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The Cabinet Office assists with the overall strategic functions of the Cabinet Secretariat, and carries out planning and overall coordination regarding key Cabinet policies. As such, the Cabinet Office is in charge of economic and fiscal policy. The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI, formerly the Economic Research Institute of the Economic Planning Agency) of the Cabinet Office joined the GTAP in April 1996, occasionally utilizes the GTAP model to evaluate quantitatively the effects of economic and fiscal policies.

Research Activities in ESRI

The Cabinet decided on Basic Policy on Comprehensive Economic Partnerships on November 9th, 2010. For that purpose, Dr. Kenichi Kawasaki of ESRI was commissioned to conduct policy simulations utilizing GTAP on various FTA/EPA scenarios. The gist of the simulations was made public by the Cabinet Secretariat.

Research Projects in ESRI

Kawasaki, Kenichi, "The Macro and Sectoral Significance of an FTAAP" ESRI Discussion Paper Series No. 244 (Research Workshop on Significance of an FTAAP was held when the discussion paper was launched.)

http://www.esri.go.jp/en/archive/e_dis/abstract/e_dis244-e.html

Research Workshop on European perspectives on NTM and tariff liberalization with Dr. Joseph Francois as the guest speaker

Francois, Joseph, Miriam Manchin, Hanna Norberg, "European perspectives on NTM and tariff liberalization" ESRI Discussion Paper Series No.265

http://www.esri.go.jp/en/archive/e_dis/abstract/e_dis265-e.html

Omura, Masahiro, "Economic impacts of surge in immigration in Japan from 2000-2009 - Bonus or onus?" New ESRI Working Paper No.19

http://www.esri.go.jp/en/archive/new_wp/new_wp020/new_wp019-e.pdf