

The Japan International Transport Institute's role in making policy recommendations

1 Overview

The Japan International Transport Institute or JITI is comprised of two offices, a JITI Washington D.C. Office located in the capital of the United States and a JITI Tokyo Office located in Toranomon in Tokyo, Japan. The Institute engages in survey studies and research on matters concerning international transport.

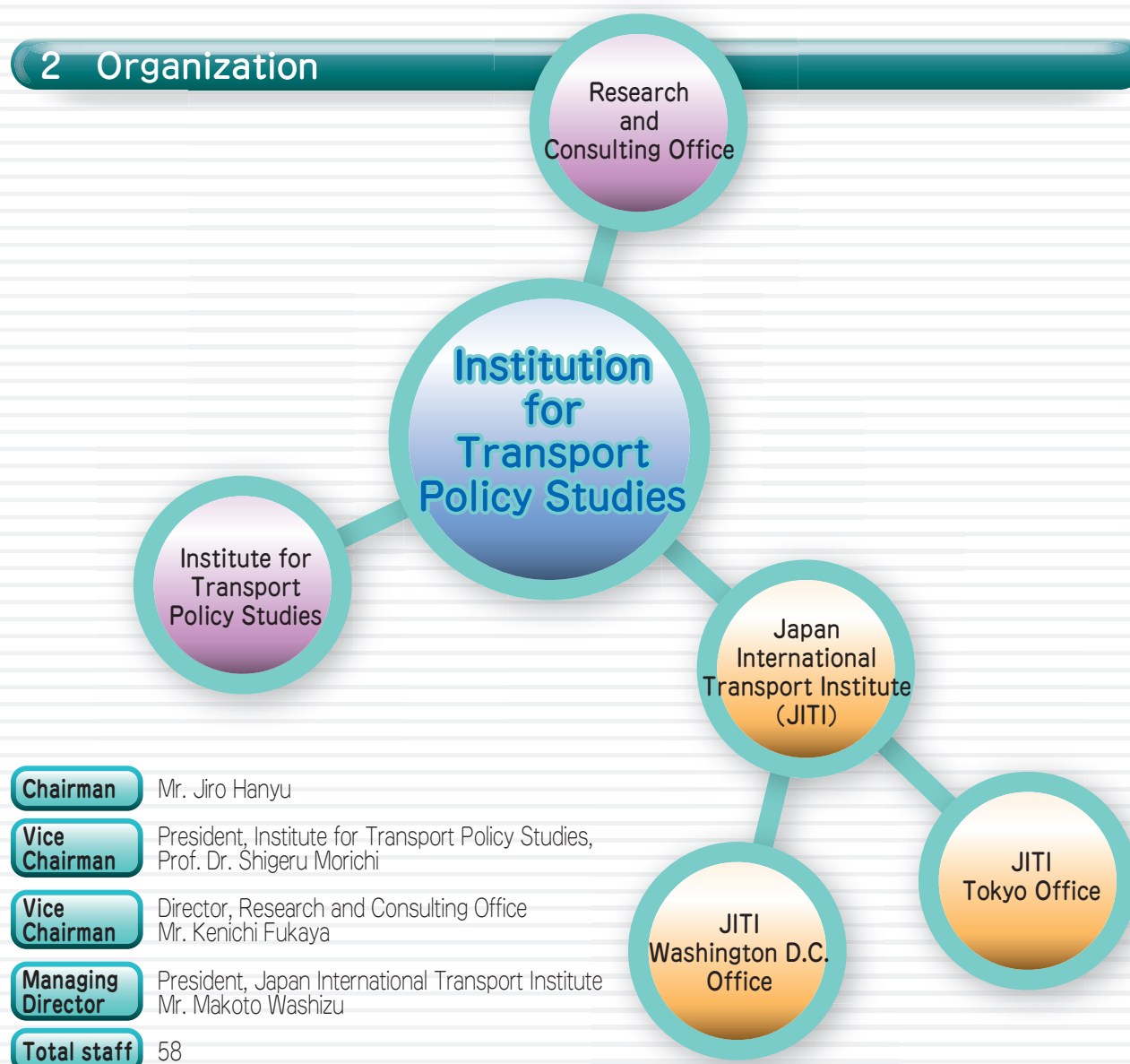
The Institute also actively develops and engages in a range of activities concerned with providing information and offering recommendations to the Japanese government and concerned parties on the current circumstances affecting international transport policy issues. In addition, the Institute is also expanding the scope of its activities from the gathering of information on transport sector issues in such places as the U.S. and the European Union to now encompass a more global perspective. This includes conducting research and holding symposiums and seminars on issues such as the global environment, international security and other major areas of global concern.

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2 Organization



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3 History

1991

Japan Transport Economics Research Center (JTERC) established the office in Washington D.C. (present JITI Washington D.C. Office).

1993

JITI and JITI Tokyo Office were established in JTERC.

* The JTERC name was changed to the Institution for Transport Policy Studies in April 1998.

4 Overview of Activities

1 Data Gathering Activities

▶ Washington D.C. Office

The Washington D.C. Office engages in a wide range of detailed information gathering activities regarding the state of transport policy in the U.S. This is accomplished by attending public congressional hearings and numerous events as well as through direct contact with leaders and experts in government, key industry personnel, and researchers.

▶ Tokyo Office

In addition to gathering information on industry trends and developments in the European Commission, the Council of the European Union, and the European Parliament, the Tokyo Office also gathers international transport information pertaining to major European powers as well as on China and other Asian nations.

2 Survey and Research Activities

Research is undertaken and expanded with a focus on three themes considered to be problems of utmost importance in the international transport sector.

1. Global warming and environmental issues
2. Safety, security, and risk management
3. Deregulation in international markets, etc.

Example Areas of Study

- Face recognition demonstration tests using new cameras
- Workshops and research seminars on reducing CO2 emissions from airplane engines, etc.

3 Information Exchange Activities

- The Institute organizes various events on a regular basis that serve as forums for exchanging knowledge and the results of research on shared matters of mutual concern and interest to both Japan and the United States in an effort to further greater mutual understanding and to build stronger cooperative relations between both countries.
- The Institute sponsors conferences for facilitating cooperation on transport related matters of interest to both Japan and the U.S.
- The Institute also presents the results obtained from various study and research activities at a range of seminars, symposiums and similar forums in order to convey information to society and the public on a positive and timely basis.
- The Institute cooperates and works in partnership with such international organizations as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), amongst others to offer recommendations on international policy matters through the participation at meetings and hosting of seminars and other events.
- The Institute is registered as an NGO with the Secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and actively participates in various international meetings and conferences such as COP and MOP based on this convention.

Example Seminars

- Seminar on maritime security measures for Non-SOLAS vessels
- Symposium on the enhancement of safety of navigation and the environmental protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

4 Public Relations

- As part of its continuing efforts to gather information on transport related matters, the Institute distributes an online mail magazine (Web Shuttle) almost every day.