

Invitation to the Launch of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2018-19*

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Thank you for your ongoing support of the Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR).

Every autumn, APIR publishes an overview of the economic conditions in the Kansai and Asia-Pacific regions in Japanese. In April this year, APIR will release an updated and expanded English-language edition of this annual publication, entitled *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2018-19*. We would like to extend our cordial invitation to you to attend its official release.

Produced by our team of over 20 researchers, the Economic Outlook features quantitative research covering a wide range of topics and clear explanations of economic trends supported by graphs and various visualizations. The document provides a comprehensive overview of the differing circumstances and developments in Asia-Pacific economies, and promotes mutual understanding between Kansai and countries in the Asia-Pacific region. APIR's Economic Outlook is utilized by private companies, diplomatic missions, government institutions and universities alike, and it will be distributed at the press center of the G20 Summit in Osaka in June this year.

In this year's issue we analyze how the changes in the leading advanced economies and the shifting financial policy patterns are affecting the Japanese and the global economies. We discuss the recent macro-economic trends in China, and we draw attention to the increasing number of issues facing the economies in the Asia-Pacific region. Finally, we pay special attention to trends in the exports of goods and services driving economic growth in Kansai.

We invite all those who support the strengthening of economic ties between Kansai, Japan and the Asia-Pacific to join us at this event.

[Event Details]

- Date & Time:** Thursday April 25, 2019 3pm – 5pm (Doors open at 2:30pm)
Program: Overview of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2018-19* by **Yuzo Honda** (Director of Research), **Takenori Inoki** (Research Advisor), **Yoshihisa Inada** (Director of Research), and **Kenta Goto** (Senior Research Fellow)
Location: Knowledge Capital Conference Room C03-04, Floor 8, Grand Front Osaka Tower C
Organizer: APIR
Supporter: Kansai Economic Federation, The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Other Details: This is a free event that will be conducted in English. Applications are accepted in order of arrival. The conference room has a capacity of 100 people. All attendees will be presented with a complimentary copy of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2018-19*.
How to Apply: Please complete the box below and submit this form via email (kouenkai@apir.or.jp) or fax (06-6485-7689). APIR will not issue attendance tickets or require attendees to sign in at a reception desk. Please come directly to the conference room on the day of the event.

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Notes: APIR may use the contact details filled in above to provide you with information about future events and research activities.

Features of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific*, Economic Outlook: 2018-19

Topics

【Asia- Pacific】

- U.S. economic policies and the Japanese economy
- What is happening to the economies of major countries?
- The present and future of superpower dynamics: innovation in China
- Asia's new dynamism and Japan's development strategy

【Kansai】

- The economies of Japan and Kansai: retrospect and outlook
- Trends in the exports of goods and services driving Kansai's economy
- Long-term forecasts for Kansai's economy: a supply-side perspective
- Kansai's capital stock and social infrastructure: current trends and issues
- What can be done to increase the employment rate of married women?

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