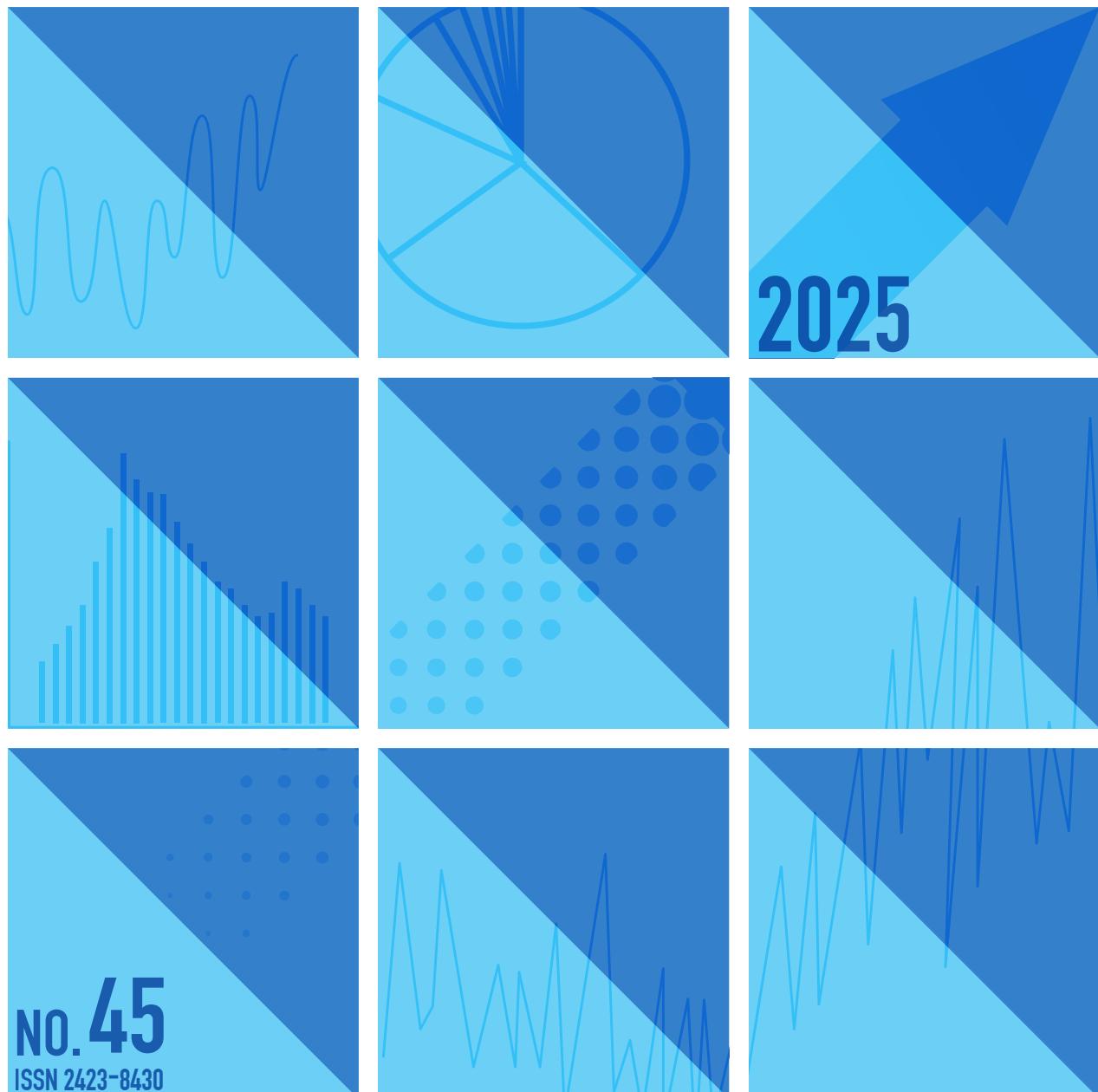


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THE UNION OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS IN JAPAN

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The Union of National Economic Associations in Japan, established in 1950, celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2020, as the sole nationwide federation of associations of scholars and experts on economics, commerce, and business administration. In order to obtain membership an association is subject to an examination of its academic work. As of 2025, the Union had a membership of 60 associations, as listed on pp. 82-101.

The aims and objectives of the Union are to support the scholarly activities of its member associations and to promote academic exchanges both among members themselves, and between Japanese and academic societies overseas. The main activities of the Union are: (1) the publication and distribution of academic material concerning Japanese economics and papers presented by member scholars, (2) the sending of members to overseas conferences, (3) the holding and supporting of international conferences in Japan, (4) providing financial assistance to member associations who invite foreign scholars to Japan, and (5) collecting information on activities of member associations and the issuing of a news bulletin.

The Union published in 1974 *Keizaigaku No Doko* (The Trend in Japanese Economics), based on a survey of economic studies undertaken in postwar Japan. A supplementary volume covering Japanese economic studies after 1974 was published in 1982.

The Union and the International Economic Association (IEA) jointly held the Fifth World Congress of the IEA in Tokyo from August 29 to September 3, 1978. The Union joined the International Institute of Public Finance in holding the Institute's 37th Congress at Tokyo in September 1981. The Union dispatched 20 member scholars to the Eighth World Congress of IEA held in India in 1986. Most recently the Union successfully sponsored the IEA Tokyo Round Table Conference on "Institutions in a New Dynamic Society" held between 15 and 17 September 1987, and hosted the 1996 IEA Tokyo Round Table Conference between 16 and 19 December, on the theme "The Institutional Foundation of Economic Development in East Asia." To celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, the Union held a special lecture meeting on May 25, 2000. Three lecturers were invited to speak on the theme, "The reforms that the 21st Century will bring to the world economy, the Japanese economy, and Japanese management."

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of this Association, a special lecture program was held at the Waseda University Okuma Auditorium on October 12, 2010. Three lecturers were invited, each of whom spoke from his own perspective on how

Japan's economy and Japanese business, in the midst of this once-in-a-century global recession, should solve their present plight and forge new routes for the future.

The Union has recently sponsored six Academic Forums. The first was held at Meiji University on September 26, 2015 on the theme of "Examining Japan's Human Globalization — Human Resources, Systems and International Competitiveness". The second was held at Waseda University on October 1, 2016 on the theme of "Directions for Post-TPP and World Trade Systems — Currents in mega-FTA". The third was held at Waseda University, Waseda Campus on January 7, 2018 on the theme of "The National and International Contribution of Japanese Accounting". The fourth was held at Waseda University, Waseda Campus on September 29, 2018 on the theme of "Training for Entrepreneurs and Management Education". The fifth was held at Waseda University, Waseda Campus on December 7, 2019 on the theme of "How to Teach Economic History at Undergraduate level?" The sixth was held via Zoom on March 5, 2022 on the theme of "International Division of Labor among Firms in East Asia —on the Automobile Industry's Transition to Electric Vehicles". The proceedings of six events can be accessed at the Union's. The Union is Planning its Seventh Academic Forum for March 9, 2025, in Building 11 of the main Waseda Campus of Waseda University. The unified theme will be "Issues on Environmental Changes Surrounding Distribution".

The Union, established in 1950, has planned two projects in commemoration of its 70 years in existence: the web publication of "Towards Creation of a Sustainable Economic Society in the 21st Century", and an "Academic Channel" on YouTube. With the publication on the web in November, and the release of the YouTube channel in September, the Union is publicizing its own activities as well as communicating its academic role to society as a whole.

Following on from our web publication to commemorate our 70th anniversary, it has been decided to continue publishing on the web, under the revised title of Economics and Business Forum. Contributions are to be invited from among members. On YouTube, the Academic Channel will continue to be broadcast as before.

The Union celebrated in 1980 the 30th anniversary of its founding by launching a variety of activities, including the publication of The Information Bulletin.

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THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE (JAAS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Historical Background

The Japanese Association of Administrative Science (JAAS) was conceived in 1997 under the leadership of the late Professor Emeritus Mitsuru Wakabayashi and was formally established in 1998. Its intellectual lineage reaches back to the long-standing *Keiei Kōdō Kagaku Kenkyūkai*, founded in 1985, which provided the scholarly nucleus for the subsequent Association. Working under the umbrella of “Administrative Science”—understood as the empirical inquiry into how the optimal relationship between people and organizations is built, maintained, and, when necessary, transformed—the research circle convened regular meetings and sustained a publication program.

From the circle’s inception, the *Japanese Journal of Administrative Science (JJAS)* has been issued without interruption; upon the transition from research circle to Association, the journal’s volume numbering continued seamlessly, thereby preserving scholarly continuity. While JJAS originated as an annual publication, it now appears three times per year and remains centered on theory-led empirical studies of people and organizations.

Rooted in applied psychology and organizational behavior, JAAS has broadened its remit within the management and organizational sciences. Today the Association supports scholarship and practice across the fields represented in its Divisions—namely *Management and Organization*, *Organizational Behavior*, *Human Resource Management*, *Workplace Adaptation*, *International Management*, *Theory & Methods*, and *Strategic Management*—while maintaining its core commitment to rigorous, evidence-based inquiry.

1.2 Mission and Values

JAAS’s mission is articulated through three mutually reinforcing commitments. *Discovery* denotes the creation of original, theory-driven knowledge about individuals, groups, and institutions through transparent empirical methods. *Dissemination* signifies communicating that knowledge through publications, conferences, and public-facing activities so that scholarly insight informs managerial and societal decision-making. *Development* underscores the cultivation of talent—particularly doctoral students and early-career scholars—by providing structured feedback, mentorship, and clear pathways from presentation to publication. Anchored under the umbrella of “Administrative Science,” the Association advances research and practice across the areas represented in its Divisions while preserving its applied-psychological and organizational-behavioral foundations.

1.3 Membership and Community

JAAS today draws members from virtually every region of Japan. The membership is predominantly domestic, and it also includes international students and non-Japanese researchers residing in Japan—a reflection of the Association’s openness to English-language paper presentations at the Annual Meeting and English-language submissions to the Japanese Journal of Administrative Science (JJAS). Senior faculty, mid-career academics, doctoral students, and practitioner members work within a shared culture that values empirical rigor, methodological openness, and collegial, formative feedback.

As of the FY2024 year-end (March 2025), the Association comprised 729 individual members and 15 institutional members. JAAS maintains an Institutional Membership category in keeping with its emphasis on industry-academia collaboration. Institutional members include human-resources and organizational-consulting firms, major corporations providing education and talent-development services, and operating companies across diverse industries. This constituency underpins a distinctive researcher-practitioner interface—evident in joint sessions at the annual meeting, invited seminars, case-based projects, and facilitated access to field sites and data—ensuring that scholarly inquiry remains closely connected to organizational realities.

2. MAJOR ACTIVITIES

2.1 Journal Publication

JAAS publishes the peer-reviewed *Japanese Journal of Administrative Science* (JJAS) three times a year. The journal primarily features theory-driven, quantitative empirical research on people and organizations, while also welcoming qualitative studies when they illuminate mechanisms, context, or boundary conditions. In addition to full-length articles, Research Notes offer concise empirical reports on timely themes with clear managerial implications.

All submissions are handled under double-blind review, and the editorial policy emphasizes methodological rigor (sound research design, transparent measurement and analysis, and appropriate robustness checks) together with substantive contribution—both theoretical and practical—to the advancement of administrative science. Editors aim to provide constructive, developmental feedback that helps promising manuscripts reach publishable quality without relaxing scholarly standards.

For the sake of access and transparency, the full text of all JJAS articles published since Vol. 26, Issue 3 (2013) is available via the Association’s website and through

J-STAGE, with current issues continuing to be archived on these platforms.

2.2 Annual Meetings

The Association's national conference is held each autumn at a host university that rotates geographically. A typical two-day program features research paper sessions, symposia on emerging themes, practitioner case-based forums, public lectures aimed at broader audiences, and dedicated doctoral sessions that provide structured feedback and networking. JAAS is especially noted for the high volume of research and doctoral presentations, which reflects the Association's ethos of nurturing scholarly talent. In addition, at the initiative of each year's program committee, the meeting may include a keynote speech and methodology sessions or workshops—covering research design, measurement, and analysis—to provide structured learning opportunities for researchers.

2.3 Workshops and Seminars

Between annual meetings, interest-based divisions—organized either by disciplinary theme (e.g., organizational behavior, strategy) or by region—convene smaller gatherings. These range from online colloquia to in-person themed workshops hosted by disciplinary divisions or by regional division chairs covering three areas—Eastern Japan, Chubu, and Western Japan. In addition, the Director for International Affairs and individual members leverage their personal networks to invite overseas scholars to ad hoc seminars and workshops, sustaining lively comparative and cross-cultural dialogue without relying on formal sister-society partnerships. These sessions often take the form of focused roundtables or methods-oriented discussions tied to ongoing projects, giving members repeated, low-barrier opportunities to refine research questions, strengthen research design and analysis, and explore collaboration.

3. PROGRESS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS (2020-2025)

During the 2020-2025 period, JAAS embarked on a set of reforms aimed at clarifying its developmental mission, strengthening outreach, and modernizing infrastructure. Guiding these efforts were three successive two-year presidents: Prof. Tetsushi FUJIMOTO (Doshisha University; April 2020-March 2022), Prof. Norihiko TAKEUCHI (Waseda University; April 2022-March 2024), and Prof. Hiroya HIRAKIMOTO (The University of Osaka; April 2024-present). What follows summarizes the main areas of progress.

3.1 Clarifying the Developmental Mission

Across programs, JAAS made “SODATERU”—to nurture—its explicit organizing principle. The Association shifted emphasis from pass-fail gatekeeping to guided improvement, without relaxing scholarly standards. This stance is visible in the journal’s editorial architecture, the conference’s feedback-rich formats, and new mentoring schemes that accompany young researchers from idea to international presentation.

3.2 Editorial and Review Reforms at JJAS

Senior Editors (since 2020). In 2020 JJAS instituted a Senior Editor (SE) model in which subject-matter SEs “shepherd” promising manuscripts through review. After an initial triage, SEs coordinate referees and provide developmental guidance so that manuscripts can progress systematically through revisions.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief (since 2022). In 2022 the journal added a Deputy Editor-in-Chief (DEIC) role. Working alongside the Editor-in-Chief (EIC), the DEIC supports the early commitment.

Table 1. List of recent papers published in JJAS (Volumes 34-36)

# Volume & issue (year)	Category	Authors	Paper title
Volume 36, Issue 3 (2025)	Article	Ryota AKIHO, Saki ONUMA, Toshio MURASE, & Jusuke IKEGAMI	Cognitive discrepancies of environment in cross-functional teams: Scale development and validation
	Research Note	Kyota NURUKI & Katsutoshi FURUTA	The relationship between leaders' use of learning resources and perceived limits of competence: Focusing on the mediating effect of career anchoring
Volume 36, Issue 1&2 (2025)	Article	Takanori MATSUI & Nobutaka ISHIYAMA	The mechanism of transactive memory systems development in cross-organizational teams: A case study using the GiCo methodology
	Research Note	Kohei SAITO	Examining moderation effects of career self-efficacy in the relationship between career development and engagement of employees
Volume 35, Issue 3 (2024)	Article	Megumi IKEDA, Yusuke TSUCHIYA, Ryo IMAI, & Yuhei YAMAUCHI	The effect of supervisors' other-oriented perfectionism on young employees
		Rie FUJISAWA & Yoshiaki TAKAO	The moderating role of identity threat and time elapsed since age-related involuntary role transition on the supplementary effect of empowering leadership on job crafting resources: Adding an identity perspective to the job crafting mechanism of older employees
	Research Note	Chisa TANIGUCHI & Nobutaka ISHIYAMA	The impact of autonomous aspects of prosocial motivation on the mentoring function
		Manabu SAKAMOTO & Naoyuki ZUSHI	An empirical study on the impact of leaders' cross-border learning on organizational creativity: Focusing on the mediating effects of authentic leadership
Volume 35, Issue 1&2 (2023)	Research Note	Masayuki SATO & Nobuyuki INAMIZU	Development of the Japanese version of the Ex Post I-Deals Scale
		Jingya YAO, Atsuko KANAI, & Ikutaro ENATSU	Influence of other-company practices behavior to supervisors on LMX: The moderating effect of supervisor power distance orientation
Volume 34, Issue 3 (2023)	Research Note	Yoshinobu NAKANISHI	Application of qualitative comparative analysis to administrative science: Causal asymmetry, conjunction, and equifinality
		Taisuke FUJITA	Methods to grasp multiple conjunctural causations: What has the methodological development of QCA brought about?
		Sota NOTSU	Employees' minds that promote creativity: Comparison of "mind to organization" and "mind to job"
Volume 34, Issue 1&2 (2022)	Article	Yasuhiro HATTORI, Akiyuki YATERA, & Kohei ARAI	The relationship between personal reputation and performance appraisal: An exploration of the influencing factors
		Yoshimi FUMOTO, Hiroaki MATSUSHITA, & Yuta MORINAGA	The effects of receiving social support in the workplace on work-family conflict: Telecommuting during the COVID-19 pandemic as moderator
	Research Note	Junko ARAKI & Ikutaro MASAKI	Study on the relationship between work-family positive spillover and behaviors of WLB managers: Focusing on the mediating effect of work engagement

decision—that is, whether JJAS will commit a new submission to a developmental pathway and route it to an SE, or instead decline/redirect at an early stage. The EIC/DEIC pair

checks scope fit, ethical compliance, and readiness for SE handling, improving the consistency of initial decisions.

Process transparency and timeliness. JJAS moved from email-based handling to an online submission and tracking system (ScholarOne Manuscripts) on 15 March 2023. Authors can monitor status in real time; editors and reviewers benefit from streamlined workflows, automated file handling, and secure data management—improvements expected to shorten and stabilize review cycles.

Recent JJAS publications (Vols. 34–36) — Themes at a glance. Table 1 shows the list of recent papers published in JJAS. As shown in the Table, across Vols. 34–36 (2022–2025), JJAS has remained firmly theory-driven and empirical, with a clear quantitative center of gravity and selective qualitative contributions when they clarify mechanisms or context. A few thematic strands stand out:

- Leadership, motivation, and careers: mentoring and prosocial motivation; empowering leadership and job crafting—especially for older employees; leaders' cross-border learning and its link to creativity.
- Work-organization interface: personal reputation and appraisal; social support and work-family dynamics (including telecommuting as a moderator); workplace adaptation and career self-efficacy.
- Teams and meso-level processes: transactive memory systems in cross-organizational teams; cross-functional teams and perceived environment (with scale development and validation).
- Measurement and methods: development of the Japanese Ex Post I-Deals Scale; a QCA (Qualitative Comparative Analysis) special issue (Vol. 34, No. 3) that illustrates methodological pluralism alongside the journal's quantitative core.

3.3 Fast-Track and the Paper Development Program (PDP)

Fast-Track from the Annual Meeting. At each Annual Meeting, the Program Committee confers the “Best Paper Award” and recognizes other outstanding presentations. Awarded papers—and, where appropriate, other outstanding conference papers—receive an invited Fast-Track to JJAS. Authors are encouraged to submit a full manuscript; upon receipt, the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief assign a dedicated Senior Editor and commit the paper to accelerated yet fully double-blind review. Fast-Track does not guarantee acceptance; rather, it provides priority handling, developmental feedback, and a shortened time to first decision compared with the standard path.

Paper Development Program (PDP). The PDP offers a structured pathway from conference presentation to journal submission, especially for doctoral students and early-career researchers. Participants proceed through a sequenced cycle—framing refinement, design diagnostics, analysis review, and writing polish—with targeted

milestones and mentor guidance (typically by a Senior Editor or a senior scholar). The PDP’s goal is to help promising work reach JJAS’s standards of theory-driven contribution and methodological rigor while preserving authors’ intellectual ownership.

PDP outcomes to date. From the FY2022 application cycle, three PDP-supported manuscripts were accepted and published in JJAS; from FY2023, one manuscript was likewise accepted and published. Submissions arising from the FY2024 cycle are, at the time of writing, under review.

How the two schemes work together. Fast-Track rewards completed, high-quality conference papers by moving them swiftly into peer review; PDP invests in earlier-stage projects, raising their quality to submission-ready status. Together they form a coherent pipeline from *presentation* → *development* → *publication*, showing junior scholars that JAAS is not merely a venue but a partner in their scholarly growth.

3.4 Overseas Presentation Development Support (“Buddy Program”)

JAAS’s Buddy Program links its nurturing mission to internationalization by supporting doctoral students and early-career researchers with little or no prior experience presenting at overseas conferences (i.e., none, or only once and not as first author). Applicants must be JAAS members in HRM or OB, and either (i) within eight years of the Ph.D. and age 39 or under, or (ii) three years or more into a doctoral program (including the third year) and age 39 or under. Projects must be new, have a clear research question, and data already in hand; doctoral applicants submit a supervisor’s letter.

Application & selection. Candidates file an application form, CV, publication list, and an approximately 2-page proposal (topic, question, data/methods, expected contribution, up to five keywords). The Executive Board, acting through the Director for International Affairs, selects awardees and matches each with an experienced “buddy.”

Modality & support. The buddy provides end-to-end scholarly coaching—refining theory and contribution, checking design/measurement and analysis, editing English abstracts/manuscripts, and rehearsing talks and Q&A—typically over two fiscal years; Asian conferences are prioritized. JAAS offers partial subsidies (capped) for travel, accommodation, registration, proofreading, and domestic meetings; for online conferences, registration/proofreading/domestic coordination are eligible.

Outcomes. Within the current five-year window, two early career researchers have been selected and are progressing toward international conference participation; alumni are invited to return as near-peer mentors.

3.5 Communication and Visibility

Newsletter (NL) relaunch. Since 2022, the Association has resumed regular NL publication at a cadence of two to three issues per year, positioning the NL as a timely,

member-facing dialogue. Each issue curates Board updates, division and regional activities, and highlights from the Annual Meeting—often including voices of Best Paper Award recipients—with ample photography and clear signposting. For example, Newsletter 2023 Issue 1 covered the launch of JJAS’s online submission system, the JAAS Awards results, division reports, and a Board-meeting report, illustrating the NL’s role as the hub for sharing new initiatives and society news.

Push distribution and editorial workflow. While the NL has long been distributed online, beginning with 2024, Issue No. 2 the Association introduced event-by-event push distribution via the “note” platform. For selected content—especially division reports and Annual Meeting keynotes—editing is outsourced to professional editors, enabling faster and more detailed coverage for members. These changes have raised visibility and improved timeliness without sacrificing editorial quality.

Web and social channels. The JAAS website functions as the primary information hub for members and is continuously improved to enhance member services. In addition to calls for papers and notices of divisional and regional seminars, it hosts the JJAS submission guidance, FAQs, and manuals for the ScholarOne Manuscripts system, together with Newsletter issues and Board reports—ensuring that members can locate authoritative information in one place. The Newsletter is then amplified through coordinated posts on web and social channels, creating a coherent loop around each release. Website analytics are periodically reviewed by the Newsletter/Homepage editors and reported to the Board, and the findings inform iterative upgrades to navigation, content structure, and timeliness.

3.6 Membership and Community Engagement

The Association’s membership remains substantial and increasingly diverse across institution type, region, and methodological expertise. Doctoral and early-career participation has strengthened—supported by the PDP, the Buddy Program, and the dense slate of presentation slots at the Annual Meeting. Institutional Members—including HR/organization consulting firms, major providers of education and talent-development services, and general operating companies—anchor JAAS’s researcher-practitioner interface and sustain lively exchanges between scholarship and practice.

Table 2. Recent membership trends in JAAS ^a

Membership type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ^b
Individual members	755	805	757	776	809	729
Institutional members	14	14	15	16	18	15

a. Figures refer to fiscal year end membership as of the following March (e.g., “2019” = status at March 2020).

b. The decline in 2024 reflects a one time administrative clean up, in which long term non payers were formally withdrawn.

Table 2 shows that individual membership rose through 2020, dipped in 2021, recovered to a recent high in 2023, and then appears lower in 2024 due to a one-time administrative cleanup of long-term non-payers; early FY2025 figures indicate a renewed increase, so the medium-term growth trajectory remains intact. Institutional membership has been stable to rising over time and continues to support collaboration with practice.

Table 3. JAAS annual meetings from 2020–2024

Nationwide annual meetings	Date	Host institution	Conference format	Paper presentation ^a	Open lecture	Symposium	Others
23rd annual meetings	Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020	Hosei University	Virtual	45 (6)	0	0	Early career researchers session; Award session
24th annual meetings	Sep. 18-19, 2021	Kansai University	Virtual	28 (7)	1	1	Keynote speech; Early career researchers session; Award session; Editorial committee session; Special panel session
25th annual meetings	Oct. 1-2, 2022	Nagoya University/ Chukyo University	Virtual	42 (12)	0	1	Keynote speech; Early career researchers session; Award session; Special panel session
26th annual meetings	Oct. 14-15, 2023	Tokyo Metropolitan University	In person	53 (8)	0	1	Keynote speech; Award session; Gala dinner
27th annual meetings	Nov. 9-10, 2024	Osaka Metropolitan University	In person	57 (12)	2	1	Keynote speech; Editorial committee session

a. Doctoral-session presentations shown in parentheses

3.7 Annual Meeting: Resilience and Innovation

From 2020 to 2022, the Annual Meeting was conducted fully online; in 2023 and 2024 it returned to an in-person format. Program composition has remained consistent—research paper sessions, symposia, an Early-Career Researchers Session, and the Awards session—supplemented by well-targeted features such as keynote speeches, Editorial Committee Sessions, and special panels prepared by each year’s program

committee. Table 3 shows the format, host institutions, and key components of the last five meetings, together with paper-presentation counts (doctoral-session totals in parentheses).

A distinctive hallmark of JAAS is the *very high number of paper presentations* relative to peer societies of comparable size, reflecting the strong research activity of its membership. Over 2020-2024, the meetings featured 225 paper presentations in total, including 45 from doctoral sessions. Following the return to in-person meetings, presentation volume stepped up noticeably (the online years averaged about 38 presentations per meeting, versus about 55 in the in-person years), and recent meetings have been consistently well attended and lively, underscoring the effectiveness of the program committees' member-focused planning.

3.8 International Engagement Without Formal Partnerships

JAAS does not claim formal "sister-society" ties. Instead, the *Director for International Affairs* and individual members activate their personal networks to bring overseas scholars to ad-hoc seminars and themed workshops. This relationship-driven approach has proved nimble and well suited to mentoring junior scholars.

Illustrative examples (2023–2024):

- **JAAS Special Seminar** "Current Trends in Diversity and Inclusion Research," Waseda University (1 July 2023). Invited talk by Dr. Raymond TRAU (Macquarie University); opening remarks by Prof. Yuhee JUNG, Chair of Organizational Behavior Division, JAAS; Q&A and open discussion by Dr. Soyeon KIM, Director for International Affairs, JAAS; closing remarks by Prof. Norihiro TAKEUCHI, JAAS President; organized jointly by the Organizational Behavior Division and the International Academic Exchange of JAAS.
- **JAAS International Seminar & Workshop** "What is Disability Inclusion at Work?," Gakushuin University (11 May 2024). Featured Dr. Daniel SAMOSH (Queen's University) and Prof. Tae FUNAKOSHI (Osaka University of Economics); facilitated by Dr. Chikae NAITO (Musashi University); closing remarks by Dr. Soyeon KIM, Director for International Affairs, JAAS; organized as part of JAAS's international exchange activities and reported via the Association's note channel.

These events exemplify JAAS's network-based internationalization—targeted, topical, and accessible—without relying on formal inter-society partnerships.

3.9 Governance and Operations

Biennial leadership rotation refreshes perspectives while maintaining institutional continuity. Portfolio roles—editorial, program, international exchange, communications, and division leadership—are distributed to avoid single-point dependency. Since FY2022, one of the Association's statutory Auditors has been a JAAS member who is a Certified

Public Accountant (CPA). This arrangement helps ensure consistent reviews of budgets and financial statements, clearer dues and year-end procedures, and a point of reference on internal-control matters. Periodic reviews of by-laws and data-handling practices keep operations aligned with good-governance and research-integrity norms. Financially, the Association maintains a prudent posture that balances stable operations with targeted investments in developmental programs.

4. CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

4.1 What the Past Five Years Show

The 2020-2025 period consolidated JAAS's identity as a nurturing, evidence-based scholarly community under the umbrella of "Administrative Science." Concretely, three developments stand out.

First, the journal pipeline was strengthened end-to-end. The introduction of Senior Editors (2020) and a Deputy Editor-in-Chief (2022) embedded mentoring in editorial practice, while the shift to ScholarOne Manuscripts (15 March 2023) modernized workflows and improved transparency for authors, reviewers, and editors. Together with a well-defined Fast-Track from the Annual Meeting and a structured Paper Development Program (PDP), these measures now provide a clear pathway from *presentation* → *development* → *publication*; notably, three PDP manuscripts from FY2022 and one from FY2023 have already been published in JJAS, with FY2024 submissions under review. These steps align editorial standards—theory-driven contribution and methodological rigor—with practical author support.

Second, internationalization with mentoring took shape. The Buddy Program supports doctoral students and early-career researchers with limited prior overseas experience through topic-matched coaching and partial financial aid. In parallel, network-based international seminars—such as the "Current Trends in Diversity and Inclusion Research" special seminar at Waseda University (1 July 2023) and the "What is Disability Inclusion at Work?" workshop at Gakushuin University (11 May 2024)—illustrate a nimble approach that connects members with specific overseas experts without formal sister-society arrangements.

Third, communications and community were upgraded. The Newsletter was relaunched in 2022 on a two-three issues/year cadence and, from 2024 Issue No. 2, supplemented by push distribution via the note platform and selective outsourcing of editing for faster, more detailed coverage. The JAAS website has been treated as the primary information hub and is under continuous improvement; newsletter/website coordination has raised timeliness and visibility. Membership has remained substantial and,

despite a 2024 year-end dip due to a one-time clean-up of long-term non-payers, early FY2025 figures indicate a renewed increase—consistent with the medium-term growth trend shown in Table 2. Annual Meetings (see Table 3) continue to feature very high numbers of paper presentations compared with peer societies of similar size; the return to in-person format in 2023-2024 coincided with a notable step-up in volume, reflecting an active membership and effective, member-focused program planning.

4.2 Priorities for the Next Phase

Building on this trajectory, JAAS will prioritize:

- **Deepening the developmental pipeline.** Refocus the PDP and pilot scalable alternatives—near-peer mentoring, pre-submission review clinics, and Buddy Program support through division level initiatives—to secure the quality and volume of journal submissions; fine tune Fast Track criteria accordingly.
- **Sustaining editorial quality.** Continue to cultivate the reviewer pool (including early-career reviewers), clarify expectations, and recognize high-quality developmental reviews.
- **Improving research infrastructure and access.** Maintain JJAS's open access via the website and J-STAGE; strengthen discoverability and usability through improved metadata and indexing, clearer article landing pages, and robust long-term archiving.
- **Enhancing communications.** Maintain the NL cadence and push distribution; iteratively upgrade the website based on analytics and member feedback; continue to highlight Institutional Member engagement and researcher-practitioner collaboration.
- **Targeted international engagement.** Use member networks to convene small, topical seminars/workshops with overseas scholars, aligned to divisions' themes and junior-scholar needs.

4.3 Concluding Remarks

Across the five years under review, JAAS has matched its founding vision—empirical, theory-led inquiry into people and organizations—with practical mechanisms that develop talent, disseminate knowledge, and connect research with practice. The Association enters its next phase with a coherent set of tools—JJAS reforms, Fast-Track and PDP, the Buddy Program, an energized Newsletter/website, and active divisions—well suited to sustaining a collegial, rigorous, and internationally conversant community of scholars under the umbrella of Administrative Science.

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THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SOCIETY OF JAPAN (AESJ)

1. History and General Features of the AESJ

The Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (AESJ) was founded in 1924. It currently comprises approximately 1,500 members and is governed by a president, four vice presidents, and the Executive Board.

The main activities of the AESJ are as follows:

- A. Publication of academic journals
- B. Organization of annual general meetings
- C. Presentation of academic awards for selected scholarly publications and papers
- D. Academic exchanges with related academic societies both domestically and internationally

A. Academic Journals of the AESJ

The AESJ publishes two journals. The main journal, the “*Journal of Rural Economics*,” has been published quarterly since 1925 and has reached its 90th volume in March 2025. The latest issues are available not only to members of the AESJ but also at bookstores. The journal includes multiple research papers, research letters, book reviews, and other member-related information. Its research letters contain the most recent information and cutting-edge methodologies. Authors revise their papers by incorporating feedback received during annual meetings before submitting to the journal. Only peer-reviewed and accepted papers are published. Additionally, the journal includes invited papers presented at the AESJ’s annual meeting.

The Japanese Journal of Rural Economics (JJRE) is an English-language journal published annually since 1999 that reached its 27th volume in March 2025. It includes research papers, research letters, and book reviews. Its research letters are presented in English at the AESJ’s annual meeting and adopt the same publication process as the *Journal of Rural Economics*.

B. Annual General Meetings

The core activity of the AESJ is the Annual General Meeting held at the end of March each year. The meeting typically spans two to three days. On the first day, a symposium is held, followed by individual oral presentations and poster sessions on the second day.

In 2021 and 2022, the meetings were conducted entirely online. The 2022 meeting introduced the FANE, i.e., a research cooperation forum with China and South Korea,

which held a hybrid meeting in Tokyo in December 2023. The 2023 annual meeting, which was co-hosted with the Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE), featured international symposia and joint sessions discussing shared challenges across Asian countries.

C. Academic Awards

The AESJ presents three types of academic awards, i.e., the Academic Award, the Young Scholars Award, and the Special Paper Award.

D. Academic Exchange with Domestic and International Societies

Exchange with international societies primarily occurs during the aforementioned annual meetings.

2-2. 2021 Annual Meeting

The year 2021 marked the inaugural fully online Annual Meeting in the history of the AESJ owing to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As in previous years, individual oral presentations and poster presentations were held, where lively discussions occurred from various perspectives on the transformations and responses of agriculture, food, and local communities during the COVID-19 crisis.

The commemorative President's Lecture was delivered by Professor Susumu FUKUDA (Kyushu University).

In the mini symposium titled “Research Processes and Behind the Scenes” chaired by Professor Kazuhiko HOTTA (Tokyo University of Agriculture), the first report was presented by Professor Jaehyeon LEE (Kagoshima University) on the theme, “From Curiosity About European Agricultural Cooperatives to Research Outcomes.” The second report was presented by Professor Katsutoshi ONAKA (Okayama University) and was titled, “Interactions between Various Fields and Research—From Connections with Agricultural Organizations, Local Governments, and Companies.” Comments on the first report were provided by Professor Masashi KONNO (Nayoro City University), while comments on the second report were provided by Professor Yoshihiro UENISHI (National Agriculture and Food Research Organization).

The main symposium of the meeting, titled “Food, Agriculture, and Rural Areas in a Post-COVID Society—Designing a Sustainable Society,” was chaired by Professor Tokumi ODAGIRI and Shinsaku NAKASHIMA (Meiji University). The first report, which was presented by Professor Seiji MITSUISHI (Miyagi University), was titled, “COVID-19 Shock and Food and Agriculture—Manifested Risks in the Food System and Future

Outlook.” The second report, which was presented by Professor Mima NISHIYAMA (Utsunomiya University), was titled, “Prospects for a Sustainable Society Viewed from the Relationship Between Food and Agriculture—Looking Ahead to a Post-COVID Society.” The third report, which was presented by Professor Taro HIRAI (Hirosaki University), was titled, “Sustainability of Rural Areas in a Post-COVID Society—Valuing Trial and Error Under Uncertainty.” The fourth report, which was presented by Professor Akihiko HIRASAWA of the Norinchukin Research Institute Co., Ltd., was titled, “Will the European Green Deal Change the Common Agricultural Policy?—Considering the Response to the COVID-19 Crisis.” An active general discussion ensued, with multifaceted perspectives on the post-pandemic society and the role of agriculture presented.

2-3. 2022 Annual Conference

The annual conference was held online with Ryukoku University as the host institution.

The presidential lecture was delivered by Professor Susumu FUKUDA (Kyushu University).

The theme of the symposium was “The Path to a Policy Paradigm Shift: From Agricultural Policy to Food and Agricultural Policy.” The session was chaired by Professor Motoki AKITSU (Kyoto University) and Ms. Midori AOYAGI (National Institute for Environmental Studies).

The first speaker, Professor Shuji HISANO (Kyoto University), presented the topic, “The Transition to a Sustainable Food and Agricultural System: The Struggle Between Global Hegemony and Counter-Practices.”

The second speaker, Professor Eiichiro NISHIZAWA (Hosei University), presented the topic, “The Political Science of Agricultural Environmental Policy: An Approach from Environmental Policy Integration.”

The third speaker, Professor Masashi TACHIKAWA (Nagoya University), presented the topic, “The Shift in Food and Agricultural Policy and Expectations for Advanced Technologies: From the Perspective of Socio-Technical Regimes.”

In the latter half of the symposium, following comments from Ms. AOYAGI, an active general discussion regarding the design of a sustainable society was held.

In addition to the regular symposium and individual presentations, an international symposium titled “The Future of Agriculture in Growing Asian Countries: Experience in Japan and Issues in China” was held to facilitate discussions from an international perspective.

The session was chaired by Professor Kei KAJISA (Aoyama Gakuin University).

The first speaker, Professor Masamitsu HONMA (Seinan Gakuin University/Professor Emeritus at The University of Tokyo), presented the topic, “The Development of Agricultural Policy in Japan and Lessons for Asian Countries.”

The second speaker, HUANG Jixun (Peking University), presented a lecture titled “Transformation of Chinese Agriculture and Policy Challenges.”

Comments were provided by Professor Junichi Ito (Kyoto University).

2-4. 2023 Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society of Japan

The 2023 Annual Conference was held at Aoyama Gakuin University as the 11th ASAE International Conference, which was co-hosted with the ASAE.

As part of the AESJ’s contribution, a symposium was held as Plenary Session (General Session) No. 3.

The theme of the symposium was The Current Situation and Issues of Accepting Foreign Labor in Japanese Agriculture (tentative). The session was chaired by Professor Emeritus Kenji Horiguchi (Waseda University). Professor Horiguchi first presented an overview of the session with his introductory speech titled, “Trends in the Acceptance of Foreign Labor in Japanese Agriculture and the Issues of this Session.”

The first presentation was by Izumi AZUMA (Shipro Co., Ltd.), titled “Challenges in Accepting Agricultural Labor from Sending Countries—A Case Study of Cambodia.”

The second presentation was by Takashi MIYAIRI (Hokkai-Gakuen University), titled “Acceptance and Challenges of Foreign Labor in Large-Scale Agricultural Areas in Hokkaido.”

The third presentation was by Yusuke DOI (Sapporo Agent Co., Ltd.), titled “Issues in Japanese Agriculture from the Perspective of Specified Skilled Workers.”

Following the presentations, a general discussion was held. Lively exchanges occurred concerning the practical issues encountered at agricultural sites and the institutional coherence required to address them.

2-5. 2024 Annual Conference

The Annual Conference was held at the Aobayama Campus of Tohoku University as the 100th anniversary conference of the society’s founding.

On the first day of the conference, the keynote lecture was delivered by Mr. Atsuyuki ASAMI (Kyoto University).

Two commemorative lectures were delivered, i.e., “Half a Century with Humble Social Science: Agricultural Economics” by Shinichi SHOGENJI (The Nippon Agricultural

Research Institute) and “The Future of Agriculture and Japanese Agricultural Economics” by Osamu KOYAMA (Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences).

The central feature of the conference was a special symposium with the common theme “The Future Mission of Agricultural Economics,” which was held in two sessions—morning and afternoon—with four symposia.

In the morning, Special Symposium I, “Considering the Mission of Agricultural Economics from International Trends—Toward a Transition to a Sustainable Society” was held under the chairmanship of Kae SEKINE (Aichi Gakuin University) and Yuko NAKANO (University of Tsukuba). The first presentation was delivered by Tatsyji KOIZUMI (Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, PRIMAFF) and was titled, “Learning from International Trends in Food Security—Emerging Risks and Uncertainties.” The second presentation was delivered by Sawako SHIGETO (The Graduate School of Project Design) and was titled, “Learning from International Trends in the Environmental and Climate Change Fields: Sustainability of Agriculture and Rural Areas and Energy Issues.” The third presentation was delivered by Nina TAKASHINO (Ritsumeikan University) and was titled, “Learning from International Trends in the Development Field: Advancements and Challenges in Experimental Methods.” The commentator was Takashi KUROSAKI (Hitotsubashi University).

In parallel, Special Symposium II, “Considering the Future of Policy Research,” was held, with Daizo KOJIMA (The University of Tokyo) as the moderator. The first report was presented by Takumi SAKUYAMA (Meiji University) and was titled, “Research Design in Policy Studies: Focusing on the Significance and Methods of Qualitative Empirical Research.” The second report by Kentaro KAWASAKI (The University of Tokyo) was titled, “Supply and Demand of Evidence in Agricultural Policy.” The third report was presented by Hiroki SASAKI (PRIMAFF) and was titled, “Research Issues and New Research Methods at Agricultural Policy Research Institutions in Other Countries.” The fourth report by Kunio NISHIKAWA (Ibaraki University) was titled, “What Drives Japanese Agriculture and Agricultural Policy: Focusing on Rice Policy.” Hideki HAGIWARA (PRIMAFF) served as the commentator.

In the afternoon, Special Symposium III, “Illuminating Agricultural Economics from History and Envisioning the Future,” was held under the chairmanship of Atsushi Ito (Kyoto University). The first report was presented by Yohei KOJIMA (The University of Tokyo) and was titled, “The ‘Green Food System’ and the Mission of Agricultural Economics/Agricultural History,” The second report by Tatsushi FUJIWARA (Kyoto University) was titled, “The Potential of Agricultural Economics—Reflections from History.” The third presentation was delivered by Noriko YUZAWA (Hosei University) and

was titled, “The Modern History of Flower Cultivation and Consumption: A Study on the Transformation of Society and the Family.” The commentator was Kyoko NOMOTO (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies).

Concurrently with Special Symposium III, Special Symposium IV, “Considering the Future of Agricultural Economics Education,” was held, with Akiko KIYOHARA (Fukuyama City University) and Kiyokazu UJIIE (University of Tsukuba) as moderators. The first report was presented by Ryota KOYAMA (Fukushima University) and was titled, “The Role of Agricultural Economics in the New Food and Agriculture Field.” The second report presented by Shigekazu KAWASHIMA (Miyagi University) was titled, “Agricultural Economics Education for University Internationalization.” The third report was presented by Tomoaki NAKATANI (The University of Tokyo) and was titled, “Statistical Literacy Required in Agricultural Economics.” The commentators were Toshinobu MATSUDA (Tottori University) and Masaya NAKATSUKA (Kobe University).

Following each session, a comprehensive discussion was held under the chairmanship of Fusao ITO (Tohoku University) and Kan HIGASHIYAMA (Hokkaido University), with Yasuhiro NAKASHIMA (The University of Tokyo) providing a summary comment.

This conference, which marked the 100th anniversary of its founding, served as an important venue to summarize both the academic achievements and historical legacy of the field.

2-6. 2025 Annual Conference

The 2025 Annual Conference was held at the Shonan Campus of Nihon University. On the first day of the conference, the Presidential Address was delivered by Professor Mitsuyoshi ANDO (The University of Tokyo).

The conference symposium, titled “Food and Agriculture in Japan in a New Era—Post-Neoliberal Political Economy of Food and Agriculture,” was held. The symposium was chaired by Hideyuki TSUJIMURA (Kyoto University), and Masashi TACHIKAWA (Nagoya University) served as the commentator.

In the first presentation, Koichi IKEGAMI (Professor Emeritus, Kindai University/Family Farming Platform-Japan) presented a report titled, “The Degree of Post-Neoliberalism as Seen in the Revision of the Basic Act on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas—Evaluation from the Perspective of Civil Society Organizations.”

In the second presentation, Hiroshi ISODA (Kyushu University) presented “Neoliberal Dietary Habits and the Structure of Agricultural and Food Trade—An Attempt to Explore the Signs of a Post-Neoliberal Food Regime.”

In the third presentation, Professor Koichi KURIYAMA (Kyoto University) reported on “Biodiversity and Food Business Management—From Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to Natural Capital.”

In the fourth presentation, Professor Kiyokazu UJIIE (University of Tsukuba) presented a report titled, “Reducing Environmental Burdens and Food Consumption Behavior—Considering Sustainable Consumption in the Future.”

3. Appendix 2024-2025 Chairman and Staff

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JAPAN ACADEMY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1. Introduction

The Japan Academy of Business Administration (JABA) was established on 10 July 1926. It is one of the oldest academic societies in Japan and has evolved alongside the postwar development of Japanese business studies. It has served as a central academic hub promoting theoretical and empirical research on corporate management.

Globally, the German Management Association was established in 1924 and the American Management Association in 1936, making JABA the second such organisation in the world after the German Management Association. At the time of its establishment, there was a debate over whether to name the society the Management Society or the Commerce Society. Despite the fact that management studies had not yet been established in Japan at the time, the name JABA was adopted. The number of members in 1927, immediately after its establishment, was 342, but by 1977, 50 years later, the number of members had expanded to 1,677.

Since then, JABA has served as a comprehensive academic society covering all aspects of management studies. As management studies have evolved in Japan, the society's research areas have expanded to include not only corporate management but also NPO management, hospital management, and other fields that society demands. As one of the largest social science academic societies in Japan, the Japanese Society of Management continues to actively contribute to society today, with approximately 2,000 members.

2. Evolution of Research Trends: A Retrospective View of the Past Decade

(1) Deepening and Diversification of the Theoretical Foundation of Management Studies

In recent years, new perspectives have been added to the theoretical foundations of management studies, including institutional approaches, historical approaches, and critical management studies, in addition to existing fields such as management strategy theory, organisational theory, innovation theory, leadership theory, and human resource management theory.

Particularly noteworthy is research on the “interaction between institutions and management,” which combines business history and institutional economics. This research attempts to theoretically contextualise the unique management practices of Japanese firms (such as lifetime employment, seniority-based promotion, and in-house unions) and has garnered international attention.

(2) Enhancement of empirical analysis and expanded use of databases

In recent years, quantitative analysis using national enterprise databases, financial data of listed companies, and non-financial information such as integrated reports and securities reports has increased. Statistical methods such as fixed-effects models, panel data analysis, and structural equation modeling (SEM) have become widespread, enhancing the reliability of empirical research in management studies.

Additionally, the integration of management science and data science is advancing through the use of natural language processing (NLP) for analysing executive messages and AI for visualising decision-making processes.

(3) The Rise of Sustainability and ESG Management

Research on “sustainable management” and “ESG management” as corporate responses to environmental and social issues has increased rapidly. In particular, research comparing and evaluating international frameworks such as integrated reporting, TCFD, and SDGs with the responses of Japanese companies is attracting attention.

Academic conferences have also introduced panels and special sessions related to ESG, fostering active exchanges between practitioners and policymakers.

(4) The Intersection of Corporate Governance and Capital Markets

Since the late 2000s, the establishment of the Stewardship Code and the Corporate Governance Code has significantly altered the relationship between Japanese companies and capital markets. As a result, the focus of governance research has expanded to include board composition, diversity, and engagement with institutional investors.

3. Trends in Academic Activities

(1) Activation of Annual Conferences and Specialised Sessions

At JABA's annual conferences, initiatives such as the introduction of poster presentations by young researchers, the holding of English-language sessions, and symposia organized through industry-academia-government collaboration have been implemented. The number of research presentations has been increasing annually, with a particular rise in the number of young and female researchers presenting their work.

(2) Efforts toward internationalization and challenges

Internationalization efforts include the publication of an English-language journal, collaboration with the Asian Management Association, and co-hosting international conferences. However, challenges remain, including the domestic orientation of many Society members, barriers to research dissemination in English, and the need to establish an international peer review system.

(3) Strengthening Connections with Practitioners

JABA provides opportunities for dialogue with practitioners (business executives, consultants, and policy makers) through industry-academia collaboration sessions and roundtable discussions. In recent years, opportunities for policy recommendations through collaboration with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Financial Services Agency have also increased.

4. Future Prospects

(1) Interdisciplinary Integration and Exploration of New Fields

Management studies are no longer a standalone discipline but require integration with fields such as psychology, law, information science, philosophy, and ethics. In particular, addressing new social challenges such as generative AI, algorithmic ethics, and the platform economy has become an urgent priority.

(2) Redefining Japanese Management and Projecting It Globally

Japanese management, which once garnered global attention, has been stagnant for some time. However, there is a growing momentum for reevaluation under

keywords such as “human capital management” and “ambidextrous management.” Redefining the “Japanese model” within a global context will become an important mission for the Society.

(3) Support for Young and Female Researchers and Promotion of Diversity

To ensure the sustainability of academic activities, nurturing the next generation of researchers is indispensable. Through mentoring programs, research funding support, and a diversity promotion committee, an inclusive and open academic society is expected.

5. Overview of Past National Conferences (95th Conference (2021-2025))

2021 (95th Conference, Doshisha University [held online])

Theme: Challenges in the Revitalization of Japanese Companies. The purpose was to explore ways to overcome the long-term stagnation of the Japanese economy and businesses, focusing on the productivity decline symbolized by the “Lost 20/30 Years” since the 1990s, declining employee motivation, the exodus of talented young professionals from large corporations, and the stagnation of traditional management reforms such as management buyouts (MBOs), performance-based systems, and shareholder value-oriented approaches. New directions to overcome these challenges.

Purpose and Objectives: In the unified theme statement, three subthemes to explore the necessary directions for the revitalization of Japanese companies. Subtheme 1, “Escaping from Organizations That Cannot Decide or Change,” examines new trends in organizational transformation and people management to activate rigid organizations. Sub-theme 2, “New Developments in Globalization and the Future of Corporate Management,” analyzes the management factors (strategy, organization, innovation, and practices) that have driven the consistent growth of Japanese companies over the past 30 years, deriving insights for.

Highlights: This conference was hosted by Doshisha University and online via Zoom, due to the spread of COVID-19. Despite being held online, the conference featured a unique structure, including the 100th anniversary project of Doshisha University’s Faculty of Commerce (the aforementioned special lecture). Additionally, in the opening remarks by the conference executive committee chair and program committee chair, new initiatives such as the introduction of pre-conference workshops

and innovations in online operations were highlighted, toward operational innovation in JABA.

2022 (96th Conference, Meiji University [Online Event])

Theme: The Reconstruction of Capitalism and Corporate Management. Against the backdrop of growing discussions on the “reconstruction of capitalism” triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, talk centered on how corporate management should respond to a sustainable society. Specifically, the conference aimed to explore ways in which companies can respond to and contribute to the new trends in capitalism from the perspectives of decarbonization, social issue resolution, and governance reform.

Purpose and Objectives: Amid accelerating efforts to reexamine the nature of capitalism, the need for corporate management to address social issues was exacerbated by the pandemic. The overarching theme aimed to explore new corporate models through solutions to social challenges and adaptation to environmental changes. Three subthemes have been established: (1) “Challenges of a Decarbonized Society,” (2) “Resolving Social Issues and Innovation,” (3) “Reforming Corporate Governance.” These three subthemes the environmental (E), social (S), and governance (G) elements (ESG), aiming to comprehensively discuss ESG challenges in corporate management.

Highlights: The host institution was Meiji University, which had originally planned to hold the conference in person at the Surugadai Campus. However, this was not possible due to the COVID-19 situation. This marked the third consecutive year that the conference had been held online, following the 94th event (Keio University) and the 95th event (Doshisha University). For Meiji University, this marked the 140th anniversary of its founding (2021), and preparations to make this a significant conference. Although English sessions were not held due to the online format, efforts were made to enhance graduate student sessions. Despite the inability to hold an in-person conference, the online format allowed for easier participation from across the country, with over 170 members participating (the exact number of participants was not disclosed, but it was estimated based on previous years’ trends). Overall, the conference was characterized by its timely unified theme of ESG and its online format.

2023 (97th Conference, Kobe Gakuin University [In-Person Event])

Theme: Social Transformation and Management Studies. In an era of rapid change marked by the pandemic and geopolitical risks, the theme aimed to reexamine the relationship between social transformation and corporate management, as well as the role of management studies. Management studies should respond to major changes in modern society, such as the transition to stakeholder capitalism, changes in working patterns due to the pandemic, and the advancement of digital technology.

Purpose and Objectives: The unified theme statement notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has dealt a severe blow to corporate management, highlighting the reality that “companies are sustained by society.” Amid societal transformations that present both crises and new opportunities for companies, managerial actions must consider not only shareholder interests but also relationships with society (stakeholder capitalism). For example, accommodating employees suffering from post-COVID-19 symptoms through flexible workplace policies is cited as an example of “corporate management adapted to social transformation” (such as flexible work arrangements considering long-term health impacts), and the rapid ICT transformation toward the Society 5.0 era is expected to expand opportunities for new industry creation.

Highlights: The conference was held in a fully in-person format at Kobe Gakuin University’s Port Island Campus. Kobe Gakuin University celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2022 and planned to establish a Data Science major within its School of Business Administration in 2023. The actual number of participants was reported to be approximately 300 (as of the time of writing), and the conference was well-attended, thanks to the stabilization of the COVID-19 situation. Overall, it was a meaningful conference that reexamined the social role of business administration under the broad theme of “social transformation.”

2024 (98th Conference, Chuo University [in person event])

Theme: Reexamining the Assumptions of Management Studies. This theme aims to reexamine the underlying assumptions and foundations of management studies as an academic discipline, and to pursue theoretical reconstruction that can respond to the changes of the 21st century, as the society approaches its 100th anniversary since its establishment. In English, the theme was “Review of assumptions that underlie management studies,” a question that summarizes the implicit assumptions and conventional wisdom inherent in management studies.

Purpose and Objectives: According to the Program Committee Chair's greeting, the Conference was asked to reflect on what has occurred in the business environment surrounding Japanese companies and trends in management studies over the past 40 years from the 1980s to the present, and to envision the future of corporate management. Specifically, it was necessary reexamine the theoretical premises underlying the trends discussed in JABA in the 1980s and the topics that were expected to continue thereafter. For example, it suggests a reflective perspective on how management theories and models that were once influential diverged from subsequent practice and whether they are appropriate for capturing the diverse business phenomena of today.

Highlights: The venue was Chuo University's Tama Campus. Following the previous year, there were no online streaming or other online formats, providing a "full-scale academic conference" post-COVID-19. With only two years remaining until its 100th anniversary, the theme of "rethinking the premises of management" also had a comprehensive meaning in terms of summarizing the Society's 100-year history.

2025 (99th Conference at Seinan Gakuin University [in person event])

Unified Theme: The Past and Future of Management Studies. With the 100th anniversary conference (2026) just around the corner, the 99th conference is a bridge connecting the "past and future" of business administration. The English title is The past and future of business administration, and future prospects based on the historical development of business administration.

Purpose and Objectives: The theme statement published by the host institution, Seinan Gakuin University, gives this conference "an opportunity to reflect on the past and look toward the future of business administration in preparation for the 100th conference." It will trace the history of business administration since the first conference in 1926 with the spirit of "learning from the past to understand the present," and play a role in passing on knowledge and insights to the 100th conference.

Highlights: The conference was held at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka City. JABA Conference was held in Kyushu, following the 89th conference in 2015 at Kumamoto Gakuen University, over four days from September 2 (Tue) to 5 (Fri), in the early autumn. The 99th conference also served as a prelude to the 100th anniversary conference, marking a significant milestone in the Society's 100-year

history. It is an especially rich program, an academically and historically significant event, bridging the past and future of management studies as a prelude to the Society's centennial celebration.

6. Conclusion

JABA has played a pivotal role in bridging theory and practice during significant societal, economic, and technological transformations. Going forward, it is expected to continue its role as a platform for generating practical knowledge with an interdisciplinary and international perspective.

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JAPAN SOCIETY OF BUSINESS MATHEMATICS

1. History of the Society

The Japan Society of Business Mathematics was founded in 1959 with the aim of promoting research and applications of quantitative approaches in business. The Society became a member of The Union of National Economic Associations in Japan in 1960. The Society had annual conferences and thirty volumes of journals over its first twenty years. Then at the twentieth conference in 1978 we changed our Society's Japanese name from *Nihon Shogyo Sugakukai* to *Nihon Keiei Sugakukai*. *Shogyo*, *keiei*, and *Sugakukai* mean respectively "commerce", "management", and "mathematics society" in Japanese. Besides, the compound *shogyo sugaku* often means rather "accounting calculation theories and techniques." In order to widen our research field and attract more business and research colleagues, the name was changed. Although the name was changed, we have never changed the Society's concept, promoting research and applications of quantitative approaches in business, throughout our history.

The latest journal is Volume 43, No.1 & 2, which is the 85th journal since the Society was founded. The most recent conference was held at Takushoku University on June 14th, 2025.

2. Outline of the Society

No company manager or public officer can successfully achieve their missions without mathematical or quantitative techniques. Their personal experiences are also important. However, they can fail to decide appropriately without objective views obtained by data processing and logical interpretations. Moreover, making implicit knowledge explicit with scientific schemes is essential to expand organizations' abilities and to achieve succession to following generations. Besides, the circumstances are recently changing speedily. Therefore, the real world has a thirst for more convenient, easier, and more precise methods, which people expect researchers and academies to provide. Our Society encourages our members to accomplish those important research activities. Our members' research interests are wide, so that researchers can easily find their collaboration partners. The main research fields of our members are below.

- Investment theory and practice
- Production management

- Management science
- Operations research
- Fuzzy theory
- Business games (serious games)
- Computer simulation
- Marketing science
- Education for school children, university students, and adults

An annual conference is scheduled in early summer and a casual research meeting in autumn every year. The annual conference gathers papers from a broad range of interests. The research meeting usually has a particular theme and invites a limited number of speakers. We enjoy discussion in a casual atmosphere.

The Society journal's name is *Journal of the Japan Society of Business Mathematics*; we publish it twice a year.

3. Annual Meetings

We hold an annual general meeting and a national research conference once a year. The most recent meetings were held on June 14, 2025, at Takushoku University. Academic paper presentations were collected from a wide area. A study was conducted to analyze the factors contributing to the rise in stock prices of pharmaceutical companies during the COVID-19 pandemic. Next, a study was presented that explored latent concepts using SHAP values, with a focus on the importance of education in India. A study was also conducted on the extension of industrial interrelationship analysis for environmental policies that take into account the characteristics of regional industries. A study was presented that compared the business strategies of music subscription services across generations and identified the evaluations and challenges of the baby boomer generation and Generation Z. Research was conducted on clarifying basic model specifications in system dynamics modeling, and finally, research on the consistency and verification of AHP pair comparison matrices was presented. Each paper had 25 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. In addition to the annual conference, we also hold academic meetings every autumn.

4. Journal Articles

We publish an academic research journal, *Journal of the Japan Society of Business Mathematics*, twice a year. Below is a list of recent papers. The words in the titles have been slightly revised from the original.

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Toshio TAMAMURO and Yutaka TAKAHASHI. "A study of Problem Articulation in the System Dynamics Modeling Process." pp. 13-37.

Suggestion

Keisuke INAKAWA. "Estimating the Economic Effect of Fuel Efficiency in Motor Vehicles." pp. 39-45.

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JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE ECONOMY AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

1. Brief History

The Japanese Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies (JACEM) was established by the merger of the Japanese Research Association for Chinese Economy (2002-2014) and the Society for Chinese Management Studies (2000-2014) in May 2014. Shanping YAN (Doshisha University) was selected as the first president of JACEM. The first annual conference was held on November 8th and 9th, 2014, at the University of Tokyo.

The second president was Tomoo MARUKAWA (University of Tokyo), selected at the annual conference held at Keio University on November 7th and 8th, 2016. At the annual conference held at Daito Bunka University on November 24th and 25th, 2018, Goro TAKAHASHI (Aichi University) was selected as the third president. At the annual conference held online on October 17th and 18th, 2020, Deqiang LIU (Kyoto University) was selected as the fourth president. At the annual conference held at Doshisha University on November 11th and 12th, 2023, Mariko WATANABE (Gakushuin University) was selected as the fifth president, and it is scheduled that she will be the president until November 2026.

The total number of JACEM members is 493 (including 392 regular members, 94 overseas members, and seven honorary members, June 30, 2025).

The major purposes of JACEM are to promote academic research activities on Chinese economy and business management, and to facilitate academic exchange in cooperation with related domestic and foreign societies. To achieve these objectives, the following projects are undertaken.

1. Holding an annual conference and academic/lecture meetings.
2. Publishing an academic journal, the *Journal of Chinese Economic and Management Studies*.
3. Offering programs and projects suitable for the above-mentioned objectives.

2. Annual Conference and Meeting

(1) Annual Conference

JACEM holds a two-day Annual Conference to present papers on subjects on the Chinese economy and business management. Approximately 8-10 scholarly sessions are held each year. An invited lecture, panel discussion and get-together also take place

during the period. The following is an overview of the Annual Conferences held since the 7th conference. (For an overview of the 1st to 6th annual conferences, please refer to the 2020 Annual Report.)

The 7th Annual Conference was scheduled to be held on October 17th and 18th, 2020, originally at Toyama University. However, due to the global spread of COVID-19, JACEM decided to change the format to an online event. Despite the event being held online, a special session on the theme of “The Chinese Economy and Management in the Face of the Coronavirus Crisis” was held. In the Japanese-language session, Tomoo MARUKAWA (University of Tokyo), Masatsugu IWANAGA (Director, Beijing Office, Japan-China Economic Association), and Takehiko SAEKI (Director, Wuhan Office, Japan External Trade Organization: JETRO) gave presentations, and Chunli LI (Aichi University) and Yusaku NISHIMURA (University of International Business and Economics in Beijing) provided comments. In the Chinese-language session, Jun ZHANG (Fudan University in Shanghai) delivered a lecture, and Jin DU (Takushoku University) provided comments. All sessions made full use of the advantages of the online format, facilitating meaningful exchanges of opinions.

The 8th Annual Conference was also held online on October 16th and 17th, 2021. A symposium titled “Various Issues of Urbanization in China” was held, with Ming LU (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) from China and Nobuhiro OKAMOTO (Daito Bunka University) and Lianhua LI (Tokyo Keizai University) from Japan giving presentations.

In 2022, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to subside, the 9th Annual Conference was held in person for the first time in three years at the Tokai Campus of Nihon Fukushi University in Aichi prefecture on November 5th and 6th. The conference featured an international symposium titled “The Current State and Responses of China’s Agriculture Amid Global Grain Price Hikes,” with presentations by Romio MORI (Daito Bunka University) and Akihide IKEGAMI (Meiji University) from Japan, and Qiang GAO (Nanjing Forestry University) from China. The discussion was conducted in both Japanese and Chinese.

The 10th Annual Conference was held on November 11th and 12th, 2023 at Doshisha University in Kyoto. Under the theme “Reflecting on 45 Years of China’s Reform and Opening-up,” an international symposium was held to review the progress of China’s economy since the launch of the reform and opening-up policy in December 1978. Chenggang XU (Stanford University) delivered the keynote speech online under the title “Understanding China’s Political Economy in the Post-Mao Era” and engaged in a question-and-answer session with the audience. Following this, a panel discussion was held at the venue featuring Deqiang LIU (Kyoto University), Kazutsugu OSHIMA

(Momoyama Gakuin University), and Hideo OHASHI (Senshu University).

The 11th Annual Conference was held at Kyoto University from November 30th to December 1st, 2024. The international symposium was titled “Economic Relations Across the Taiwan Strait: Changes and Influencing Factors,” with speakers including Jr-Tsung HUANG (National Chengchi University) from Taiwan, Sho KOMATSU (Asia Growth Research Institute: AGI) and Jinling HUA (Keio University), Xue PENG (AGI), and Erbiao DAI (AGI) from Japan. Separate from the international symposium, a special lecture titled “‘Socialism,’ ‘mercantilism,’ or ‘cultural difference’?: Western misconceptions in WTO negotiations” was held in Chinese, featuring Hui QIN (Tsinghua University).

(2) Academic Meetings

JACEM originally held the academic meetings for Eastern and Western Association members separately in 2015-2016. For reducing administrative costs, the academic meetings were merged and are scheduled to be held every Spring since 2018.

The first academic Spring meeting was held at the Asia Growth Research Institute (AGI) on June 20th, 2018. In this meeting, we had four sessions with a total of 11 presentations. The second academic Spring meeting was held at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies on June 30th, 2019, when we had four sessions with a total of 22 presentations. The third academic Spring meeting was scheduled to be held at Nihon Fukushi University on June 13th, 2020; however, the meeting was cancelled because of the spread of COVID-19.

The 2021 academic Spring meeting was held online on July 3rd, 2021. With the COVID-19 pandemic beginning to subside, the 2022 Spring meeting was held in a hybrid format combining in-person and online participation on June 25th at the Honmachi Satellite Campus of Momoyama Gakuin University, marking the first in person event in three years. The 2023 Spring Research Conference was also held in a hybrid format on May 27th at Gakushuin University, with both the national conference and Spring meeting primarily conducted in a hybrid format.

At the academic Spring meeting held on June 8th, 2024 at the Faculty of Economics, Nihon University, in addition to the regular research presentations, a special session was held as a new initiative. The special session, themed “Evaluating China’s Economic Slowdown,” was moderated by Mariko WATANABE (Gakushuin University), with guest lecturer Sayuri SHIRAI (Keio University) and members Tomoyuki FUKUMOTO (Osaka University of Economics) and Nobuhiro OKAMOTO (Daito Bunka University) giving presentations and engaging in discussion.

At the academic Spring meeting held on June 7th, 2025 at Kobe University, a special session was also held under the title “China as Experience: Looking Ahead to the Chinese Economy Under Trump 2.0,” featuring a presentation and discussion by member Tatsuhito TOKUCHI (Asia-Pacific Initiative).

In this way, special sessions are increasingly becoming a regular feature of the academic Spring meeting.

(3) Workshops on Current Chinese Economy and Management

JACEM also holds workshops studying the current situation of the Chinese economy and business management. In these workshops JACEM invites specialists on the Chinese economy/management (including so-called China watchers, and managers of Chinese subsidiaries of Japanese firms) and requests them to make presentations on the current situation of the Chinese economy and business management.

On February 27th, 2021, the 6th workshop was held online with the theme “Digitalization of the Chinese Economy,” with the speakers Hiromi YAMAOKA (Future Co., Ltd.) and Takeyuki MATSUO (Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba Law Office). YAMAOKA provided an overview of the trends in China’s digital yuan, while MATSUO presented a legal perspective on personal information protection and national data utilization.

The 7th workshop was held online on September 3rd, 2022, with the theme “The Future of the Chinese Economy in the Post-Corona Era.” The speakers were Kenji MUNEKANE (JETRO) on “COVID-19 Policies and the Chinese Economy: Directions for Japanese Business Operations” and Jianmin JIN (Fujitsu Ltd.) on “The Progress of China’s Digital Infrastructure.”

The 8th workshop was held in a hybrid format on September 30th, 2023. The theme was “The Future of China’s Resource and Environmental Issues.” The speakers were Mika TAKEHARA (Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security: JOGMEC) on the topic “Current Status and Trends of Fossil Fuels and Renewable Energy in China,” and Shoji ONOGI (Japan-China Environmental Service Center: JCESC) on the topic “Recent Environmental Issues in China and Their Policies.”

The 9th workshop was held online on November 2nd, 2024. Kazuhiro SUZUKI (Tera Probe, Inc.) was invited as a speaker to discuss the theme “China’s Domestic Semiconductor Industry: A Retrospective from the Perspective of Japanese Semiconductor Companies.” Drawing on his nearly 30 years of working experience in Toshiba on the front lines of semiconductor supply to the Chinese market, he provided insightful analysis into the growth trajectory and challenges of China’s domestic semiconductor industry, as well as the position of Japanese companies in this context.

(4) International Conferences and Workshops

JACEM facilitates cooperation with foreign Associations and supports the participation in international conferences and workshops. (For an overview of international conferences and academic activities before 2019, please refer to the 2020 Annual Report.)

In June 2020, JACEM hosted a one-month online global lecture series (“Academic Capacity Enhancement on China Economic Studies”), jointly with the Chinese Economic Association (CEA, UK/Europe), the Chinese Economists Society (CES, US), the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA, Australia), the China Health Policy and Management Society (CHPAMS, US), and the China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI, China). The president of JACEM (Goro TAKAHASHI) sent opening remarks for the lecture series, and four members of JACEM (Zhiwei CEN, Asei Ito, Xinxin MA and Cheng TANG) held their lectures under the introduction of the vice president of JACEM (Erbiao DAI). Seventeen experts and scholars from four continents and six countries shared their experiences and methods in China economic studies and discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world economy. As of June 30th, 2020, nearly 1,000 people had registered for the lecture series and more than 5,600 people watched the lectures online.

Besides, JACEM participates in the planning of CNKI lecture hall activities (the Global China Economy Lecture Hall), as well as organizing monthly workshops and annual conferences. Collaborative relationships with relevant academic societies worldwide have been institutionalized. In October 2023, at the regular lecture of the Global China Economy Lecture Hall, member C.H. KWAN (Nomura Institute of Capital Markets Research) delivered a lecture on the theme “Viewing the US-China Economic Rivalry from a Japanese Perspective.” During this period, information on presentations provided by other societies was also shared with members as it became available. In August 2024, the “Global Lecture Series on the Chinese Economy” was held online. Member Yusaku NISHIMURA (University of International Business and Economics in Beijing) delivered a presentation.

It is necessary and crucial for JACEM to exchange the latest academic knowledge with foreign scholars and Associations and present our research outcomes. Therefore, JACEM continues to facilitate cooperation with overseas Associations and support the participation in these international conferences and academic activities.

3. Journal Publication

JACEM publishes *the Journal of Chinese Economic and Management Studies* since 2017. (<https://www.jacem.org/japanese/zenbun.html#emmokujii>)

The Journal is a semi-annual publication. Contributions are restricted to members of JACEM. In the case of joint authorship, at least one person must be a member of the Association. The language used must be either Japanese or English. Acceptance of manuscripts submitted shall be determined by the Editorial Board based on reviews by two or more anonymous referees appointed by the Editorial Board for this purpose.

The Journal contains review articles, research notes, book reviews, special reports etc. as well as the articles.

The latest issue (Vol. 9 No. 1) was published in May 2025. This was a special issue concerning the international symposium held at the 11th Annual Conference in 2025. The theme of the issue was “Cross-Strait Economic Relations: Changes and Influencing Factors.” Following the introduction by Erbiao DAI, who chaired the symposium, four articles were included in the special feature as follows:

Jr-Tsung HUANG, “The Development and Changes of Cross-Strait Economic and Trade Relations”

Sho KOMATSU and Jinling HUA, “Why Did Foxconn Become a World-Leading Company?”

Xue PENG, “Why Did Kunshan Become ‘China's Number One County’?: Contributions of Taiwanese Companies”

Erbiao DAI and Yuting KE, “Mainland Chinese Visitors to Taiwan: Changes and Influencing Factors”

The issue contained a transcript of the lecture by Hui QIN held at the 11th annual conference under the title of “‘Socialism’, ‘mercantilism’, or ‘cultural difference’?: Western misconceptions in WTO negotiations” with the introduction by the JACEM president Mariko WATANABE.

Besides, member Defeng SUN contributes his recent work “The Impact of Incubator-Supported Entrepreneurship Environments and Interdependence Among Incubators on Innovation Creation: A Regression Analysis Using Panel Data from Incubators in China.” The issue also contains two Book Reviews.

With the deterioration of the US-China relationship, an increasing number of people are interested in the Chinese economy and business management. However, mass media and journalism could not necessarily provide exact and profound

information on Chinese economy and management. Therefore, JACEM will make great efforts to offer reliable academic knowledge to the public through publishing the Journal and other activities.

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JAPANESE SOCIETY OF INSURANCE SCIENCE

1. Brief History

Before the Japanese Society of Insurance Science (JSIS) commenced its activities, an organized academic society dedicated to the study of the insurance business, known as “Hoken Gakkai” (The Society of Insurance Science), was established in 1895. Although this society remained active into the early 1940s, a new organization, the JSIS (“Nihon Hoken Gakkai”), was founded in 1940 to advance the study of insurance, making it one of Japan’s most esteemed and long-standing academic societies in the humanities. In comparison to its predecessor, JSIS can be regarded as the most well-suited institution for socio-economic research in Japan.

The inaugural conference of the Japanese Society of Insurance Science (JSIS) was convened at the University of Tokyo on November 24, 1940, bringing together 218 scholars and insurance professionals from across the country. From its inception, JSIS dedicated itself exclusively to the advancement and deepening of insurance studies. However, its activities were suspended from 1944 to 1949 due to the disruptions caused by World War II. The Society resumed its scholarly gatherings in 1950, with its first postwar conference held at Hitotsubashi University.

The Society’s bulletin, *Journal of Insurance Science*, originally launched as a monthly publication by the “Hoken Gakkai” in 1895, was formally taken over by the JSIS in 1951, beginning with its 378th issue. Since then, JSIS has continued to publish the journal on a quarterly basis. In October 2015, the Society marked a significant milestone with the release of its 125th anniversary issue (Number 630).

The year 2020 marked the 80th anniversary of the Society, and a commemorative Annual Meeting was held at Meiji University in Tokyo on October 17-18, 2020.

The Annual Meeting for 2025 was held at Kindai University in Osaka Prefecture on October 25-26, 2025.

2. Outline of the Society

Economic entities, such as firms and households, inevitably encounter various risks in the course of their economic activities. These risks can lead to adverse economic consequences, including (1) property losses, (2) income or revenue losses, and (3) other extraordinary financial burdens. The fundamental role of insurance is to mitigate or eliminate such uncertainties, enabling economic entities to function with greater stability. Furthermore, long-term societal trends—such as global warming, rapid population aging, and globalization—have given rise to new social, economic, and

environmental risks, further underscoring the importance of insurance in contemporary society.

To illustrate, in a world where each pension beneficiary relies on the support of just two workers, the question of balancing the roles of public and private insurance takes on critical significance. As insurance becomes increasingly vital to society, so too do the expectations placed upon JSIS researchers to explore and address these pressing challenges.

JSIS is dedicated to advancing research and collaboration in the field of insurance science while fostering interactions and exchanges with related academic societies and organizations both in Japan and internationally (Article 2 of the bylaws). To achieve these objectives, the Society engages in the following three key areas of activity.

First, JSIS organizes an annual conference and regional activities. The annual conference, usually held in or around October on a university campus, provides a platform for engaging discussions through symposia and individual paper presentations. Additionally, a distinguished guest speaker—either from JSIS or beyond—is invited to deliver a thought-provoking commemorative address. Beyond the annual conference, the Kanto, Kansai, and Kyushu chapters host two to four regular divisional meetings per year, offering members opportunities to present their latest research findings and participate in constructive exchanges of ideas.

Second, JSIS publishes the papers presented at these meetings in the *Journal of Insurance Science*, ensuring that research reaches a wider audience. The recently introduced peer-review system provides aspiring graduate students and young researchers, in particular, with a valuable opportunity to establish a significant body of work. The journal also features occasional articles on economic and social trends related to insurance, further enhancing its appeal to members. Since 2011, papers published in the *Journal of Insurance Science* have also been made available on the Society’s website after a six-month embargo, broadening access to JSIS research beyond its membership.

Third, JSIS actively promotes international exchanges. The Society maintains an ongoing collaboration with its counterpart in Korea, facilitating reciprocal participation in each other’s annual conference proceedings. Additionally, JSIS designates a board member to represent the Society at meetings of AIDA (The International Association for Insurance Law, headquartered in London) and APRIA (The Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association, headquartered in Singapore). Looking ahead, JSIS recognizes the growing importance of strengthening ties with the dynamic economies of Asia as well as with advanced insurance markets in the West.

AIDA convenes a World Congress every four years, with the 16th Quadrennial Congress, hosted by the Australia Chapter, taking place in Melbourne from August 30 to September 1, 2023. Meanwhile, APRIA holds annual meetings in various cities, and JSIS ensures its active participation by sending a delegate to each gathering.

The APRIA Annual Conference is held in a different country each year, and the 2023 conference was hosted in Japan by Kansai University in Osaka Prefecture. This was the third time the conference had been held in Japan, following previous conferences in 2006 and 2011, both hosted by Meiji University in Tokyo. JSIS also supported the event, and many of its members participated and presented their research.

Currently, JSIS has a membership of approximately 730 individuals, comprising 240 academic members and 490 business members. In addition, approximately 90 organizations are enrolled as supporting members. In pursuing its mission, the Society aims to offer business members more compelling themes while fostering greater collaboration and the exchange of knowledge and expertise.

The President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of JSIS is Professor Tadao KOEZUKA (Waseda University), who assumed the role in 2024, succeeding Professor Masahiko EZAWA (Waseda University, 2010- 2014), Professor Yasuo FUKUDA (Nihon University, 2014-2018), Professor Mariko NAKABAYASHI (Meiji University, 2018-2022) and Professor Shigenori ISHIDA (Kansai University, 2022-2024).

3. Report on Annual Conference from 2019 to 2025

As noted above, JSIS holds an annual conference for its members, usually in late October, providing a forum for academic presentations and discussions. The conference is hosted by a university.

The key highlights of the Annual Meetings from 2019 to 2025 are as follows:

The 73rd Annual Conference (2019)

Dates: October 26 (Sat)-27 (Sun), 2019

Conference Chair: Shigenori ISHIDA (Kansai University)

Venue: Kansai University (Osaka)

Symposium I: Lessons from a Decade under Japan's 2008 Insurance Law

Moderator: Osamu TAKEHAMA (Ritsumeikan University)

Keynote Lecture: Katsuhiko OKADA (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Speakers: Kei MORIOKA (Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance), Tetsuo

YAMASHITA (Hokkaido University), Yuji TOYAMA (Nippon Life Insurance Company), Satoshi TOYAMA (Senshu University) and Nobuyasu UEMURA (Capitas Consulting)
(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 649 (2000))

Symposium II: InsurTech and the Insurance Business

Moderator: Tomoka MIYAJI (Takushoku University)

Keynote Lecture: Yuichi SASAKI (Tokyo University of Economics)

Speakers: Takuya YOSHIZAWA (Kyoto Sangyo University), Toshiaki YASUI (Kagawa University), Nobuyuki MUTO (Dai-ichi Life Holdings) and Kojiro KURIHARA (Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 649 (2020))

The 74th Annual Conference (2020)

Dates: October 17 (Sat)-18 (Sun), 2020

Conference Chair: Mariko NAKABAYASHI (Meiji University)

Venue: Meiji University (Held online via webinar due to COVID-19)

Special Lecture: Risk Perception in the New Normal Society

Speaker: Yasushi MORIMIYA, Honorary Member (Meiji University)

Symposium I: Risk Perception and Financial Literacy

Moderator: Masato OKURA (Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts)

Special Lecture: Nobuyoshi YAMORI (Kobe University)

Speakers: Hideto AZEGAMI (Toyo Gakuen University), Shinobu NAKAGAWA (Saitama University), Kazuhiro SAITO (Japan Institute of Life Insurance) and Masashi YAMAMOTO (The General Insurance Association of Japan)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 652 (2021))

Symposium II: Promotion of Mobility as a Service (MaaS)

Moderator: Tadao KOIZUKA (Kagawa University)

Keynote Lecture: Daisuke IGA (City of Takamatsu)

Speakers: Ryo SATO (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), Dai GOTO (Attorney-at-law), Hitoshi MATSUBARA (The University of Tokyo) and Tadao KOIZUKA (Kagawa University)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 653 (2021))

The 75th Annual Conference (2021)

Dates: October 23 (Sat)-24 (Sun), 2021

Conference Chair: Nobuyoshi YAMORI (Kobe University)

Venue: Kobe University (Held online via webinar due to COVID-19)

Special Lecture: Current State and Challenges of Financial Administration

Speaker: Teruhisa KURITA (Financial Services Agency, Japan)

Symposium I: Earthquake Risk and Earthquake Insurance from a Viewpoint of Resilience

Moderator: Kazuyoshi Hotta (Keio University)

Special Lecture: Shingo NAGAMATSU (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience/Kansai University)

Presenters: Takayuki WATANABE (General Insurance Rating Organization of Japan), Takahiro DOKI (Chukyo University), Noriyoshi YANASE (Keio University) and Atsushi ISHIKAWA (The Life Insurance Association of Japan)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 656 (2022))

Symposium II: Issues Raised for Corporate Insurance Covering Earthquake Risk

Moderator: Satoshi NAKAIDE (Waseda University)

Presenters: Kei MASUYAMA (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), Satoru HIRAGA (Marsh Broker Japan, Inc.), Katsuya TANIMIZU (Aon Group Japan) and Motohiro SAKAKI (Kobe University)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 657 (2022))

The 76th Annual Conference (2022)

Dates: November 5 (Sat)-6 (Sun), 2022

Conference Chair: Satoshi NAKAIDE (Waseda University)

Venue: Waseda University (Tokyo)

Symposium I: The Significance and Challenges of Insurance in addressing Social Issues

Moderator: Satoshi NAKAIDE (Waseda University)

Special Lecture: Ekhosuehi IYAHEN (Insurance Development Forum) “Insurance as a Driver for Global Resilience” Masaaki NAGAMURA (Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.),

“The Role of Insurance in Building a Resilient Society – Insights from International Discussions”

Speakers: Takahide MARUKI (Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.), Takafumi ARIE (Nippon Life Insurance Company), Takayuki OBA (National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives) and Takau YONEYAMA (Tokyo University of Economics) (see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 660 (2023))

Symposium II: Legal Study of the Insurable Relationship Between the Insured and the Beneficiary in the Life Insurance Contract

Moderator: Nobuo NAKAMURA (Waseda University)

Speakers: Hideaki OTSUKA (Waseda University), Haruka KANAO (Musashino University), Akira TOKUTSU (Hitotsubashi University), Hiroaki HARA (Kansai University) and Masahiko HASEGAWA (Kanagawa University)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 661 (2023))

The 77th Annual Conference (2023)

Dates: October 28 (Sat)-29 (Sun), 2023

Conference Chair: Takuya YOSHIZAWA (Kyoto Sangyo University)

Venue: Kyoto Sangyo University (Kyoto)

Invited Lecture: The Current State and Challenges of Insurance Supervision

Speaker: Tomohiro MIURA (Director, Insurance Division, Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency (FSA), Japan)

Symposium I: Advanced Medical Care and Insurance

Moderator: Takashi NAKAHAMA (Otaru University of Commerce)

Special Lecture: Manabu MUTO (Department of Therapeutic Oncology at the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University), “Potential use of private insurance in Advanced Medical Care”

Speakers: Go ITO (Fukuoka University), Satoshi NOZAWA (Tokio Marine & Nichido Life Insurance Co., Ltd.), Yosuke ASANUMA (Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.) and Takahiro DOKI (Chukyo University)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 665 (2024))

Symposium II: Present State and Challenges of Microinsurance

Moderator: Akihiko UMETSU (Niigata University)

Speakers: Yuki KATAYAMA (NLI Research Institute), Chiyo ONODERA (Nihon University) and Satoshi TOYAMA (Senshu University)
(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 664 (2024))

The 78th Annual Conference (2024)

Dates: October 26 (Sat)-27 (Sun), 2024

Conference Chair: Atsushi HIRASAWA (Chuo University)

Venue: Chuo University (Tokyo)

Symposium I: Deepening the Insurance Industry in the Post-Corona Era

Moderator: Futoshi OKADA (Nihon University)

Speakers: Hiroshi ARIMURA (NLI Research Institute), Takuya MAKIHARA (Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.) and Takahiro YASUI (former official of Japan's Financial Services Agency)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 669 (2025))

Symposium II: Theoretical Framework and Challenges of Insurance Contracts for “Non-Mass Risks”

Moderator: Satoshi NAKAIDE (Waseda University)

Speakers: Akio HOSHINO (Waseda University), Tomoo MURAYAMA (Marsh Broker Japan, Inc.), Motohiro SAKAKI (Kobe University), Ichiro KOBAYASHI (Hitotsubashi University) and Yoshiaki NOMURA (Osaka University)

(see *Journal of Insurance Science* No. 668 (2025))

The 79th Annual Conference (2025)

Dates: October 25 (Sat)-26 (Sun), 2025

Conference Chair: Hiroyuki INABA (Kindai University)

Venue: Kindai University (Osaka)

Symposium I: Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance – Current Status, Challenges, and Future Prospects

Moderator: Masato OKURA (Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts)

Speakers: Kento KIMURA (Chuo Gakuin University), Kazumi NAITO (Keio University) and Misa MATSUO (Kobe University)

Symposium II: Expectations and Future Outlook for the New Solvency Regulations

Moderator: Nobuyasu UEMURA (Fukuoka University)

Speakers: Yuji UENO (University of Shizuoka), Yukihiko YASUDA (Hitotsubashi University) and Yoshihiro KAWAI (Kyoto University).

(Tadao KOEZUKA, Waseda University and President of JSIS)

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THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (JAMA)

1. General Description of the Society

The Japanese Association of Management Accounting (JAMA), founded in 1991, is the premier academic organization devoted to the study and promotion of knowledge about management accounting. The Association is a voluntary organization of individuals interested in management accounting research and education. With approximately 750 members, they include faculty members at colleges and universities, researchers, professionals, and students. JAMA's members are categorized as follows:

(a) Full Member

- (1) Persons engaged in research and education of management accounting or a related field in a university, junior college, or vocational school.
- (2) Specialists, such as a certified public accountant or licensed tax accountant.
- (3) Individuals with business management experience in a company.

(b) Student Member

Graduate students with a major in management accounting or a related field currently enrolled in accredited institutions.

(c) Supporting Member

Individuals or corporations in agreement with the purpose of the association who wish to support the Association.

As an academic organization of management accounting, JAMA, through its Executive Committee, is well positioned to provide a unique set of services to its members and to promote the vitality, visibility, and diversity of the discipline. Working at the national and international levels, the Association aims to articulate policy, and implement programs likely to have the broadest possible effect for management accounting now and in the future.

JAMA celebrated the 30th anniversary of its foundation in 2021 and published *the 30-Year History of The Japanese Association of Management Accounting*. In addition, in commemoration of the publication of Eiichi SHIBUSAWA's *The Analects and the Abacus* on September 13, 1916, JAMA has designated September 13 as "Management Accounting Day".

2. Annual Conferences

The annual conference is the biggest event of JAMA. The conference usually takes three days and consists of round table discussions and free-theme sessions. The unified theme and the host institutions where annual conferences have been held since 2020 are as follows:

(1) 2020 Annual Conference

The 2020 Annual Conference was held from August 27-29, 2020 at Nagoya University of Commerce & Business, chaired by Masao TSUJI (Nagoya University of Commerce & Business). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was mostly held in person, with some parts held online. The theme of the round table discussions was “Towards Evidence-based management accounting research”, and Kenji YASUKATA (Kindai University) served as chair. In addition, 40 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

(2) 2021 Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference was held from August 26-28, 2021 at the University of Nagasaki, chaired by Kousuke MIYAJI (University of Nagasaki). All programs were held online due to the nationwide spread of COVID-19. The theme of the round table discussions was “Rethinking overhead allocation”, and Okihiro MARUTA (Kyushu University) served as chair. In addition, 36 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

(3) 2022 Annual Conference

The 2022 Annual Conference was held from August 29-31, 2022 at Meiji University, chaired by Akihiro SAKI (Meiji University). The theme of the round table discussions was “Current State and Issues in Japanese Cost Management”, and Ko TASAKA (Fukuoka University) served as chair. In addition, 52 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

(4) 2023 Annual Conference

The 2023 Annual Conference was held from August 28-30, 2023 at Tohoku Institute of Technology, chaired by Kazuhiro KAWASHIMA (Tohoku Institute of Technology). The theme of the round table discussions was “Current status and issues of management accounting in small and medium-sized enterprises”, and Naoya

YAMAGUCHI (Aoyama Gakuin University) served as chair. In addition, 38 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

(5) 2024 Annual Conference

The 2024 Annual Conference was held from September 2-4, 2024 at Chuo University, chaired by Takeo WATANABE (Chuo University). The theme of the round table discussions was “Accounting education and management accounting practice in the age of AI”, and Sumitaka USHIO (Chuo University) served as chair. In addition, 38 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

(6) 2025 Annual Conference

The 2025 Annual Conference was held from August 29-31, 2025 at Konan University, chaired by Yoshihiro SUGIYAMA (Konan University). The theme of the round table discussions was “What quantitative analytical techniques bring to management accounting research: Prospects and suggestions”, and Kenji YASUKATA (Kindai University) served as chair. In addition, 48 papers were presented in free-theme sessions.

3. Publication

JAMA publishes its official journal, *The Journal of Management Accounting, Japan*, semiannually in Japanese. Kazunori Ito (Senshu University) was the Editors-in-Chief in 2020, Fumiko HIKI (Hitotsubashi University) in 2021-2023, and Tomoaki SONODA (Keio University) in 2024-2025.

The Journal of Management Accounting, Japan has various sections, such as articles, invited articles, research notes, case studies, and book reviews. Articles in the Journal are selected through a double-blind referee system. The scope of acceptable articles embraces all subjects related to management accounting and management practices as long as the articles meet the criteria established for publication in the journal. Manuscripts apart from articles are also selected through a review by a single referee according to the policy set by the editorial board. The recent contents of *The Journal of Management Accounting, Japan* are as follows:

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Articles

Kana OKADA, Yoshitaka SHIRINASHIHAMA, Makoto KUROKI, “The Effect of Management Control Systems for Collaboration among Facilities in Healthcare and

Elderly Care Fields”

Sho HAYAKAWA, Takeyoshi SENOO, Kenji YASUKATA, Kohei ARAI, Eri YOKOTA, “The Effect of Budget Culture on Target Ratcheting: An Empirical Research Based on Management Forecasts”

Keita IWASAWA, “The Changes of Micro-Profit Center System Influenced by the Introduction of Just-in-Time Production System”

Takahito KONDO, Takeshi NISHII, “A Simulation Study of a Dynamic Process of an Agent’s Effort Allocation under Informativeness and Controllability”

Koki MAKINO, “Management Accounting Research of Small and Medium Enterprises – Integration Attempt by Systematic Review –”

Fumihiko KIMURA, “Earnings Management in J-REIT”

Masanobu FUKUSHIMA, Jumpei HAMAMURA, Kento INOUE, “A Concern about Time-period Setting When Sampling Financial Data”

Moeki NEMOTO, “Research Trends of Strategic Management Accounting in Japan: Based on Literature Studies”

Volume 28, No. 2, 2020

Invited Articles

Michiharu SAKURAI, “Establishment of Corporate Governance Code and Problems of ROI’s Use”

Norio SAWABE, “Development of Management Control and its Contemporary Issues”

Hirofumi ASADA, “Roles of Accountants in Enabling Control”

Akimichi AOKI, “Value Co-creation and Management Control System in Service Organizations”

Katsuhiro ITO, “Management Control Concepts to Realize Organizational Ambidexterity: Initiatives for Future Expansion of Management Control Theory”

Case Research

Ryusuke TAKEMOTO, Shigemichi KOBAYASHI, Kiminori OKUSAKO, Junya OHNISHI, “Practices of Management Accounting in Hiroshima Regional Bureau, National Tax Agency”

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Articles

Keita INOUE, “Management Accounting Research on Customer Relationships: A Review from Extended Customer Relationship Views”

Toru OGASAWARA, Sho HAYAKAWA, Masayuki YOSHIDA, “Relative Evaluation with Additional Monitoring”

Yoshikazu HORI, Masao TSUJI, “Empirical Analyses on Earnings Adjustments by Adopting the Consolidated Tax System”

Takeshi NISHII, Takahito KONDO, “An Exploratory Study of Interaction through Imitation Based Performance Information: A Computer Simulation Approach”

Keita MASUYA, “Quality of Diagnostic Control in Budgeting: Exploring the Mechanism That Causes Diversified Performance Outcomes”

Masayuki TANIMORI, “Research on Pricing by Subscription-Model: Simulation of Application to the Bank Account Fees”

Fanhong MENG, “An Empirical Study on the Relationship between the Application of MFCA, SBSC, Eco-efficiency and Financial Performance: Verification of Financial Data of Listed Manufacturing Companies in China”

Volume 29, No. 2, 2021

Invited Articles

Kenji YASUKATA, “‘Evidence-Based’ Management Accounting Research”

Kohei ARAI, “The ‘Form’ of Empirical Management Accounting Research Based on the Evidence Level”

Jumpei HAMAMURA, “Evidence-Based Management Accounting Research and Theory-Based Forecasting”

Masanobu FUKUSHIMA, “Practical Usefulness of Evidence Offered by Management Accounting Research”

Yoshimasa OGINO, “Yellow Signal on Corporate Operations”

Yoshiyuki KITAGUCHI, “Utilization of Balanced Scorecard at Kameyama Electric Co., Ltd.: Introduction, Operation, and Remaining Issues”

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Articles

Yuichi KUBOTA, Meiling LIU, Hiroshi MIYA, “Innovation Strategy and Management Control Effectiveness: Implications for Ambidextrous Strategy Outcomes”

Zhe SHANG, “Planning the Linkage between BSC and Other MASs: Based on the Case of Kameyama Electric Co., Ltd.”

Keita IWASAWA, Keita MASUYA, Eisuke YOSHIDA, “Transformation of Cost Management in Japanese Companies”

Toshiaki WAKABAYASHI, “The Role of Organizational Identity in the Allocation of Multiple Targets Setting Authority”

Daisuke KONDO, Risa ASAISHI, Makoto KUROKI, “Succession and Management Accounting: Amoeba Management in Developing Successor of Rokko Butter Co., Ltd.”

Masanobu NAKAMURA, “Coordination and Decision Making in Budgeting on New Product Development Projects in the Execution Phase”

Tatsumasa TENNOJIYA, Yumi MOROFUJI, Michiyasu NAKAJIMA, Hiroyuki SUZUKI, Asako KIMURA, “Corporate Philosophy for Sustainable New Product Development: A Practice of Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation”

Shino HIIRAGI, Yasuyuki KAZUSA, “Categorization of Gemba Kaizen Effects: Consideration from an Accounting Perspective”

Shinichiro MAKISHITA, “Influence of Information Presentation Format on Decision-Making: A Literature Review with A Focus on Cognitive Fit Theory”

Volume 30, No. 2, 2022

Invited Articles

Yutaka KATO, “Raison d'être of Management Accounting: Revisited”

Okihiro MARUTA, “Rethinking Cost Allocation”

Masayuki TANIMORI, “Changes in Bank Costing: Capacity-Estimated Costing Based on Holistic Approach”

Shunsuke ADACHI, “Characteristics of Cost Allocation Method in Hospital Costing System”

Masaru TAKAHASHI, “Management of Indirect Cost in the 21st Century: Capacity Management of Network Organizations”

Yasushi OGAWA, “Significance of DDP: Discovery-Driven Planning”

Volume 31, No. 1, 2023

Articles

Masato EMOTO, Keita IWASAWA, Yudai ONITSUKA, Eri YOKOTA, “The Usefulness of Product/Service Cost Information in Start-up Companies”

Aki YOSHIMI, “Management Accounting Issues in Production Committee: The Production of Japanese ‘Anime’”

Toru OGASAWARA, Kohei ARAI, Kento INOUE, “The Impact of a Company’s Strategic Actions on the Sustainable Competitive Advantage”

Keisuke OGIHARA, “The Effect of Change in Target Cost Setting Methods on Commitment: From Additive to Deductive Methods”

Eri YOKOTA, Sakichi OTOMASA, Junya SAKAGUCHI, Takaharu KAWAI, Yasushi ONISHI, Takeyoshi SENOO, Yudai ONITSUKA, “The Characteristics of Japanese Management Control Research: A Comparison of International and Japanese Research Trends”

Koki MAKINO, “Factors of Capital Budget Adoption in SMEs and Their Economic Consequences: Questionnaire Survey in Kushiro and Nemuro Regions of Hokkaido”

Joonghwa OH, “Strategic Effect of Capacity Choice in a Vertical Structure”

Ayuko KOMURA, Hirohisa HIRAI, “The Mediation Effect of Work Motivation on the Relationship between Budgetary Goal Difficulty and Budget Performance”

Yunhan ZHANG, Kenji YASUKATA, “The Effects of Medium-Term Sales Targets on Asymmetric Cost Behavior”

Kazumasa HIGASHIKAWA, “Equity Valuation Based on Management Earnings Forecasts: An Evaluation of Gao et al. (2019)”

Volume 31, No. 2, 2023

Invited Articles

Jun INOUE, “Shibusawa Eiichi’s Business and Management Philosophy Learned from The Analects and the Abacus”

Ko TASAKA, “Current State and Issue in Japanese Cost Management”

Noriyuki IMAI, “Toyota’s Cost Management and its Future Challenges”

Shino HIRAGI, “Advocating the New Concept GKC as Gemba Kaizen Costing: From Cost Control to Free Capacity Management”

Hiroto KATAOKA, “New Developments in Cost Management: Lessons from Profitability Planning under the Servitization”

Makoto KIKUCHI, “Efforts of Reforming Organizational Cultures Utilizing BSC: Matching Vectors of Employees in a Small-Scale Hospital”

Volume 32, No. 1, 2024

Articles

Takuji SHIMODA, “Study of Impact of the Ratio of Outside Directors on Corporate Value”

Zhi WANG, “Analysis of Key Factors Affecting the Relationship of Lead-time Reduction and Premium Price: A Case Study of Two Companies Based on

Hänichen (1995)”

Mutsunobu HIRAYAMA, “Does Good Corporate Governance Affect Disclosure of Intangibles and Performance?”

Masayuki YOSHIDA, Masaki UCHITA, Ikuko SASAKI, Hiroshi MIYA, “Management Controls in Crisis: Based on Interviews with Omron Corporation during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Shunsuke KUROSAWA, “Effects of Accounting Enforcement on Financial Reporting: A Game-theoretic Analysis in a Capital Market Setting”

Takayuki KOSUGE, “Impact of Capital Budgeting on Over-Investment”

Yohei SEKI, “The Role of Management Accounting in Japanese Online Game Operation”

Hiroshi OZAWA, Junya SAKAGUCHI, Yasushi ONISHI, “The Influence of Stakeholder Pressures on the Emphasis on Environmental Performance Indicators”

Keita MASUYA, “How Does Management Control Contribute to Achieving Competing Demands? A Longitudinal Case Study of the Process of Managing Tensions”

Shinichiro MAKISHITA, “Financial and Non-Financial Data in External Reporting and The Variety of Presentation Formats—Selection of Tables and Graphs for Companies Listed on The First Section of The Tokyo Stock Exchange—”

Risa ASAISHI, Daisuke KONDO, Makoto KUROKI, “The Effect of Management Accounting Systems on Family Firm Succession”

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Invited Articles

Daishi SHOJI, “The Trajectory of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises as Seen by Regional Financial Institutions—From The Great East Japan Earthquake, Through COVID-19, and Beyond—”

Naoya YAMAGUCHI, “Current Status and Issues of Management Accounting in SMEs”

Koki MAKINO, “Economic Consequences of the Adopt of Management Accounting in SMEs: Characteristics of SMEs that have been the Subject of Management Accounting Research”

Tsutomu TOBITA, “Preliminary Discussion on the Design of a Management System to Promote Entrepreneurship: Based on the Management's Mode of Activity in the Face of Risk and Uncertainty”

Masami MOTOHASHI, “Application Criteria of Management Accounting for SMEs”

Volume 33, No. 1, 2025

Articles

Keiji MASUOKA, Kiyoshi YAKABI, "The Confounding Effects of Cost Stickiness on Conservatism Estimates: A Replication Study of Banker et al. (2016) Using Japanese Data"

Shiho FUJITA, "The Function of Medium-term Management Plans by Functional Organization: The Case Study of Pharmaceutical Company X"

Meiling LIU, Yuichi KUBOTA, Hiroshi MIYA, "A Case Study on Organizational Ambidexterity Implemented in Amoeba Management"

Zhi WANG, "Analysis of Business Processes Linking Extra Production Capacity to Ultra-quick Delivery: A Case Study of A-One Seimitsu Based on Customer-responsive Time"

Hiroshi ADACHI, "An Examination of Factors Influencing the Adoption of Management Accounting by Family-Owned SME Owner-managers: Focusing on Familiness"

Kazuo NOZAKA, "Relevancy of Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and CSR Activities as Risk Management Strategy: By Pension Liabilities and Pension Expenses, Induction of CSR Activities"

Takanori SUZUKI, "Self-Reporting of Control Ability and Commitment Strategy to Compensation Contracts"

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Invited Articles

Sumitaka USHIO, "Management Accounting Practices and Accounting Education in the Era of Artificial Intelligence"

Hisashi HAYASHI, "The Case Studies and Challenges of DX Utilization in Sony's Accounting Division"

Satoshi HORII, "Changes in Management Accounting through the Utilization of Digital Technology in Japanese Companies"

Takefumi UENO, "Accounting Data Science Education in the Era of AI and Digital Transformation (DX) — Its Necessity and Challenges"

4. International Activities

JAMA publishes an international journal as a supplement to *The Journal of Management Accounting*, Japan. It contains research papers that address significant issues in the field of accounting and management.

In the 30 years since its establishment, JAMA has been working on international

activities in response to the progress of globalization of the business environment. In addition to international activities such as inviting researchers from overseas to give lectures at the annual conference and regional meetings, in recent years, collaborations with the Asia-Pacific Management Accounting Association (APMAA) and partnerships with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) have been particularly noted.

(Akira MAEDA, Meiji University)

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (JAMS)

1. Overview of the Association

The Japan Association for Management Systems (JAMS) was established in 1981 under its original name, the “Society for Labour Management.” Its founding members comprised university professors, public sector professionals, and private-sector researchers with strong theoretical and empirical expertise. Reflecting its origins, a significant proportion of JAMS members are affiliated with broadly defined faculties of engineering, particularly those specialising in management engineering.

The Association was founded on the philosophy of contributing to society through the advancement of management systems and the development of new frameworks for logical thinking that bridge both the natural and social sciences. One of JAMS’s defining features is its inclusion of scholars who approach management not only as an engineering discipline but also as a social science – thereby enriching the field through diverse perspectives.

In recent decades, the need to integrate a wide range of managerial resources has become increasingly pressing in both the corporate and public sectors. The evolution of management thinking – in domains such as systemic integration, human-centred design, organizational innovation, environmental sustainability, and global strategic contribution – has become essential to advancing effective and forward-looking management practices. At the same time, business process innovation through information and communication technologies (ICT), combined with capabilities in product development and market responsiveness, is pivotal to shaping new business models. In this rapidly changing landscape, where artificial intelligence is beginning to transform management itself, JAMS’s role is more relevant than ever.

Guided by its long-standing commitment to scientific and technological advancement, JAMS embraces the vision of “Designing Management through the Fusion of Engineering, Information Science, and Social Sciences.” The Association addresses real-world management challenges with a practical mindset, global awareness, and methodological rigour. Its research not only contributes to academic theory but is also implemented in practice – driving institutional innovation and supporting the development of training systems for early-career scholars. Through these efforts, JAMS plays a vital role in shaping the future of management systems in Japan and beyond.

2. Organisational Structure and Research Groups

The Japan Association for Management Systems is organised into several functional divisions that support its diverse academic activities. The central Headquarters serves as the administrative core of the Association and works in close collaboration with key committees: the Board of Directors, which oversees governance and strategic direction; the Editorial Board, responsible for managing the peer-reviewed publication of the *Journal of the Japan Association for Management Systems*; and the Information Committee, which coordinates public communications, including newsletters and conference announcements.

In addition to the central operations, JAMS maintains four regional branches — Kansai, Chubu, Chugoku/Shikoku, and Kyushu/Okinawa — that are charged with overseeing local activities. These branches organise regional research meetings and presentation sessions, thereby facilitating academic exchange and professional development at the regional level. They also play a supportive role in the planning and execution of national conferences hosted within their jurisdictions.

To further promote specialised research, JAMS has established several research groups, each focused on a key thematic area within the domain of management systems. These groups foster sustained collaborative inquiry, organise symposia and workshops, and contribute to the intellectual advancement of the Association. The current research groups include:

- Innovation-oriented Data Analysis Research Group
- Management Network Research Group
- Management Models Research Group
- New Normal Research Group
- Human Resource Research Group
- Management Quality Science Research Group

These groups reflect the Association's commitment to addressing both emergent and persistent challenges in management theory and practice through focused scholarly engagement.

3. Annual Conferences

JAMS holds two national conferences each year, typically in the spring and autumn. Each conference spans two days and serves as a major platform for the dissemination and

exchange of academic research among its members. The host university, in collaboration with the executive committee, selects a unifying theme for each conference that is timely, significant, and conducive to interdisciplinary discussion.

The structure of the conference typically includes four major components: (1) presentations aligned with the unified theme, (2) a keynote address by a distinguished scholar or practitioner, (3) special invited lectures, and (4) free-theme paper sessions. These sessions encompass research from both the social sciences and natural sciences, and include contributions from management theorists, organisational scholars, economists, sociologists, political scientists, and management engineers.

Each standard presentation session is allocated 30 minutes, including time for questions and discussion. Dedicated student sessions, open to both undergraduate and graduate students, offer 20-minute presentation slots and are strongly encouraged as part of the Association's mission to nurture the next generation of scholars.

The programme and session design are curated by the Programme Committee in cooperation with the Executive Committee, ensuring intellectual coherence and a balance of perspectives across disciplines and career stages.

4. Publications

JAMS publishes two academic journals and a quarterly newsletter as part of its commitment to advancing research and scholarly communication in the field of management systems.

Journal of the Japan Association for Management Systems

Published three times a year, the *Journal of the Japan Association for Management Systems* features peer-reviewed contributions across a broad spectrum of topics in management systems. Submissions may include full-length research papers, research notes, case studies, and commentaries. All manuscripts undergo rigorous double-blind peer review, with two referees appointed by the Editorial Board evaluating each submission.

To ensure academic integrity and membership engagement, all contributors, including co-authors, must be members of JAMS. Student members may submit papers only in collaboration with full or honorary members. Furthermore, authors must have paid their annual membership fees at each stage of the review process — from initial submission to final acceptance.

The journal categorises submissions into three primary types, each with its own set of criteria:

Papers must address substantive issues in management systems and demonstrate theoretical or methodological innovation. They are expected to clearly articulate research objectives and provide well-substantiated conclusions. Descriptive studies, preliminary reports, or interim findings are not eligible for consideration in this category.

Research Notes also focus on novel findings in management systems but place emphasis on timeliness and brevity. They aim to stimulate prompt academic discussion and are particularly suitable for rapidly emerging topics or early-stage insights backed by solid conceptual grounding.

Case Studies involve in-depth analysis of actual management scenarios and aim to derive generalisable theories or methodological insights. These studies may either extend existing theories or apply them to specific organisational contexts, evaluating their relevance, impact, and limitations.

The journal upholds strict submission standards to ensure the quality and scholarly value of published work. Only those manuscripts that meet these rigorous requirements are accepted for publication.

International Journal of the Japan Association for Management Systems (IJAMS)

Established in 2009, the *International Journal of the Japan Association for Management Systems* (IJAMS) serves as an English-language outlet for global scholarly exchange. Originally created to publish research from the JAMS/JAIMS ICBI International Conference, IJAMS has since evolved into a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal welcoming submissions in both theoretical and applied areas of management systems research.

IJAMS employs a double-blind peer review system and, when possible, engages international referees to enhance the diversity and relevance of the review process. The journal seeks to provide initial feedback to authors within approximately one month of submission.

Submissions to IJAMS must be original and not under review elsewhere. Manuscripts based on previously presented conference papers are accepted only if they have been substantially revised and, where applicable, cleared for copyright permissions. In addition to full-length articles, IJAMS also considers well-grounded practical reports and

research notes that contribute meaningfully to academic discourse.

All published articles must adhere to the journal's ethical guidelines, and authors are required to confirm their compliance upon submission. IJAMS is published electronically via J-STAGE, a platform managed by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). In line with its international ambitions, the journal is actively pursuing registration with leading academic indices such as SCOPUS and Web of Science.

JAMS News

The Association also publishes *JAMS News*, a quarterly newsletter curated by the Information Committee. This publication serves as an essential medium for member communication, providing updates on forthcoming national conferences, calls for papers, reports on research group activities, and other association announcements.

5. The Future of JAMS

In an era defined by the accelerating pace of technological change and intensifying global competition, management research faces a growing imperative to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries. The complex challenges confronting contemporary enterprises — ranging from organisational restructuring to sustainability and digital transformation — demand integrated approaches that synthesise insights from both the natural and social sciences.

JAMS recognises that the integration, fusion, and optimisation of management resources within organisations are no longer optional but essential for addressing the multifaceted problems of today's business environment. In response to these demands, the Association has promoted a broadening of academic perspectives and encouraged the cultivation of advanced skills among its members. Scholars are increasingly expected to possess both domain-specific expertise and interdisciplinary fluency to contribute meaningfully to the evolution of management systems.

A key pillar of JAMS's vision for the future lies in the continued innovation and systematisation of management practices. Recent research by JAMS members has yielded novel models of organisational design, theoretical frameworks for strategic decision-making, and practical applications of information systems in managerial contexts. These research efforts span core domains such as business strategy, human resource management, marketing, accounting, and technology management.

Among the topics currently receiving particular attention within the Association are:

- Management quality and organisational performance
- Global supply chain resilience and optimisation
- Environmental management and sustainability practices
- Green productivity and eco-innovation
- Workplace diversity and anti-discrimination policies
- Comparative industry analysis and sectoral dynamics
- Sources of competitive advantage in the digital age
- Corporate governance in evolving regulatory contexts

JAMS is committed to continuing its leadership in these fields by fostering cutting-edge research and supporting the application of its findings in both academic and practical arenas. The Association also aims to enhance its international presence through cross-border collaborations, English-language publication platforms, and inclusive scholarly exchange.

As management systems become ever more complex and embedded in global contexts, JAMS will remain a key forum for interdisciplinary scholarship and a driving force for innovation in the science of management.

(Shuichi ISHIDA, Tohoku University)

JAPAN SOCIETY OF MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION

1. Organization and Brief History

The Japan Society for Marketing and Distribution (JSMD) was established in 1950. It has played a central role in the advancement and development of commercial studies, as well as marketing theory and distribution theory, both domestically and internationally. As of July 2023, the society had 951 individual members, 11 supporting members (companies and organizations), and 28 subscription members, making it one of the leading academic societies in the field of social sciences in Japan.

The specialized fields of its members are diverse, including commercial economics, distribution policy, marketing strategy, consumer behavior research, international comparative analysis, historical analysis, and research methodology. Given that this is an academic field closely intertwined with real-world society and business, a significant number of members collaborate with central or local government agencies and businesses to provide recommendations on strategic planning. Members include not only university researchers but also practitioners and graduate students, forming a nationwide organization. JSMD contributes to the development of commercial and distribution research while collaborating with businesses and society to bridge the gap between academia and practice.

2. Research Activities and Publications

The Society's primary activities include the National Research Conference (in spring) and the National Research Conference on a specific topic (in autumn), as well as regional branch meetings held approximately 5-10 times a year in each of the Hokkaido, Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, and Kyushu regions. Additionally, the Society hosts its "Marketing Summer School" to nurture young researchers such as graduate students.

The "Marketing Summer School" is scheduled to be held for the 14th time in 2025. It provides an opportunity for young researchers studying distribution and marketing to gather once a year across regional boundaries, stimulate and improve their research through seminars and workshops, and deepen their friendships through events and social gatherings, thereby forming useful human networks for the future. Specific program examples include research presentations and networking by participants, lectures by experienced faculty members, presentations by editorial board members of the society's journal, and sharing of experiences and Q&A sessions with journal contributors.

The Society publishes the peer-reviewed academic journals *Ryutsu Kenkyu* (Journal of Marketing & Distribution) and *JSMD Review*, which serve to widely disseminate the research results of its members and provide opportunities to stimulate research exchange. *Ryutsu Kenkyu* is a quarterly academic journal published by the Society in both Japanese and English. By publishing original and outstanding research as papers, it aims to contribute to the academic fields of distribution and marketing, disseminate research findings widely, and activate research exchange among members and related parties. In 2024, it merged with the English-language journal *International Journal of Marketing & Distribution* (IJMD), making it easier for researchers both domestically and internationally to submit and view papers, and accelerating internationalization with an increase in the number of English-language papers published. *JSMD Review* differs from general peer-reviewed journals in that its primary purpose is to activate research exchange and discussion among members. Eligible papers include those that propose innovative theoretical concepts, raise new research questions related to marketing and distribution phenomena, or introduce new methodologies. Therefore, when the society reviews submissions, the primary consideration is whether publishing the paper will stimulate discussion among members.

In addition, every year, the society honors outstanding works and papers in an effort to improve the level and quality of research.

3. International Activities

JSMD actively promotes academic exchanges with academic societies in Asia and Europe. In particular, it cooperates with marketing-related academic societies in South Korea and China to co-host events such as the Asian International Marketing Conference, which began in 2014. The Global Marketing Conference (GMC) is an international conference held every two years in collaboration with academic organizations in Asian countries, with JSMD executives serving as co-chairs on behalf of Japan. The 2025 conference, themed “Marketing & Management Transformation in the Age of Digital Challenges,” was held in Hong Kong from July 24 to 27. The keynote speaker was Jan-Benedict STEENKAMP (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Marketing*), and the title of his speech was “The Critical Importance of Doing Relevant Marketing Research.” The conference attracted over 1,000 participants, including many Japanese researchers.

Additionally, the English-language journal serves as an international platform for research presentations, welcoming researchers from around the world. Japanese

researchers continue to participate in and host international conferences.

4. Annual National Conferences (2020–2025)

(1) 2020 Annual Conference

The 70th JSMD Annual National Conference was held online on September 19, 2020 (hosted by Takushoku University). The unified theme was SDGs and Marketing/Distribution: Aiming for the Simultaneous Realization of Economic and Social Value. Following the president's opening remarks, the conference proceeded directly to participant presentations without a keynote speech. Sessions based on the unified theme included "SDGs and Marketing," "SDGs and Ethical Consumption," "Ethical Consumption and Marketing," "SDGs and Regional Revitalization," "Social Innovation," and "Regional and Social Issues," with 3-4 presentations each. Additionally, in the free-topic sessions, presentations were made on themes such as "Consumer Behavior I," "Consumer Behavior II," "Global," "Services & Media," "Innovation," and "Retail Strategy & Commercial Aggregation," with 3-4 presentations each.

(2) 2021 Annual Conference

The 71st JSMD Annual National Conference was held online on May 29 and 30, 2021 (hosted by Toyama University). The unified theme was "Resilience in Distribution and Marketing in the Post-COVID-19 World." The first keynote speech was given by Kyoichi IKEO (Professor Emeritus, Keio University) on "The COVID-19 Crisis and Marketing Issues." The second keynote speech was delivered by Shunsuke SHIMIZU (Director of Product Information Planning, Development Division, YKK AP Co., Ltd.) on "New Communication Starting with Online Exhibitions." The third keynote speech was delivered by Yasuyuki TODOU (Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Waseda University) on "Economic Resilience in the Post-COVID-19 World: Focusing on Supply Chain and Value Chain Considerations." The sessions under the unified theme featured two lectures and two to four presentations each on the topics of "Human Mobility: Tourism and Inbound Travel," "Behavioral Changes and Consumer Behavior/Consumption Markets," and "The Pandemic and the Retail Industry." Additionally, in the free-topic session, there were 3-4 presentations on each of the following themes: "Brands and Advertising," "Design and Marketing," "Distribution and Case Studies," "The Pandemic and Communication/Consumption," "Value Creation and Marketing," and "Channels and Commerce."

(3) 2022 Annual Conference

The 72nd JSMD Annual National Conference was held online on May 28 and 29, 2022 (hosted by Otaru University of Commerce). The unified theme was Global-Local Perspectives on Distribution and Marketing Research: How to Understand Regions, Countries, and the World in the New Normal Era. The first keynote speech was delivered by Hajime ISHIMIZU (President and CEO of Ishiya Seika Co., Ltd.) on “Global-Local Strategies in the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The second keynote speech was given by Hiroaki AKAO (President and CEO of Sekoma Co., Ltd.) on “Sekoma’s Management Strategy – Together with Hokkaido.” Sessions based on the unified theme included presentations on “Brands and Regionality,” “Mutual Cross-Border Interaction and Transformation Between Regional and Global Companies,” “Consumer Behavior and Regionality,” and “Online Communities and Digital Communication,” with four presentations each. Additionally, in the free-topic sessions, there were 2-4 presentations each on the themes of “Consumer Behavior and Marketing,” “Consumer Behavior and Marketing Science,” “Distribution and Policy,” “Consumer Behavior in Services,” “Consumer Behavior and Society/Culture,” and “Marketing Strategy.”

(4) 2023 Annual Conference

The 73rd JSMD Annual National Conference was held on May 27 and 28, 2023, at Okinawa International University. The unified theme was Regional Revitalization and Distribution/Marketing – Challenges in the Post-COVID-19 Era. The keynote report was delivered by Junji NISHIMURA (Professor at the Faculty of Business Administration, Konan University), on “The Role and Potential of Regional Distribution in the Japanese Market from a Regional Revitalization Perspective.” The first keynote speech was given by Ryota CHONO, (Director of CSR and Public Relations, Human Resources and General Affairs Division, Orion Beer Co., Ltd.), on “Orion Beer’s Regional Contribution Activities in Okinawa Prefecture.” The second keynote speech was given by Shoichiro MEKARU (Director and Head of the President’s Office and Area Policy Division, Aeon Ryukyu Co., Ltd.) on “Aeon Ryukyu’s Regional Revitalization Initiatives in Okinawa.” The sessions under the unified theme featured eight presentations each on the topics of “Regional Revitalization and Regional Industries” and “Regional Revitalization and Tourism.” Additionally, in the free-topic session, 3-4 presentations were made on the themes of “Service Management,” “Digital Marketing and DX,” “Consumer Behavior Change I,” “Consumer Behavior Change II,” “Environment and SDGs,” “Supply Chain Reconstruction,” “Retail Industry Revitalization,” “Consumers and Social Media,” “Regional Industry Revitalization,” and “Marketing (Theory and Education).”

(5) 2024 Annual Conference

The 74th JSMD Annual National Conference was held on May 25 and 26, 2024, at Senshu University. The unified theme was New Developments in Distribution and Marketing Research in Urban Areas: A Multifaceted Approach Through Theory and Empirical Evidence. The keynote speech was delivered by Ikuko TAKAHASHI (Aoyama Gakuin University, Professor Emeritus at Keio University) on “New Trends in Commerce, Services, and Consumers and Research Developments.” The first special lecture was given by Takashi HASHIMOTO (Manager, Area Business Creation Department, Odakyu Electric Railway Co., Ltd.) on “The Shimokita Railway Street Project – Odakyu’s Supportive Development Initiatives.” The second special lecture was given by Atsushi MIURA (Director, Culture Studies Institute) on “De-Fast-Foodification and City Planning for the ‘Fifth Consumer Society.’” The sessions with unified themes were “Distribution, Commerce, and City Planning,” “Addressing Social Issues,” “Cities, Marketing, and Consumer Behavior,” “Marketing DX,” and “Cities and Subculture,” with four presentations given for each theme. Additionally, in the free-topic session, three to four presentations were made on the themes of “Consumer Behavior and Brands,” “Region, Society, and Environment,” “IT, AI, and Innovation,” “Commercial Management and Commercial Aggregation,” “EC and Consumers,” “Channels and Corporate Behavior,” and “Consumer Perception and Behavior.”

(6) 2025 Annual Conference

The 75th JSMD Annual National Conference was held on June 7 and 8, 2025, at Osaka Public University. The unified theme was Distribution and Marketing in the New Era: Toward the Realization of a Sustainable and Resilient Society 5.0. The first keynote speech was delivered by Takahiro HOSHINO (Director of the Institute of Economics, Keio University; Professor of Economics; Team Director at the RIKEN AIP Center; Founder and Board Member of Economics Design Co., Ltd.; and Member of the Consumer Affairs Commission of the Cabinet Office) on the topic of “The Interplay Between Marketing Empirical Research and Practice Driven by Data Innovation.” The second keynote speech was given by Michiko OGAWA (Executive Officer, External Affairs and Solution Partner, Panasonic Holdings; Director, Panasonic Technics Brand Promotion Office; Director, 2025 Japan International Exposition Association; Director, Mazda Motor Corporation; and President, Japan Audio Association) on “A Future Society Where Life Shines.” The special lecture that followed was given by Shingo TORI (Vice Chairman of Suntory Holdings and Chairman of the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and

Industry) on “Shinjiro Tori’s Approach to Manufacturing and Innovation.” The sessions with unified themes focused on “Sustainability,” “Digital and AI,” “Tourism and Regional Revitalization,” “Education,” and “Advertising and Community,” with 3-4 presentations each. Additionally, in the free-topic session, presentations were made on themes such as “Organic Agriculture and Health Foods,” “Shopping Districts and Regional Revitalization,” “Users and Digitalization in Context,” “Quantitative Approaches to Markets and Customers,” and “Consumer Culture and Markets,” with 3-4 presentations each. Furthermore, in the doctoral session, presentations were made on themes such as “Digital and Networks” and “Consumer Behavior Analysis,” with 4 presentations each.

(Shinji HONGE, Okayama University of Science)

JAPAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE OF ACCOUNTING

I. Outline

The Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting (JSSSA) was founded in September 1986. Its approximately 130 members aim to develop accounting research from a critical and/or interdisciplinary perspective.

Instead of explaining the purpose of JSSSA, this paper quotes the founding statement below. Even now, 40 years after the establishment of JSSSA, the members of JSSSA believe that it is necessary to inherit the spirit enshrined in the statement, which can be read in *Annals of the Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting* No.1 published in 1987, in Japanese.

Founding Statement of the Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting

The function of accounting has been diversified, accompanied with an increment in the social aspects of accounting. Traditionally, the topics of annual meetings of the Japan Accounting Association (JAA) had been divided into three sections: financial accounting, management accounting and auditing. But it is a reflection of the trend of that diversification that many accounting associations have been born one after another in various fields of accounting in recent years.

We think the remarkable division of the accounting field rather necessitates, reversely, studies in historical and synthetic analysis of the essence, function and forms of accounting. This is because we guess that the accounting aspects are historical existence, which relates to mutually through interactive action of social and economic environments.

Accordingly, we herewith establish JSSSA, signifying that the promotion of theoretical research is required for the sake of development of accounting inquiry based on the traditional school of “accounting as a social science” which accrued before World War II.

The society aims at general research and interchange on the foundation of the common recognition that the practice and system of accounting and interdisciplinary spheres have to be taken into account.

When we internationally observe the assembly of accountants from social and public standpoints in recent years, we are confident of our contribution to the development of accounting as a whole if our comrades meet together from all over the

country and promote interchange and creation of our various researches.

JSSSA members seek to discover the historical law of accounting development through their research on financial accounting, management accounting and auditing in the private and public sectors. In order to clarify the historical law, the members have been researching into the reason for the existence of accounting and the process of its creation, development, and disappearance. In addition, some members have been examining the role of accounting in modern society or have been trying to develop new accounting standards or methods.

In pursuit of these purposes, the members apply various theories, approaches and research methods in which they believe.

II. Annual Conferences and Their Main Themes since 2019

JSSSA provides a conference once a year for society members to make presentations about their research. The annual conference consists of a common theme report and a free thesis report. The preparatory committee set up by the host university selects a common theme relevant to the purpose of JSSSA.

The following show the annual conference date, venue, chair and common theme since 2019. However, due to the spread of COVID-19, the 35th to the 37th conference were held online or in a hybrid format.

- The 34th conference, November 29 to December 1, 2019,
Meiji University, Fujio YAMAGUCHI
Common Theme: *Account-ing* in the Economy and Society after a Quarter of
Century and after Global Growth
- The 35th conference, October 17 to 18, 2020,
Fukui Prefectural University, Motonobu TOKUMAE
Common Theme: New Accounting for Post-COVID-19 Society
- The 36th conference, November 5 to 7, 2021,
Nihon University, Yasokazu TAMURA
Common Theme: SDG's from an Accounting Perspective
- The 37th conference, September 30 to October 2, 2022.
Ritsumeikan University, Eri KANAMORI
Common Theme: How Does Accounting Construct Society?

- The 38th conference, September 30 to October 1, 2023,
Daito Bunka University, Toru SHIRASAKA
Common Theme: Possibility of New Accounting Research: Post-Positivist Accounting Research
- The 39th conference, September 18 to 19, 2024,
Kyushu University, Okihiro MARUTA
Common Theme: Significance of Revenue Recognition
- The 40th conference, October 4 to 5, 2025,
Aomori Public University, Teruo KANEKO
Common theme: Considering Regional Revitalization from an Accounting Perspective.

III. Aim of the common theme and presenters

Each year, JSSSA discusses a common theme appropriate to the purpose of JSSSA and selects research presenters from among JSSSA members or outside JSSSA along with a session chair. The common themes, Session chair and presenters for the past seven years are listed below. If the presenters wish, their presented papers are published in *Annals of the Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting*.

○The 34th conference

Aim of the common theme

Throughout the approximately 25 years since the late 1990s, the Japanese accounting community has made significant efforts towards the adoption of international accounting standards. However, it cannot be said that IFRS provide clues to solving contemporary social, environmental, corporate, livelihood, and spiritual issues. Therefore, the aim of the common theme is to consider the role of accounting as a tool for solving these issues. As a result, specialists in accounting, futurology, and history were invited from outside JSSSA to raise issues. JSSSA also invited Professor Tomo SUZUKI outside the society as moderator and attempted to conduct the session in a hackathon-style to encourage the free exchange of ideas in a relaxed atmosphere.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Tomo SUZUKI (Waseda University/Oxford Institutional Mechanism Design)
- Hiroshi KOMIYAMA (Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.), “Innovation Toward a Platinum Society – Visualization of a Sustainable Society”
- Satoshi DAIGO (Professor emeritus, University of Tokyo), “Evaluation of Monetary

Easing Policy by Using BOJ Balance Sheet”

- Tomoji ONOZUKA (University of Tokyo), “What Can Accounting Represent, and What Should Accounting Count?”
- Takashi OGURI (Komazawa University) and Yoshiaki JINNAI (Tokyo Keizai University), “The Possibility of Accounting: An Approach to the Alternative of Accounting Theory and Accounting System”
- Tomo SUZUKI (Waseda University/Oxford Institutional Mechanism Design), “Institutional Mechanism Design of ‘Democratic Economic Market’ in Mature Socio-Economy”

○The 35th conference

Aim of the common theme

While many events were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 35th annual conference was held online.

The common theme for the conference was New Society and Accounting in the Post-COVID Era. JSSSA considered that the COVID-19 pandemic brought about changes in values such as working styles, productivity, logistics and supply chain disruption, educational methods, and the concept of happiness, and JSSSA considered this to be a new research challenge that will change society and accounting. However, in order to enable many members to participate in online discussion, the 35th conference adopted the formal of accepting response letters to the keynote speech by Professor Fujio YAMAGIHI, the President of JSSSA at that time, in advance.

○The 36th conference

Aim of the common theme

The globalized world with the rise of neoliberalism is facing issues such as widening wealth gaps, environmental destruction, and COVID pandemics. The United Nations advocates Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to “transform our world”.

Therefore, JSSSA set Considering SDGs from the Perspective of Accounting as the common theme for the 36th conference. JSSSA invited two external experts to engage in lively presentations and discussions. How should accounting, as a social science, recognize and address these issues from the standpoint of SDGs? What role should it play? These were the concrete topics we discussed at this conference.

The 36th conference was also held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Takashi OGURI (Komazawa University)
- Yumiko Miwa (Meiji University), “Sustainability and Institutional Investor’s Engagement”
- Hideki MURAI (Nihon University), “Issues and Development of Climate-Related Financial Information Disclosure: From the Relationship with the Corporate Governance Code”
- Nobuhito OCHI (Kanto Gakuin University), “Possibility and Challenges of AI Utilization in ESG Evaluation: Importance of AI Governance”

○The 37th conference

Aim of the common theme

It has been pointed out numerous times that accounting not only reflects economic activities but also has a bidirectional function of influencing economic activities. In other words, accounting is not only an adaptive technology to the environment but also a formative technology for the environment. Accounting can be regarded as a social and political activity that influences the distribution of income, wealth, and power in society.

However, there remain many unexplored research areas concerning how accounting creates society. The lack of research on the specific characteristics of calculations tends to result in superficial research claims regarding the social construction power of accounting.

With this problem awareness the 37th conference decided on How does accounting create society? as a common theme. This theme made us think about the objectives and principles of accounting calculations from both theoretical and practical perspectives how accounting creates and can create society.

The 37th conference was held hybrid style, combining both face-to-face and online style.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Fujio YAMAGUCHI (Meiji University)
- Katsuhiko KOKUBU (Kobe University), “Responsibility-based Accounting: To Change the World through Accounting”
- Toshiya HASHIMOTO (Daito Bunka University), “A New Perspective on the Origin of Accounting and the Formation of Modern Capitalist Society”
- Taiki OKANO (Hokkaido University), “Exploring Audit Society in Online Spaces: The Case of Fact-Checking Website”
- Kazuki UCHINO (Rikkyo University), “Concept of New Value-added Accounting”

○The 38th conference

Aim of the common theme

Positivism is probably the mainstream of current accounting research. However, positivism cannot capture all aspects of accounting. Moreover, there are research methodologies that can complement positivism. Therefore, the 38th conference set a common theme to consider what “post-positivist accounting” might be like. Furthermore, considering this theme concerns the future of accounting, the 38th conference invited mid-career and young researchers who will pioneer the future of accounting theory.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Tsukasa ARAYA (Nihon Fukushi University)
- Eri KANAMORI (Ritsumeikan University), “Possibilities and Challenges in Post-Positivist Accounting Research: From the Perspective of Nuclear Power Accounting in Japan”
- Osamu MURAKAMI (Atom University), “The Impact of Methodological Individualism on Accounting Research: A Review of Research on ‘the Politics of Accounting Standard Setting’”
- Tsunehiko NAKAMURA (Momoyama Gakuin University), “Interdisciplinary and Critical Accounting Research and Accounting Stereotype Research”
- Toshiya HASHIMOTO (Daito Bunka University), “A Historical Analysis of the Consciousness that Led to Accounting Practices: Possibilities of Humanities Accounting Research”

○The 39th conference

Aim of the common theme

Revenue recognition has been one of the central issues in accounting. In Japan, “ASBJ No. 29 Accounting Standards for Revenue Recognition” has applied since 2021. This standard is set based on the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) No.15. However, there are some issues to make clear, such as whether the profit view adopted by these two standards is the same or not, whether there has occurred any change from the traditional revenue recognition, etc. Therefore, the conference set The Contemporary Significance of Revenue Recognition as a common theme.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Isamu IWASAKI (Osaka University of Commerce)
- Hidekuni TOKUYAMA (Teikyo University), “Implication of Point of Time in Revenue

Recognition”

- Sadako INOUE (Hyogo Prefectural University), “What is the Relationship between the IASB Conceptual Framework and IFRS 15?”
- Noriko ICHIKAWA (Surugadai University), “Issues from the Perspective of the Relationship between the Revenue Recognition Standard and the Conceptual Framework in Japan”
- Kenichi IKEDA (Fukuoka University), “Revenue Recognition from an Individual Transaction Perspective: Examination of Consistency with Knowledge Obtained from Previous Research”

○The 40th conference

Aim of the common theme

Regional revitalization is a major issue in Japan today, and various discussions and initiatives are being carried out. In response to this situation, the 40th conference set the common theme of “Considering regional revitalization from an accounting perspective” and invited researchers researching regional revitalization from the perspectives of government administration, energy, sports, and accounting education to give presentations.

Session chair, presenter and presentation titles

- Session Chair: Kazuki UCHINO (Rikkyo University)
- Akira TANAKA (Hachinohe Gakuin University), “Accounting for Urban Development — in Relation to Regional Revitalization”
- Manabu TAKANO (Komazawa University), “Electricity Price Regulation and Regional Revitalization — the case of Rokkasho Village, Aomori Prefecture”
- Kotaro SUMITA (Saga University), “Prospects for Regional Revitalization Soccer Club — the Case of Brew SAGA”
- Kousuke MIYAJI (University of Nagasaki), “What can Management Accounting Researchers at Local University Do to Contribute to New Regional Revitalization?”

IV. Academic Society Awards and Study Group

(1) Conference Awards

JSSSA began the Academic Society Awards in 2000, selecting and honoring outstanding books and papers authored by the members to contribute to advancement and development of accounting theory. The awards are divided into two categories: paper and book. Papers eligible for the award are those published in the previous *Annals of the Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting*. The book category includes

works written by JSSSA members within the past three years.

In 2004, JSSSA also began awarding the Academic Encouragement Awards to outstanding papers or books primarily authored by young members.

The following are the recipients and titles of awards from 2019 to 2025. Each paper with English abstract is in the *Annals of the Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting* in the year prior to the award.

Academic Society Awards

- 2019
 - Book: No Award-Winning Works
 - Paper: Eri KANAMORI (Ritsumeikan University): “Power Companies and Nuclear Power Cost in Japan, 1957-2000s”
 - Nobuko TAKAHASHI (Kokushikan University): “Accountability of the Bank of Japan’s Income Statement”
- 2020
 - Book: Shunsuke ADACHI (Shimonoseki City University): *Hospital Cost Accounting*, Dobunkan Shuppan
 - Paper: Sadako INOUE (University of Hyogo): “Study about the Globalization of Accounting Standards”
 - Masashi WATANABE (Kanazawa Gakuin University): “Accounting Theory as Normative Theory”
- 2021
 - Book: No Award-Winning Works
 - Paper: No Award-Winning Works
- 2022
 - Book: Eri KANAMORI (Ritsumeikan University): *Accounting for Nuclear Power*, Choukeizai-Sha
 - Paper: Jun HIYAMA (Sapporo Gakuin University): “Expanding Analytical Perspectives on Audit Failures”
- 2023
 - Book: Tsukasa ARAYA (Nihon Fukushi University): *Post Positivist Accounting*, Choukeizai-Sha
 - Junji KUBO (Hokkaido University): *Accounting for Hazards and Risk: A Theoretical Study through the US Accounting Standards Setting Process*, Choukeizai-Sha
 - Paper: No Award-Winning Works

- 2024

Book: No Award-Winning Works

Paper: Toshiya HASHIMOTO (Momoyama Gakuin University): “A New Perspective on the Origin of Accounting and the Formation of Modern Capitalist Society”

Tomonari SHINODA (Gifu University): “Management Accounting for Innovation: Focusing on Creativity and Psychological Safety”

- 2025

Book: No Award-Winning Works

Paper: Hiroshi ADACHI (Nihon Fukushi University): “The Concept of Capital Value Calculation and Mode of Existence as Accounting”

Teruo KANEKO (Aomori Public University): “The Possibility of Value-added Cashflow Corporate Tax”

Academic Encouragement Award

- 2019 No Award-Winning Works

- 2020 No Award-Winning Works

- 2021

Aki YOSHIMI (Hokkaido Information University): “The Cultural Content Creation with Viewpoint of Cost Planning”

Taiki OKANO (Hokkaido University): “Revisiting Audit Society: Governance Mode and Auditing”

- 2022

Mami MIZUNO (Kumamoto Gakuen University): “Improvement of Costing Systems for Analyzing Profitability of Patients and the Performance of Physicians in Health Care: Application of Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing”

- 2023 No Award-Winning Works

- 2024 No Award-Winning Works

- 2025

Jeongwoo YANG (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University), “Impact of Internal Audit Competency and Maturity in Conformity with the Internal Audit Standards of Japanese Corporations”.

(2) Study Group

JSSSA has been organizing study group(s) to conduct joint research on specific topics from 2007. The purpose of setting up study group(s) is to contribute to the

development of accounting theory and to the society's members. There are usually one or two study groups. Each group consists of three or more researchers, the majority of whom are JSSSA members. The research period is two years, and each group is required to report on its research at the annual conference and submit the final report to JSSSA.

Currently, we can read the following four final reports on the JSSSA homepage.

1. The Potential of Accounting: Alternatives in Theory, Computation, Reporting and Systems
2. Comprehensive Study on Revenue Recognition
3. A Critical Study of the Relationship between Community and Accounting
4. Study on Accounting Standard for Incorporated Educational Organization

Furthermore, the above final report 1 and 2 have been published with revised title and content. The summaries are as follows.

Takashi OGURI, Yoshiaki JINNAI ed. *Accounting Alternative: Toward Change of Capitalism*, Chookeizai-Sha, 2022.

There are two issues with which all authors are concerned.

The first one is how accounting should change in the process of transformation and reform of capitalism.

The second one is how critical accounting, which is the theoretical backbone of JSSSA, should be continued and developed.

This book consists of 15 papers written by 12 researchers. Those papers are divided into three sections; "Section 1: Accounting Theory Alternative", "Section 2: Calculation and Disclosure Alternative", "Section 3: Accounting System Alternative".

- Section 1 investigates social science accounting which establish a basis for considering the future possible style of accounting.
- Section 2 considers a new style of calculation and disclosure along with the transformation of capitalism based on the discussion of Section 1. Concretely, new value-added reports, new balance sheets and new non-financial statements are suggested.
- Section 3 tries to design the ideas of new calculations and disclosure in Section 2 to make a new accounting system.



Isamu IWASAKI ed. *Latest Revenue Recognition Accounting*, Zeimu Keiri Kyokai, 2024.

The purpose of the study group is to examine the theoretical and institutional achievements of revenue recognition accounting, to clarify the differences between the former and the new accounting standard for revenue recognition and the problems inherent in the new standard.

This book consists of 19 papers written by 14 researchers. These papers are divided into two parts: "Part 1: Overview" and "Part 2: Specific Issues".

- Part 1 examines overall theory of revenue recognition and clarifies its contents, features, history, relation with a conceptual framework, etc.
- Part 2 examines specific issues: Variable Consideration, Sales with Right of Return, Point System, Principal-Agent Distinction, Charged Supplying, Construction Contract, Service Provisions, Licensing, Invoiced and Unshipped Transaction.



From 2025, a new Study Group "A Critical Study on Nuclear Power Accounting" has begun research. The final report will be submitted in two years.

(Hiromasa OKADA, Nagasaki University)

JAPAN ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION

日本会計研究学会

- Established: 1937
- Number of Members: 1,596
- President: Yoshihiro MACHIDA (Aoyama Gakuin University)
- Publication: *Kaikei (Accounting)* — twice a year,
Japanese Accounting Forum Annals
JAA Kaikei-Puroguresu (JAA Accounting Progress)
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The next 85th annual meeting will be held at Tohoku University and Tohoku Gakuin University on September 6-9, 2026 with the symposium “Changing Times and Accounting”.

THE ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN (AEAJ)

日本経済会計学会

- Established: 1984
- Number of Members: Members 547
- President: Masashi OKUMURA (Waseda University)
- Publication: *Contemporary Disclosure Research*
Accounting Research Letters
The Journal of Business Analysis
The Journal of Business Disclosure
- The Accounting and Economic Association of Japan (AEAJ)
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ACCOUNTING HISTORY ASSOCIATION, JAPAN

日本会計史学会

- Established: 1982
- Number of Members: individual 161, honorary 6
- President: Hiroaki TAKEBE (Senshu University)
- Publication: *YEARBOOK OF ACCOUNTING HISTORY ASSOCIATION*
- Accounting History Association, Japan
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The next annual meeting will be held at Senshu University, 2026.

THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE

日本経営行動科学学会

- Established: 1997
- Number of Members: Individual 781, Collective 15
- President: Hiroya HIRAKIMOTO (Osaka University)
- Publication: *Japanese Journal of Administrative Science (Keieikodokagaku)*
(Refereed journal published three times a year)
Proceedings for the Annual Convention of the Japanese Association of Administrative Science (JAAS)
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The next annual meeting will be held at Shiga University, 2026.

THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SOCIETY OF JAPAN

日本農業経済学会

- Established: 1924
- Number of Members: 1,500
- President: Mitsuyoshi ANDO (The University of Tokyo)
- Publication: Bulletin of the Society, *Nogyokeizai Kenkyu (Journal of Rural Economics)* - quarterly
The Japanese Journal of Agricultural Economics - annual

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<https://www.aesjapan.or.jp>

The next annual meeting will be held at Tottori University (Faculty of Agriculture) on March 28-29, 2026 with the symposium “Post-Neoliberalism and the Economics of Food and Agriculture -- a Concrete Image and a Route to Attaining It”.

JAPAN SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN MANAGEMENT (JSAAM)

アジア経営学会

- Established: 1993
- Number of Members: 306
- President: Takeshi FUJISAWA (Kwansei Gakuin University)
- Publication: *The Journal of Asian Management Studies*
- Japan Scholarly Association for Asian Management (JSAAM)

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The next annual meeting will be held at Kyushu Sangyo University on September 11-13, 2026.

JAPAN ACADEMY FOR ASIAN MARKET ECONOMIES

アジア市場経済学会

- Established: 1997
- Number of Members: 204
- President: Takamasa FUJIOKA (Meiji University)
- Publication: *Japan Academy for Asian Market Economies* — annual
JAFAME Newsletter (Occasional publications)
- Japan Academy for Asian Market Economies

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The next annual meeting will be held at Doshisha University on June 27-28, 2026 with the symposium
“Learning with Asia, Facing the World: ‘Mature’ Activity by Japan’s Businesses and Communities”.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES

アジア政経学会

- Established: 1953
- Number of Members: 977
- President: Shin KAWASHIMA (The University of Tokyo)
- Publication: *Asian Studies* — quarterly
- Japan Association for Asian Studies

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<https://www.jaas.or.jp>

JAPAN ACADEMY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

日本経営学会

- Established: 1926
- Number of Members: 1,745
- President: Takuji HARA (Kansai University)
- Publication: *Keiei Ronshu* — once a year
Journal of Business Management — once or twice a year
- Japan Academy of Business Administration.

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The 100th annual meeting will be held at Waseda University on September 1-4, 2026 with the symposium “A Century of Management Research in Japan: Achievements and Future Challenges”.

JAPAN BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION (JBCA)

国際ビジネスコミュニケーション学会

- Established: 1934
- Number of Members: 134
- President: Misa FUJIO (Toyo University)
- Publication: *The Journal of International Business Communication*
- Japan Business Communication Association

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The 86th annual meeting will be held at Kansai Gaidai University in fall, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY FOR BUSINESS ETHICS

日本経営倫理学会

- Established: 1993
- Number of Members: 539
- President: Kazuhiko TAKANO (Kansai University)
- Publication: *Journal of Japan Society for Business Ethics*

Newsletter of Japan Society for Business Ethics — 3 times per year
Sustainability Studies in Business

- Japan Society for Business Ethics

c/o 5-3-13, Otsuka, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-0012, Japan
e-mail: jabes@asas-mail.jp
<https://www.jabes1993.org/>

The next annual meeting will be held at Hitotsubashi Hall on July 17-18, 2026 with the symposium “Integration of Business Ethics with Practice: Exploration of the Practical Realization of Academic Research” (tentative title).

BUSINESS HISTORY SOCIETY OF JAPAN

経営史学会

- Established: 1964
- Number of Members: personal 702, institutional 16
- President: Takafumi KUROSAWA (Kyoto University)
- Publication: *Japan Business History Review* — quarterly

Japanese Research in Business History — annually

- Business History Society of Japan

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The next annual meeting will be held at Hosei University, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF BUSINESS MATHEMATICS

日本経営数学会

- Established: 1959
- Number of Members: 110
- President: Koji MATSUOKA (Takushoku University)
- Publication: *Journal of Japan Society of Business Mathematics*
- Japan Society of Business Mathematics

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The next annual meeting will be held on June 6, 2026.

CIRIEC Japanese Section

(Japan Society of Research and Information on Public and Cooperative Economy)

国際公共経済学会

(公共・協同経済国際研究情報センター日本支部)

- Established: 1985
- Number of Members: individual 135, cooperative 1
- Representative: Ichiya NAKAMURA (Professional University of Information and Management for Innovation)
- Publication: *International Public Economy Study*
- CIRIEC Japanese Section

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The annual meeting will be held in May, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY FOR COMMODITY SCIENCE

日本商品学会

- Established: 1935
- Number of Members: 80
- President: Satoshi KAMBARA (Senshu University)
- Publication: Quarterly bulletin, *Shohin Kenkyu* (Studies on Commodities)
- Japan Society for Commodity Science

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The next annual meeting will be held in fall, 2026.

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE ECONOMY AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

中国経済経営学会

- Established: 2014
- Number of Members: 478
- President: Mariko WATANABE (Gakushuin University)
- Publication: *Journal of Chinese Economic and Management Studies* (Publish twice a year)
- Japanese Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at University of Tokyo in November, 2026.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STUDIES (JACES)

比較経済体制学会

- Established: 1963
- Number of Members: 197
- Chief Representative: Ichiro IWASAKI (Okinawa University)
- Publication: *Japanese Journal of Comparative Economics* — annually 2 volumes
- The Japan Association for Comparative Economic Studies (JACES)

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The next annual meeting will be held at University of Kitakyushu in June, 2026 with the symposium “TBA”.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF MANAGEMENT (JACSM)

日本比較経営学会

- Established: 1976
- Number of Members: 160
- President: Ryota MURAKAMI (Okinawa International University)
- Publication: *Journal of the Association for the Comparative Studies of Management*
- Japan Association for the Comparative Studies of Management

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The next annual meeting will be held at Okinawa International University on April 11-12, 2026 with the symposium “The End of Globalism and Management under the New Postliberalism”.

JAPAN ACADEMY FOR CONSUMPTION ECONOMY

日本消費経済学会

- Established: 1974
- Number of Members: 192
- Chief Representative: Tomihiro KATAYAMA (Nakamura Gakuen University)
- Publication: *Economy of Consumption Research*
- Japan Academy for Consumption Economy

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The next annual meeting will be held at Hokusei Gakuen University on June 27-28, 2026 with the symposium “Problems and Prospects of Population Decline for Regional Businesses”.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL ECONOMICS

文化経済学会<日本>

- Established: 1990
- Number of Members: 417, Corporate membership 3
- President: Sachiko KAWAIDA (Tottori University)
- Publication: *Journal of Cultural Economics Japan*
Newsletter of Japan Association for Cultural Economics

- Japan Association for Cultural Economics (JACE)

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<http://www.jace.gr.jp>

THE SOCIETY OF ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY

経済社会学会

- Established: 1966
- Number of Members: 247
- President: Takayuki NAGO (Kobe University)
- Publication: *The Annual of the Society of Economic Sociology*
- The Society of Economic Sociology

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The next annual meeting will be held at Chiba University of Commerce on September 26-27, 2026.

THE JAPAN ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHERS

経済地理学会

- Established: 1954
- Number of Members: 605, patronage members: 3
- President: Hiroshi MATSUBARA (Fukui Prefectural University)
- Publication: *Keizai Chirigaku Nempo (Annals of the Japan Association of Economic Geographers)*
— quarterly
- Japan Association of Economic Geographers

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<http://www.economicgeography.jp/index.html>

The 73rd annual meeting will be held at Nihon University College of Economics on May 23-24, 2026 with the symposium “An Approach by Economic Geography to a Search for An Alternative Economics -- Toward the Creation and Renewal of the Common Good / le bien commun”.

JAPAN ECONOMIC POLICY ASSOCIATION

日本経済政策学会

- Established: 1940
- Number of Members: individuals 789 institutional 2
- President: Kohei KOMAMURA (Keio University)
- Publication: *Keizai Seisaku Gakkai Journal*
(*Journal of Economic Policy Studies*) — semi annually
International Journal of Economic Policy Studies — annually
- The Japan Economic Policy Association

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The 83rd annual meeting will be held at Kwansei Gakuin University on May 30-31, 2026.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR EVOLUTIONARY ECONOMICS

進化経済学会

- Established: 1997
- Number of Members: individuals 339, honorary 2
- President: Masaaki YOSHIDA (Senshu University)
- Publication: *Evolutionary and Institutional Economics Review*
(biannual international journal, from Summer 2004)
Evolutionary Economics Proceedings
Newsletter of the Japan Association for Evolutionary Economics
(Occasional Publications)
Evolutionary Controversies in Economics (English) from Springer - Verlag Tokyo
Genesis Evolutional Economics, vol.1, 2 (Japanese) from Springer - Verlag Tokyo
Handbook of Evolutionary Economics (Japanese) from Kyoritsu Shuppan Tokyo
- Japan Association for Evolutionary Economics

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The next annual meeting will be held at Hokkai Gakuen University, 2026.

THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT

経済学史学会

- Established: 1950
- Number of Members: 489
- President: Nanako FUJITA (Nagoya City University)
- Publication: *The History of Economic Thought*

The Japanese Society for the History of Economic Thought Newsletter

The Proceedings of Annual Conference

- The Society for the History of Economic Thought

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The 90th annual meeting will be held at Konan University on May 30-31, 2026 with the symposium
“Economics and Politics: How has their boundary been debated?”.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MANAGEMENT THEORIES

経営学史学会

- Established: 1993
- Number of Members: 221, Cooperative 2
- President: Norio KAMBAYASHI (Kobe University)
- Publication: *An annual report (published by Bunshindo, Tokyo)*
- The Society for the History of Management Theories

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THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

生活経済学会

- Established: 1985
- Number of Members: 574, Cooperative member 12
- President: Chiho OYABU (Gifu University)
- Publication: *Journal of Household Economics*— twice a year
- The Japan Society of Household Economics

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The next annual meeting will be held at Aichi University (Nagoya Campus) on June 27-28, 2026 with the symposium “Regional Sustainability and the Role of Regional Financial Institutions”.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

日本労務学会

- Established: 1970
- Number of Members: individual 788, corporate 7
- President: Takashi NISHIMURA (Toyo University)
- Publication: *Japan Journal of Human Resource Management*
- Japan Society of Human Resource Management

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The next annual meeting will be held at Tokyo Keizai University on August 29-30, 2026 with the symposium “New developments in Diversity of the Workplace, and Studies of Labor Supply”.

THE SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES, JAPAN

産業学会

- Established: 1975
- Number of Members: 237
- Chairman: Motoyoshi SONO (Rissho University)
- Publication: *Annals of The Society for Industrial Studies, Japan*
- The Society for Industrial Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at Rissho University on June 13-14, 2026.

THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF INSURANCE SCIENCE

日本保険学会

- Established: 1940
- Number of Members: honorary 23 ordinary 738 including 6 foreigners, supporting organizations 92
- President: Tadao KOEZUKA (Waseda University)
- Publication: *Journal of Insurance Science (Hoken-gaku Zasshi)* — quarterly
- The Japanese Society of Insurance Science

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The next annual meeting will be held at Chukyo University in October, 2026.

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STUDIES

国際会計研究学会

- Established: 1984
- Number of Members: 472
- President: Masaki YONEYAMA (The University of Tokyo)
- Publication: *Kokusai Kaikei Kenkyu Gakkai Nempo (Bulletin of Japanese Association for International Accounting Studies)*

Japanese Association for International Accounting Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at Nagoya University on October 16-18, 2026 with the symposium
“Economic Consequences of Applying IFRS to Japanese Businesses”.

JAPAN ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STUDIES

国際ビジネス研究学会

- Established: 1994
- Number of Members: individual 587, corporate 4
- President: Shigefumi MAKINO (Kyoto University)
- Publication : *Journal of International Business*
- Japan Academy of International Business Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at Kyushu Sangyo University in autumn, 2026.

JAPAN ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS

日本貿易学会

- Established: 1961
- Number of Members: individual 316, corporate 2
- President: Kimihiro KOHNO (Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University)
- Publication: ① *The Annual Bulletin of the Japan Academy for International Trade and Business*
② *Research Paper of Japan Academy for International Trade and Business*
③ *JAFTAB News* — twice yearly
- Japan Academy for International Trade and Business (JAFTAB)

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The 65th National Convention will be held at Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University on May 23-24, 2026 with the symposium “Some Issues of Global Business in Our Life”.

JAPAN ACADEMY OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT (JALM)

労務理論学会

- Established: 1991
- Number of Members: individual 238
- President: Ken YAMAZAKI (Meiji University)
- Publication: *Labor and Management Review (Roumu-riron Gakkaishi)*
- Japan Academy of Labor and Management (JALM)

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The next annual meeting will be held at Tohoku Institute of Technology University on July 4-5, 2026 with the symposium “Women’s Labor and Human Resources Management”.

JAPAN LOGISTICS SOCIETY

日本物流学会

- Established: 1983
- Number of Members: individual 433, corporate 15
- President: Yuji YANO (Ryutsu Keizai University)
- Publication: *Journal of Japan Logistics Society*
- Japan Logistics Society

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The next annual meeting will be held at The University of Tokyo in September, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF LOGISTICS AND SHIPPING ECONOMICS

日本海運経済学会

- Established: 1966
- Number of Members: individual 237, corporate 21
- Representative: Koichiro TEZUKA (Nihon University)
- Publication: *Journal of Logistics and Shipping Economics*
- Japan Society of Logistics and Shipping Economics

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The next annual meeting will be held at Kobe University in October, 2026.

JAPAN ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT

経営行動研究学会

- Established: 1991
- Number of Members: individual 327, corporate 4
- Representative: Hiroshi MITO (University of Nagasaki)
- Publication: *The Annals of The Japan Academy of Management, News Letter*
- Japan Academy of Management

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The next annual meeting will be held at Kobe Gakuin University in summer, 2026.

THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

日本管理会計学会

- Established: 1991
- Number of Members: individual 660, corporate 13
- President: Akihiro SAKI (Tokyo International University)
- Publication: *The Journal of Management Accounting, Japan*
- The Japanese Association of Management Accounting

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The next annual meeting will be held at Seikei University, 2026.

NIPPON ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT

(Formerly: NIPPON ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT EDUCATION)

日本マネジメント学会

- Established: 1979
- Number of Members: individual 550, corporate 6
- President: Zenkai INOUE (Kyushu Institute of Information Sciences)
- Publication: *Management Development (Annals)*, published by the administrative office of the academy
- Nippon Academy of Management

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The 93rd National conference will be held in Spring, 2026.

THE ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

経営哲学学会

- Established: 1984
- Number of Members: 248
- Representative : Kenshu KIKUZAWA (Josai University)
- Publication: *Keiei Tetsugaku Journal*
(*Journal of Management Philosophy*)

- The Academy of Management Philosophy

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The next 43rd annual meeting will be held at Josai University in September, 2026.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

日本経営システム学会

- Established: 1981
- Number of Members: 470 individual members, 175 student members, 1 expert members
- President: Shouichi KANEKO (Yamanashi Gakuin University)
- Publication: *Journal of Japan Association for Management Systems* – three times per year,
International Journal of Japan Association for Management Systems (IJAMS) – once a year
JAMS NEWS – quarterly
- Japan Association for Management Systems

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The 76th Spring meeting will be held at Tokyo City University in spring, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION

日本商業学会

- Established: 1951
- Number of Members: honorary 32, ordinary 962, supporting company 10
- President: Chieko MINAMI (Kobe University)
- Publication: *Journal of Marketing and Distribution* — two times a year
JSMD Review — two times a year
International Journal of Marketing and Distribution — two times a year

- Japan Society of Marketing and Distribution

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The next 76th annual conference will be held at Kanagawa University, 2026 with the symposium
“Distribution and Marketing Aimed at Achieving Wellbeing”.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF MONETARY ECONOMICS

日本金融学会

- Established: 1943
- Number of Members: 1,264
- President: Shin-ichi FUKUDA (The University of Tokyo)
- Publication: *Review of Monetary and Financial Studies* — biannually
Japanese Journal of Monetary and Financial Economics — biannually, online journal
- Japan Society of Monetary Economics

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The next Spring meeting will be held at Toki Messe (Niigata Convention Center) on May 16-17, 2026.

JAPAN ACADEMY OF MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

多国籍企業学会

- Established: 2007
- Number of Members: 268
- President: Masahiro IDA (Hannan University)
- Publication: *MNE ACADEMY JOURNAL*
- Secretary General, Japan Academy of Multinational Enterprises

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The next annual meeting will be held at Tokoha University in summer, 2026.

THE ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION FOR ORGANIZATIONAL SCIENCE

特定非営利活動法人 組織学会

- Established: 1959
- Number of Members: individuals 1,951, corporate 13
- President: Hisanaga AMIKURA (Otsuma Women's University)
- Publication: *Organizational Science* — quarterly
- The Academic Association for Organizational Science

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The next Spring meeting will be held at Kwansei Gakuin University on June 20-21, 2026.

The next annual meeting will be held on October 24-25, 2026.

JAPAN SOCIETY OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

経済理論学会

- Established: 1959
- Number of Members: 700
- Chief Representative: Hideaki TANAKA (Shiga University)
- Publication: *Political Economy Quarterly* — quarterly
- Japan Society of Political Economy

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POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY

政治経済学・経済史学会

- Established: 1948
- Number of Members: 718
- Representative Director: Shunji ISHIHARA (University of Tokyo)
- Publication: *REKISHI TO KEIZAI*

(The Journal of Political Economy and Economic History) — quarterly

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The next annual meeting will be held at Nanzan University on October 10-11, 2026.

POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN

日本人口学会

- Established: 1948
- Number of Members: 343
- President: Takashi INOUE (Aoyama Gakuin University)
- Publication: *Jinkogaku Kenkyu (The Journal of Population Studies)*
- Population Association of Japan

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The next 78th annual meeting will be held at Rissho University on June 6-7, 2026.

THE JAPAN PORT ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

日本港湾経済学会

- Established: 1962
- Number of Members: 188
- Representative Manager: Tomoharu OZAWA (Kyushu International University)
- Publication: *Kowan Keizai Kenkyu*

(The Annual Report of the Japan Port Economics Association)

- Japan Port Economics Association

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THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC UTILITY ECONOMICS

公益事業学会

- Established: 1949
- Number of Members: regular members 282 corporation members 50
- President: Munenori NOMURA (Fukuyama University)
- Publication: *Journal of Public Utility Economics*
- Koeki Jigyo Gakkai (The Japan Society of Public Utility Economics)

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The next annual meeting will be held at Takasaki City University of Economics on June 20-21, 2026 with the symposium “Changes in Public Utility Economics: Raising and Maintaining Funds for Implementation”.

THE JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES

日本地域経済学会

- Established: 1989
- Number of Members: 289
- President: Makoto SUZUKI (Aichi University)
- Publication: *Annals of the Japan Association for Regional Economic Studies* — once or twice a year
- The Japan Association for Regional Economic Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at Aichi University (Toyohashi Campus) on December 5-6. 2026.

THE JAPAN SECTION OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

日本地域学会

- Established: 1962
- Number of Members: regular members 562, corporation members 5
- President: Lily KIMINAMI (Niigata University)
- Publication: • *Studies in Regional Science (Chiikigaku kenkyu) — the Journal of Japan Section of RSAI*
• *Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science — the Journal of Japan Section of RSAI*
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The next annual meeting will be held at University of Tokyo, 2026.

JAPAN RISK MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

日本リスクマネジメント学会

- Established: 1978
- Number of Members: individual 150
- Representative Management: Katsuyuki KAMEI (Kansai University)
- Publication: *JARMS Report (Risk and Insurance Management)*
- Japan Risk Management Society

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The next 51st annual meeting will be held at Tohoku Fukushi University on October 10, 2026 with the symposium “The Great East Japan Earthquake, 15 Years On”.

JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL POLICY STUDIES

社会政策学会

- Established: 1950
- Number of Members: 1,169
- Representative: Takashi SUGANUMA (Rikkyo University)
- Publication: *SHAKAI-SEISAKU*
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- Japan Association for Social Policy Studies

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The next annual meeting will be held at University of Tokyo on May 23-24, 2026.

THE JAPAN SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE OF ACCOUNTING

会計理論学会

- Established: 1986
- Number of Members: individual 134
- Representative: Yasokazu TAMURA (Nihon University)
- Publication: *Annals of The Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting*
- The Japan Society for Social Science of Accounting

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The 41st annual meeting will be held at Meijo University in late September or early October, 2026.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY

社会経済史学会

- Established: 1930
- Number of Members: 1,400
- Representative: Tetsuji OKAZAKI (Meiji Gakuin University)
- Publication: *Shakai Keizai Shigaku (Socio-Economic History)* — quarterly
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The next annual meeting will be held at Senshu University (Ikuta Campus) on May 9-10, 2026.

THE JAPAN STATISTICAL SOCIETY

一般社団法人 日本統計学会

- Established: 1931
- Number of Members: 1,451
- President: Yutaka KANO (Doshisha University)
- Publication: *Journal of the Japan Statistical Society (Japanese)* — biannually
- The Japan Statistical Society

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The next Spring meeting will be held in March, 2026.

The next annual meeting will be held at Yokohama City University (Kanazawa-Hakkei Campus) on September 6-10, 2026.

TRANSCULTURAL MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

異文化経営学会

- Established: 2003
- Number of Members: Individual 445, Institutional 8
- President: Emiko MAGOSHI (J. F. Oberlin University)
- Publication: *Transcultural Management Review*
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The next meeting will be held at Waseda University (International Conference Center) in May and October, 2026.

THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPORTATION ECONOMICS

日本交通学会

- Established: 1941
- Number of Members: 437, student 4, company etc. 29
- President: Kazuhiro OTA (Senshu University)
- Publication: *Koutsugaku Kenkyu (Annual Report on Transportation Economics)*
- The Japan Society of Transportation Economics (Nihon Koutsu Gakkai)

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The next annual meeting will be held at Kindai University on October 3-4, 2026.

NIPPON URBAN MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

日本地方自治研究学会

- Established: 1984
- Number of Members: individual 304
- Representative: Izumi HOSHINO (Meiji University)
- Publication: *Journal of Urban Management and Local Government Research*
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The next annual meeting will be held at Wakayama University on September 26-27, 2026.

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