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Since the establishment of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) in April 2001, its mission has been to provide theoretical and empirical policy research and analysis. The institute has seen synergic effects achieved by its proximity to and interaction with actual key policymakers in the Japanese and international society.

The GTAP model simulation studies have been utilized to analyze the impacts of several structural policy measures like trade and investment liberalization, climate change and economic development. In particular, it has occasionally contributed to the studies analyzing the impacts of the Japan's bilateral FTAs and RTAs in policy arena.

During the past year, primal contribution to policy debates has been made by Kenichi Kawasaki, Consulting Fellow, to represent the Japanese experts and to participate in the following joint study groups on the economic impacts of bilateral EPAs between Japanese government and, one the EU and two Canadian government.

- Sub-Group on the Comparison of Economic Studies, Japan-EU Trade & Economics Working Group (TEWG), the Joint High-Level Group
- The Joint Study Group on the Possibility of a Japan-Canada Economic Partnership Agreement

Other notable research activity and publication follow.

1. Research group

Kenichi Kawasaki, Study Group on the Dynamic Impacts of Economic Partnership Agreements, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, 2011

2. Publication

Kenichi Kawasaki (2011), "Truths and Falsehoods about TPP: Revitalizing the economy by 'opening up the economy'", RIETI Column 212, January 18, 2011, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry