

## Main Institutions in Japan Conducting Development Research

Below is a brief outline of the main centres / networks on development research in Japan.

### Agencies

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

### Research Institutes

- **Institute of Developing Economies (IDE):** IDE conducts research on developing countries and produces a range of publications. For English speakers, IDE has the most accessible web page and the most content on development issues. IDE produces books, reports and papers. It also produces the quarterly journal The Developing Economies – abstracts of papers are available online.  
Research page in English: [www.ide.go.jp/English/Research/index.html](http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Research/index.html)  
Publications page in English: [www.ide.go.jp/English/Publish/index.html](http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Publish/index.html)
- **National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS):** The International Development Strategies programme at GRIPS is an important new addition to the development studies scene in Japan.  
[www.grips.ac.jp/research/internationaldevelopment.html](http://www.grips.ac.jp/research/internationaldevelopment.html)
- **Forum for Advanced Studies on International Development (FASID):** FASID conducts policy-oriented and theoretical research and surveys to contribute policy-making.

The directory of development specialists in Japan, research, database and email functions are clearly very developed and important for the development community within Japan. Much less information is available in English.

[www.fasid.or.jp/english/surveys/index.html](http://www.fasid.or.jp/english/surveys/index.html)

- **International Development Centre of Japan (IDCJ):** IDCJ, founded in 1971, was Japan's first think-tank specialising in development and cooperation. It conducts research, training and consulting activities. Very few publications are available online in English.

Activities page in English: [www.idcj.or.jp/4Publications\\_e/41\\_pub\\_e.htm](http://www.idcj.or.jp/4Publications_e/41_pub_e.htm)

## Networks

- **Japan Society for International Development (JASID):** JASID has 898 regular members and 272 student members. It mostly consists of researchers but also some practitioners. It holds annual meetings and publishes the Journal of International Development Studies (every six months).  
Basic information in English: [www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jasid/](http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jasid/)
- **Japan Evaluation Society (JES):** JES provides comprehensive information on evaluation activities in Japan and has a development focus.  
English: [www.idcj.or.jp/jes/index\\_english.htm](http://www.idcj.or.jp/jes/index_english.htm)
- **Society for Researchers in International Development (SRID):** Founded in 1974, and with about 200 researchers currently involved, SRID holds monthly meetings, publishes a newsletter every month and holds a symposium every summer. It is a closed group requiring recommendation by two existing members to join.  
English: <http://hal2001.itakura.toyo.ac.jp/~ikedasr/eng01.htm>
- **ODA Reform Network:** This is an informal network of about 55 organisations and 400 people. Currently lobbying for an ODA Law – to correspond with the 50th anniversary next year of Japanese ODA.  
[www1.jca.apc.org/oda-net](http://www1.jca.apc.org/oda-net) (No information in English)
- **DC Forum:** DC Forum is a very active email discussion list in Japanese that focuses on development policy issues.  
[www.developmentforum.org](http://www.developmentforum.org) (No information in English)

## Universities (with development information in English)

We did not find any universities with a substantial amount of development research publications available on their websites in English. For a list of the graduate schools on development studies in Japan, see: [www.fasid.or.jp/english/link.html](http://www.fasid.or.jp/english/link.html).

## International Organisations

- The three main international organisations with research capacity in Japan are
  - **United Nations University (UNU)** – [www.unu.edu](http://www.unu.edu)
  - **Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)** – [www.adbi.org](http://www.adbi.org)
  - **United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)** – [www.uncrd.or.jp/](http://www.uncrd.or.jp/)