longest history of any social sciences research institute in Japan.

As a research institute established within a university (an attached institute), our first aim is to advance the frontier of academic research in the fields of economics and business administration, contributing to the creation of new knowledge. We also emphasize research in interdisciplinary areas that straddle economics and business administration. The second aim of this institute is to contribute to society by carrying out educational and awareness-generating activities based on cutting-edge research as well as industry-academia-government collaborative research activities.

In pursuing these two aims, the RIEB has vigorously undertaken cutting edge /interdisciplinary research activities and educational/social contribution activities. In terms of research, areas of particular focus achieving notable performance results include: (i) comprehensive research related to the sustainability and diversity of the global economy; (ii) cutting-edge theoretical research related to international trade and economic dynamics; and (iii) cutting-edge theoretical/empirical study related to technology management in the manufacturing industry and the international competitiveness of Japanese companies.

In terms of education, institute instructors participate and cooperate with graduate school education in the graduate schools of Economics, Business Administration (MBA course), and International Cooperation Studies. Moreover, several post doctoral fellows and other young researchers (five as of April 2009) are employed as part of our proactive efforts to nurture young researchers.

In terms of industry-academia-government collaborative/socially contributive activities, the institute participates actively in, amongst others, the Information and Digital Equipment Industry/Management of Technology Workshop comprising leading business people involved in technology management; the Monetary Economics Seminar of Kobe University, which has held more than 400 seminars since the institute's establishment. The institute also makes efforts to accumulate and maintain important historical and original materials and documents

pertaining to business administration, and has maintained and/or compiled such materials as "Kanematsu's Collections" (archives), which minutely records the business administration history of Kanematsu Shoten (now Kanematsu Corporation) from the company's establishment until before World War II; in-house magazines and business pamphlets that show the living face of business administration; and "genealogical charts" diagrammatically depicting the changes for major businesses from the time of their establishment.

Cherishing the "traditions" passed down from our Kobe Higher Commercial School days, we will continue to "reform" in order to meet the needs of society and will, as ever, persist in the powerful promotion of economics and business administration research.

## Organization

	Research Sections	Research Fields
<b>RIEB(Director)</b> -Faculty Meeting -Advisory Council of Administration	Information Economy and Business Research Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Corporate Governance</li> <li>•Quantitative Analysis of Economic System and Information</li> <li>•Industrial Organization</li> <li>•Corporate Accounting Information</li> <li>•IT Management</li> <li>•Borderless Management</li> <li>•Digital Economy</li> <li>•Disclosure</li> </ul>
	International Economy and Business Research Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•International Business</li> <li>•International Economy</li> <li>•International Commerce</li> <li>•Pacific Basin Economy</li> <li>•Regional Financial Cooperation</li> <li>•Regional Integration</li> <li>•International Development Strategy</li> <li>•Global Environment Management</li> </ul>
RIEB Liaison Center -Management Council	Corporate Network Research Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New-Industry Assessment</li> <li>•Analysis of Corporate Information</li> </ul>
	Economic Policy Research and Review Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Review of Macroeconomic Policy</li> <li>•Review of Microeconomic Policy</li> </ul>
	Global Economy and Policy Research Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Research on Global Economic Issues</li> <li>•Research on External Economic Relations and Policies</li> </ul>
	Corporate Database Analysis Library	
	International Research Support Center	
	RIEB Library	
	Computer Section	

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