

Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute

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JTTRI conducts comprehensive research and surveys on transport and tourism and develops policy recommendations for the future.





The Japan Transport and Tourism Research Institute (JTTRI) is a think tank established in 1968 under the initiative of the former Ministry of Transport (now the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism) with the support of the Japanese government, business organizations, and academic institutions, and it has been engaged in various research activities and policy recommendations in the fields of transport and tourism. The institute is committed to producing research results and policy recommendations that contribute to resolving issues, and providing useful and usable solutions worldwide.

The JTTRI collaborates with its headquarters in Tokyo and overseas institutes—the Japan International Transport and Tourism Institute (JITTI), Washington, D.C., USA and the ASEAN-India Regional Office (AIRO), Bangkok, Thailand—to conduct broad-based and strategic activities in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe, from North America to Southeast Asia and South Asia.

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Message from the Chairman

April 2025

As Japan's economy gradually recovers, a virtuous economic cycle is expected to arise, in which higher corporate profits lead to increased wages that surpass inflation, followed by greater confidence and willingness to spend money on capital investment, and eventually lead to increased consumer spending.

Meanwhile, the world has seen a trend of instability and changes in the administrations of even nations founded on democratic principles. The unstable and uncertain international situations—including tensions between the United States and China as well as China and Taiwan, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the unpredictable situation in the Middle East are expected to continue for the time being. It is no exaggeration to say, therefore, that the world has entered a new era in which division and cooperation are intricately intertwined. In this context, multi-layered partnerships among nations that share universal values such as freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law have become increasingly important, as the harsh realities of this chaotic world are exposed to the light of the day.

Furthermore, in Japan, the background of the tightening labor market, frequent natural disasters, and ever heightened geopolitical risks has made the necessity of addressing the following issues even more apparent: restructuring business in transport and tourism industries, developing digital transformation (DX), accelerating decarbonization (GX), strengthening supply chains, and enhancing economic security. These issues must be faced with a firm and unshakeable conviction and addressed with mid- to long-term perspectives that make the best use of worldwide knowledge and information, and include a review of global trends.

Given this, with a goal of enriching the lives of people, creating a vibrant and sustainable economic society, and strengthening the international competitiveness of cities and industries, our institute will strive to further deepen exchanges and collaboration with you and to contribute to the realization of sustainable and vibrant transport and tourism, through conducting research surveys, holding seminars and symposiums, consulting and other activities.

We will continue our international activities by conducting high-quality research surveys and organizing seminars and symposiums. These efforts aim to strengthen ties with relevant countries and regions, while carefully assessing developments in international affairs and the economic and social conditions in each. These international activities will be carried out in cooperation with the Japan International Transport and Tourism Institute, USA (JITTI) in Washington, D.C. and the ASEAN-India Regional Office (AIRO) in Bangkok, Thailand, in a broad and strategic manner, paying close attention to the policy trends in the region from North America to Southeast Asia and South Asia, as well as in Europe, and always recognizing the crucial role that transport and tourism play in contributing to the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

In addition, we will make optimal use of the "Sustainable Development Fund Program," the "Global Fund Program" and the "Maritime and Ocean Development Fund Program," all of which are supported by the Nippon Foundation, to ensure that our activities of the highest quality will be promoted with organic cooperation as a whole and carried out in the most effective way.

All members of our institute are determined to make every effort in their research and daily operations. Thank you very much for your continued support.

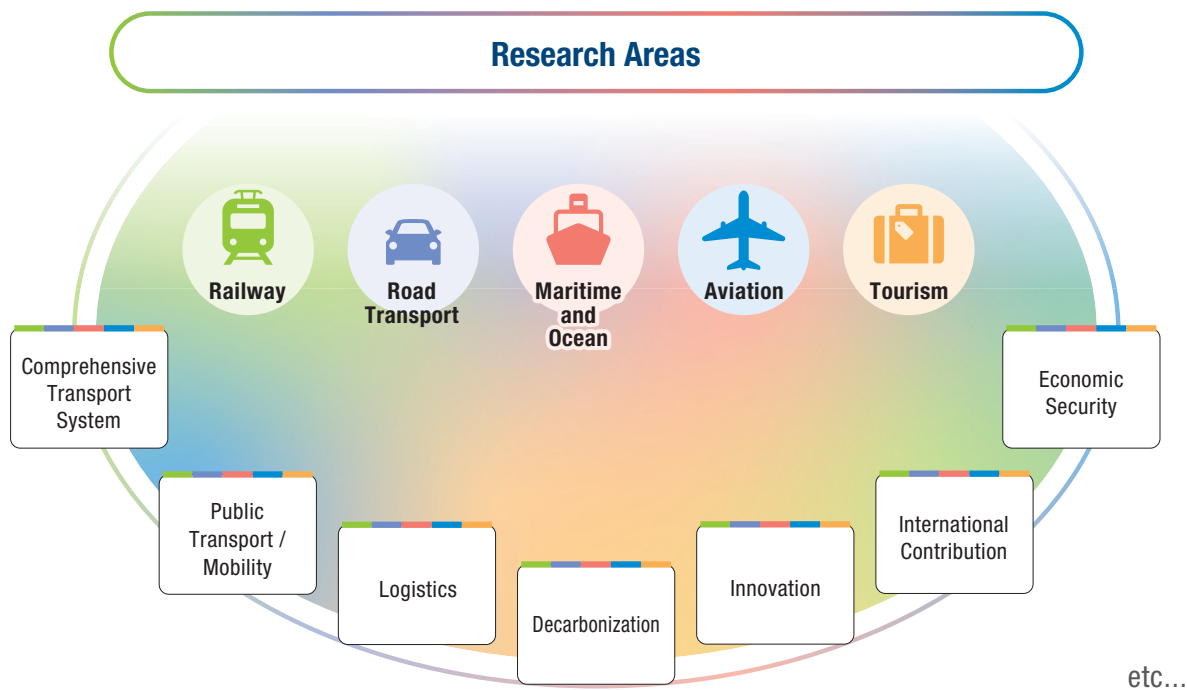


SHUKURI Masafumi
Chairman, Japan Transport and
Tourism Research Institute (JTTRI)



Activity Details

Research and Policy Recommendations



Recent Focus of Major Research Topics

Realizing Safe, Affordable, and Sustainable Public Transport and Mobility for All

We published policy recommendations in 2023: one on “Japan’s Public Transport Strategy in 2050,” and another on “Reforming the Business Structure and Strengthening the Infrastructure of the Local Transport Industry.” We are also conducting research on institutional innovation, the prevention of a “mobility-poor society,” in which people who cannot depend on private cars are left behind, and “Designing a Slow-paced, Peaceful, and Charming Town: Harmonious Coexistence of People and Diverse Mobility Modes.”



Ensuring Economic Security in the Maritime and Marine Sector and Maintaining Maritime Order Based on the Rule of Law

Since April 2024, we have been conducting research on the strategic securing of the international maritime transport network, which underpins the Japanese economy. This research was highly acclaimed as a significant contribution with valuable insights into discussions on future economic security in the Asia-Pacific region at a related symposium held in Washington, D.C. We are also engaged in research on capacity building in maritime safety and law enforcement in the Indo-Pacific region.



Realization of Decarbonized Society

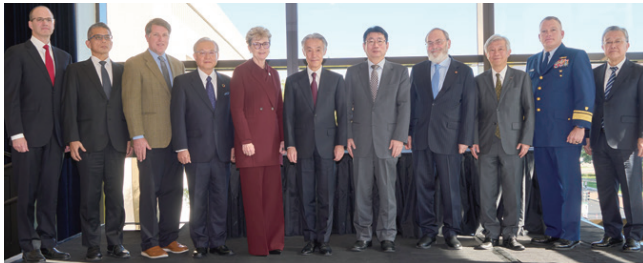
We have been conducting research programs on a strategy for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, focusing on the smooth transition to alternative fuels in the transport sector. In March 2025, we presented the findings from our research at our symposium on the use of hydrogen as a fuel in the transport sector. In particular, our findings on pathways to and challenges of decarbonization in aviation and maritime transport have contributed to discussions at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).



Promotion of International Activities

In response to ongoing globalization of the economy and the growing importance of international cooperation, JTTRI and its overseas institutes (JITTI and AIRO) are working together to promote efficient and continuous initiatives in collaboration with relevant countries and organizations. These efforts aim to strengthen trust and contribute to mutual development of the transport and tourism sectors.

Specifically, we conduct research on transport and tourism in each region, survey the latest trends, and introduce Japan's policies. We also host symposiums and workshops with government officials and experts from each country to share advanced initiatives, knowledge, and challenges, to deepen mutual cooperations, understandings, and discussions.



"Sea Lane Safety and Supply Chain Resilience for Economic Security"
Symposium in Washington D.C., USA.



Workshop with the Thai Ministry of
Transport Railway Bureau



Meeting with the Minister of External
Affairs of the Republic of India, Jaishankar.

Japan International Transport and Tourism Institute, USA (JITTI)

JITTI was established in Washington, D.C., in 1991 to enhance the collection of information on transport and tourism in North America, Europe, and beyond. In addition to studying U.S. trends and introducing Japanese policies, JITTI works on strengthening cooperation, information sharing, and mutual understanding between the public and private sectors in the U.S. and Japan by hosting symposiums with government officials and experts. Currently, the institute has 10 staff members, including the President.



ASEAN-India Regional Office (AIRO)

AIRO was established in Bangkok, Thailand, in April 2021 to conduct research and surveys, collect information, organize seminars and symposiums, disseminate meaningful information to government, academia, and industry, and build cooperative relationships in transport and tourism in Southeast and South Asia. Currently, nine staff members, including the President, contribute to the fields of transport and tourism with a focus on local needs.



Collaboration with Domestic and International Research Institutions

We collaborate with domestic and international research institutions such as Korea Transportation Institute (KOTI) and Institute of Comprehensive Transportation of National Development and Reform Commission of People's Republic of China (ICT), as well as present research and disseminate information at conferences such as the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS) and the International Transport Forum (ITF). Since 2019, the JTTRI Special Award has been presented at EASTS International Conferences to outstanding papers published in the field of public transport and mobility activities. The JTTRI Best Paper Award was first presented at the Air Transport Research Society (ATRS) World Conference in 2023 on the theme of sustainability, etc.



Overseas

Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) *
Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) *
Korea University Maritime Law Centre (KUMLC) *
Institute of Comprehensive Transportation of National Development and Reform Commission of People's Republic of China (ICT)
Institute for Tourism Development Research Vietnam (ITDR) *
Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) *
(Former National Rail & Transportation Institute (NRTI))
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The Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies *
American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS)
World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS)
Air Transport Research Society (ATRS)
International Transport Forum (ITF)
The International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
(* Institutions that have signed MOUs with JTTRI)

ATRS(Air Transport Research Society) 2024
with the recipients of the 2024 JTTRI Best Paper Award
(July 2024)



MOU signing ceremony
with GSV
(August 2024)



Domestic

Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo (TTPU) *
Japan Research Institute for Road and Street *
Waterfront Vitalization and Environment Research Foundation (WAVE) *
World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism) Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific *
Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency (JRRT) *

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Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE)
The Japan Society of Transportation Economics (JSTE)
Association for Planning and Transportation Studies
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Symposiums, Seminars, etc.

JTTRI holds symposiums to discuss with experts on research results and policy recommendations, colloquiums, and research conferences to report and present research results. In addition, JTTRI regularly holds transport policy seminars featuring lectures by guest speakers, and JTTRI global seminars in which overseas experts and parties directly address and discuss the issues at hand. Furthermore, international symposiums and seminars are held in the U.S. and different parts of Asia, inviting government officials, academics, and businesses from domestic and international spheres as needed to disseminate information and promote exchanges.

<Recently held symposiums and seminars>

The 4th JTTRI Global Seminar

Mobility Transformation in Singapore - With a Focus on Railway Policy -

- May 30th, 2024, 2:00- 5:30 PM (JST)
- Tokyo, Japan *Hybrid Event



Civil Aviation Symposium 2025

The Future of Aviation Connectivity Powered by Japan-US-ASEAN Collaboration

- March 26th, 2025, 3:00- 6:00 PM (EST)
- Washington, D.C., USA *Hybrid Event



Transport Decarbonization Symposium III

Utilizing hydrogen to achieve transport decarbonization - A path from local initiatives to a sustainable future -

- March 4th, 2025, 2:00- 5:00 PM (JST)
- Tokyo, Japan *Hybrid Event



JTTRI-AIRO Logistics Symposium

Aiming for Advanced Logistics in the Philippines - Improvement of Logistics in ASEAN Island Region - (Part1)

- February 19th, 2025, 8:30- 12:00 AM (PHT)
- Manila, Philippines *Hybrid Event



Consulting Business (Contracted Research)

We are commissioned to conduct surveys for policy development and planning in various fields such as public transport, mobility, high-speed railways (Shinkansen), urban and intercity railways, aviation, logistics, tourism, etc., by national and local governments, independent administrative agencies, private companies, and others.

In particular, in the field of transport planning, we contribute to society by conducting research and surveys that address practical needs, utilizing our accumulated knowledge and a network of academic experts. Specifically, we have conducted: (1) Feasibility studies, demand forecasts, and cost-benefit analyses for new urban railroads in Tokyo, Osaka, and other cities, (2) Project evaluation of railroads and, (3) Basic studies on planning for new or additional runways at international hub airports.

Publication of Journal and Books

Journal "Transport Policy Studies' Review"

The Transport Policy Studies' Review, launched in 1998, is based on the JTTRI founding philosophy of "bonding between academic research and practical needs" in the fields of transport and tourism. All papers are published under fair peer review from multiple perspectives and in-depth deliberation by an editorial committee comprising a diverse panel of academics and experts.



<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/tpsr/-char/en>



Published Books

We publish and sell books on transport, such as "Railways in Figures" and "Annual Report on Urban and Regional Transport."



"JTTRI Quarterly Magazine"

Since December 2021, the magazine has been published four times a year to promote our activities and research findings in an easy-to-understand manner.

This magazine is also available on our website.



<https://www.jttri.or.jp/journal/dayori.html>



<https://www.jttri.or.jp/publish/>

Transport and Tourism Library

The Transport and Tourism Library has a collection of both domestic and foreign books and materials related to transport and tourism. As of March 2025, it held approximately 34,000 books and 17,000 journals. These books, journals, and materials are used widely for research and investigation. They are available for reading and lending to relevant government agencies, academic experts, and supporting members, and are also accessible to the general public.

Library Hours

Morning: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Lunch Break 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
Afternoon: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
* Please enter by 11:30 AM for the morning session and by 5:00 PM for the afternoon session.

Closed on the following days

- Weekends and national holidays
- Last day of the month (The preceding day in case the last day is a holiday)
- Year-end and New Year holidays: December 27 - January 7
- Establishment anniversary: October 1
- 3 days at the end of the fiscal year

Online search facility

Books, magazines, and journals held in the Transport and Tourism Library can be searched online.



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Supporting Members

Individuals, groups, and corporations who agree with the aims and objectives of our activities are invited to become Supporting Members of JTTRI.

Primary Membership Benefits

- Members receive a copy of the Institute's periodicals such as the journal, "Railways in Figures," and "Annual Report on Urban and Regional Transport."
- Recordings of symposiums, seminars, etc., hosted by JTTRI are distributed in advance to members.
- Members can borrow books from the Transport and Tourism Library and use the workspace in the library.
- Members can request lectures by our researchers.

Membership fee:
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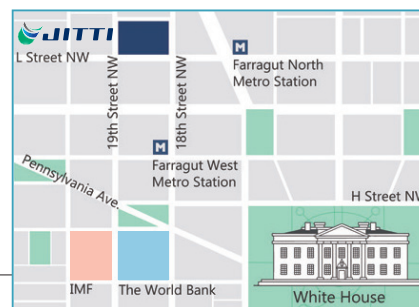
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