

## **GTAP-related Activities 2008-2009**

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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, following research activity and publications should be noted.

#### 1. Research group

Kenichi Kawasaki, Study Group on the Economic Impacts of Economic Partnership Agreements, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2008

#### 2. Publication

Ministry for Economy, Trade and Industry (2008), *White Paper on International Economy and Trade 2008*, July 2008

Kanemi Ban and Shiro Takeda (2008), "Applied General Equilibrium Analysis Utilizing a Regional I-O Table: Regional Discrepancies in the Impacts of Trade Liberalization", RIETI Discussion Paper 08-J-053 (in Japanese), September 2008