

## GTAP-related Activities 2009-2010

### RIETI

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The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) was established in April 2001 upon the foundations laid by its forerunner, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry/Research Institute (MITI/RI) as a policy research institute with a certain degree of independence from the administrative authorities to carry out study, analysis and research on various policy issues at an internationally reputable level from a medium- to long-term perspective. RIETI contributes to policy debates and formulation through the built-in synergy in its research and its proactive dissemination of its research, leading to policy recommendations.

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 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) in policy arena.

During the past year, following research activity and publications should be noted.

#### 1. Research project

“Research on Effects of Regional Trade Agreements in Asia-Pacific Region”

This research aims at analyzing the effects of trade liberalization by Regional Trade Agreements in Asia-Pacific Region, such as ASEAN+3 (China, Korea and Japan) FTA, ASEAN+6 (China, Korea, Japan, India, Australia and New Zealand) FTA and FTA of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP).

#### 2. Members in committees

Kenichi Kawasaki, Study Group on Growth Strategy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, November 2009

#### 3. Publication

Ministry for Economy, Trade and Industry (2010), *White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan 2010*, April 2010