

Towards Establishing a Research Institute for Asian Integration : Raised Issues

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1. Introduction

- Regional Integration Studies rather than Area Studies

2. Purpose

- To Encourage Asian Integration Process and to Educate Graduate Students in This Field

- The Blue Print for the World's First Research Institute for Asian Integration ?

3. Areas of Research

- Trade Issues
 - Effect of the East Asian FTA
 - Effect of the Customs Union
- Monetary Issues
 - Optimal Currency Basket
 - Common Exchange Rate Mechanism
 - Monetary Union
- Grouping of Asian Integration

- Areas of Asian Integration
 - Asia's Identity Building and Its Dissemination
(including influential international medias representing Asia)
 - Regional Policy
 - Traditional Security Issues
 - Non-traditional Security Issues/ etc.

- Sequencing of Asian Integration/ etc.

4. Appropriate Distance from Policy Makers

- Inputs to Policy Makers
- not too close, but not too distant

5. Linkage to Other Research Institutes in Asia and Other Areas, as well

(for reference)

*** Initiatives by the Japanese Government**

- **The East Asian OECD (ERIA) by METI**
- **The Asian OECD by MOFA**