Research Presentations

Research findings were presented by the following six workshops in fiscal year 2025.

- **Society of Security and Diplomatic Policy Studies**

  The following papers were published in April 2025:

  “Considering Economic Security Focusing on Food and Energy Security”

  “Proposal for Strengthening the Competitiveness of Japan’s Defense Industry: Shift from the “Family Type” to the “Strategic Keiretsu-Type” System”

  “The Role of the Private Sector in Economic Security: Reflections from Japan-US and Public-Private Relations Perspectives”

  “China’s Economy Facing Internal and External Challenges”

  “Outlook for the US Economy: Whether the “Golden Age” Is Beginning?”

  The following papers were published in July 2025:

  “What’s Next for Japan-India Strategic Partnership”

  “Japan-India Security Cooperation in India’s Grand Strategy”

  “India’s Diplomacy with the United States and Russia”

  “India, a Leader in the Global South-What Is It Really Like?”

  “Where the India-Pakistan Conflict Is Headed”

  “The India-China Border Issue and India’s Military Strategy”

  “Mid-to Long-Term Outlook for the Indian Economy : How to Asses the Indian Market Benefits and Challenges of Japan-India Collaboration”

  “What Makes Modi 3.0 Distinct and a Future Outlook”

The following papers were published in October 2025:

"Pax China" from the Global South's Perspective"

"China's Military Power as It Celebrates Its Centennial "

"Medium- to Long-Term Prospects of the Chinese Economy"

"China's Strategic Gains and Losses from the Ukraine and Middle Eastern Conflicts and Its Military Partnership with Russia"

"Geopolitics of Science and Technology: China's Scientific Revolution vs Trump 2.0"

"China's "Kill 'Three' Birds with One Stone" Approach to Deep-Seabed Resource Development"

"The End of Pax Americana and the Rise of China"

The following papers were published in January 2026:

"Hybrid Warfare Transformed Amidst the Ukraine War: Russian Tactics and the Global Diffusion of Threat"

"The Future of US-Russia Relations under Trump 2.0: Implications for Japan"

The following papers were published in February 2026:

"Russia After the Ukraine War: A Challenge to Japanese Security Strategy"

"The Possible Revival of "Imperial Russia" and What It Means for Asia and Japan"

"A Perspective on Russia's National Security Strategy: Focusing on the 'Multipolar World,' 'Anti-Westernism,' and 'Nuclear Status"

"The Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership and Japan's Security FutureTrajectories and Implications"

"The Impact of Russia-North Korea Military Cooperation on Regional Security"

Between April 2025 and March 2026, four issues of *Security Studies* were published.

● **Workshop on Religion and the Contemporary World**

The following articles by guest speakers, based on their presentations at the workshop, were published in *Voice*, a monthly magazine by PHP Institute, Inc.

June 2025 issue “The Facts of Latin America Becoming Protestant”
Guest Speaker: Norihiro Okubo (Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University)
*This essay was selected by Gakushuin University Professor Kaori Shoji as one of “Three Recommended Articles by Editorial Review Committee Members this Month” in the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper, May 29, 2025.

Dec. 2025 issue “Contested Legitimacy over the Recognition of the 15th Dalai Lama”
Guest Speaker: Yumiko Ishihama (Professor, Faculty of Education and Integrated Arts and Sciences, Waseda University)

Jan. 2026 issue “The End of Secularism? What the Global Religious Revival Means”
Guest Speaker: Ryuji Fujimoto (Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Teikyo University)

In addition, *Lectures* on *“The Religion That Moves the World”* (PHP Shinsho), written and edited by Satoshi Ikeuchi (University of Tokyo Professor), published by PHP Institute, Inc. on March 13, 2026,
presents expanded and revised versions of the following essays that originally appeared in *Voice.*

“Noteworthy Religious Votes in the US Presidential Election”
Guest Speaker: Saho Matsumoto (Professor, College of International Relations, Nihon University)

“Religious Zionism and Greater Israelism”
Guest Speaker: Ryoji Tateyama (Professor Emeritus, National Defense Academy)

“Why is ‘Islam and Gender’ a Problem?”
Guest Speaker: Namie Tsujigami (Professor, Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University)

“The Invasion of Ukraine and the Geopolitics of the Orthodox Church”
Guest Speaker: Sanami Takahashi (Lecturer, Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University)

“The Diplomatic Power of the Vatican and the Pope”
Guest Speaker: Saho Matsumoto (Professor, College of International Relations, Nihon University)

“Is the Religion of the Chinese People Confucianism?”
Guest Speaker: Yukihiro Kawaguchi (Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University)

“The Dalai Lama ‘Reincarnates’”
Guest Speaker: Yumiko Ishihama (Professor, Faculty of Education and Integrated Arts and Sciences, Waseda University)

“What is Hindu Supremacy?”
Guest Speaker: Kazuya Nakamizo (Professor, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University)

- **Workshop for Comparing Swedish and Japanese Responses to Climate Change: Legal Systems, Local Governments, and Accounting Standards**

  FY2025 was the second year. This is a Swedish and Japanese comparative research project seeking solutions concerning the environment and global warming.
  Based on the progress during the first year, efforts were made to deepen research and enhance the implementation contents pertaining to comparison of Sweden and Japan about the three main pillars of the goals of this project: 1) Swedish and Japanese legal systems concerning the Constitution-,Instrulment of Government and environmental law, 2) the roles of the central government, Regions, and Municipalities in environmental policy and projects, and 3) CSRD and other international sustainability reporting directives.

  Specifically:

  1) Analyzed the relation between the constitution and environmental law and the role and impact of EU law with legal scholars. Investigated the roles of the Instrument of Government of Sweden and the Swedish Environmental Code, as well as the roles and responsibilities of technical judges in addition to land and environment court judges.

  2) Regarding the central government, the study focused on the objectives and roles of the executive bodies of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Swedish Chemicals Agency with the Ministry of Climate and Enterprise.

There are also county administrative boards as central government executive bodies in the counties. There are Regions (representing Municipalities) and Municipalities, which play an important and central role in the planning and execution of environmental projects. In Sweden, income taxes are local taxes, and the ability to independently obtain 70-80% of their revenues is a strength of local government bodies (in Japan, local government bodies only secure around 30% of their revenues from local taxes). Investigated Uppsala City, Malmo City, and Lulea City, and heard about the present conditions and issues of local government bodies from Ofunato City, Iwate Prefecture in Japan (former mayor).

3) Concerning CSRD and other sustainability reporting directives, large Swedish companies will be obliged to prepare reports from FY2026. For that reason, information regarding the application of CSRD was collected from IKEA (furniture and food products manufacturer). Comparative examinations were conducted regarding the responses to the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) by the Financial Services Agency of Japan and Japanese companies.
Occasional web conferences were also held inviting members and external lecturers. The final report is now scheduled for release (around May–June 2026), and there are plans for an online presentation of opinions on the report thereafter.

- **Workshop on Natural Circulating Water and Nature-based Solutions(NBS)**

FY2025 was the second year of the workshop on Natural Circulating Water and Nature-based Solutions (NBS). The FY2024 interim proposals of the workshop were announced in July 2025.

1. Natural circulating water is the common asset of the people.
2. The global water problem is severe, and water should be recognized as blue gold.
3. The last remaining clear stream is the Shimanto River; recognize other rivers as dirty.
4. Expedite the positive introduction of NBS in Japan. Satake Farm wetlands; use of water and soil.
5. Expedite cost-benefit analysis of dams and forest conservation. Assess the functions of forests and soils.
6. Understanding regarding international sustainability reporting should be promoted among companies inside Japan.

These interim proposals (results) were reported to then Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba (secretary). They were also explained to Member of the House of Representatives Hideki Miyauchi, a vice-minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the director-general of the Fisheries Agency, the director-general of the Forestry Agency, the director-general of the Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, the director-general of the Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and the deputy director-general of the Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. Explanations

were also made for the first time to a division head at the Bureau of the Environment and a division head at the Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government.
Press conferences were held at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries press club and the Fisheries Agency press club. As a result, articles were printed in newspapers. The final proposals will be compiled and announced around July 2026.

The workshop meetings in FY2025 included a follow-up on the Shimanto River NBS Symposium by domestic experts and lectures about NBS by US and Australian experts. There were also lectures about the efforts being made at government agencies from a division head (forest environment tax) at the Forestry Agency, and from experts from the Arakawa River Downstream Office and the Arakawa River Upstream Office, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and the Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

The Tokyo Bay NBS International Symposium was held on March 2 and March 3, 2026. In addition to experts from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center of the US, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Mulloon Institute of Australia, a vice-minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and a division head at the Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government also participated. The symposium was a success with a large attendance. A total of 519 individuals attended and participated. In addition, some participants learned about NBS for the first time and more participants were

interested in improving water quality and improving the natural environment than in disaster prevention, which was traditionally deemed to be the main object of concern (questionnaire survey).

The symposium was widely reported by NHK General TV, Yahoo News, *Asahi Shimbun*, *Tokyo Shimbun*, *Yomiuri Shimbun*, *Sankei Shimbun*, and *Coop News*, and by fisheries newspapers.

A discussion meeting of 320 students from Hibiya High School and experts who participated in the NBS Symposium was held on March 4, and it was significant as an effort to inform the next generation of promising youth for the future.

An NBS delegation presented a report on the symposium and exchanged opinions with former Minister of Defense Gen Nakatani and former Minister of the Environment Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, and with senior government officials from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Fisheries Agency, and the Ministry of the Environment.

- **Workshop on a Vision for a New Era**

The following articles were printed in *Voice* published by PHP Institute.

[Mar. 2025 issue] Takao Maeda (editorial writer, *Nishinippon Shimbun*)
"Making 'dialogue' the cornerstone of community development: Tachiarai Town, Fukuoka Prefecture"

[May 2025 issue] Kazunori Monden (reporter, *Kahoku Shimpo*)
"Encouragement of local studies: Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture"

[July 2025 issue] Koki Yamashita (editorial writer, *Hokkaido Shimbun*)
"Quiet autonomy surrounding the 'Your Chair' project; towns and villages of Hokkaido, etc."

[Aug. 2025 issue] Keisuke Miyamura (Editorial Office, Editorial Department, *Jomo Shinbun*)
"'Multicultural coexistence' sought by the public and private sectors: Oizumi Town, Gunma Prefecture"

[Sept. 2025 issue] Ikuo Watanabe (Manager, Iwaki Branch Office, *Fukushima Minpo* and Director General, Coastal Region Revitalization Bureau)
"From 'a sea of trials' to 'a sea of hope': Coastal Region, Fukushima Prefecture"

[Oct. 2025 issue] Yusuke Inamura (Deputy Director, News Department. *Yamagata Shimbun*)
"'Once in a century' great reforms advancing under population decline: Yamagata City, Yamagata Prefecture"

[Nov. 2025 issue] Tatsuya Ishizaki (Manager, Maizuru Branch Office, *Kyoto Shimbun*)
"'Regional rehabilitation' which connects people together: Kyoto City, Kyoto Prefecture"

[Feb. 2026 issue] Kyosuke Mizukawa (editorial writer, *Chugoku Shimbun*)
"The atomic bomb and war as shown by underground relics: Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture"

[Mar. 2026 issue] Shinichi Nishijima (Deputy Director, Editorial Board, *Kitanippon Shimbun*)
"Reasons why recovery from the Noto Earthquake is not progressing: Himi City and Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture"

[Apr. 2026 issue] Koichiro Mori (Editor in chief and Director of the Editorial Board, *Miyazaki Nichi Nichi Shimbun*)
"'A town with nothing' from zero to '1' with food: Kawaminami Town, Miyazaki Prefecture"

- **Workshop on Comprehensive Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific**

  The 'Joint Conference on Comprehensive Security in the Indo-Pacific Conference Report' was posted on the website of the Kajima Institute of International Peace in February 2026.

  The 'Economic Security and Defense of Critical Infrastructures: Comparison of Policies in USA, UK and Australia & Its' Implications on Japan' Diplomacy Workshop was held in March 2026.