

## **Invitation to the Launch of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2017-18***

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR).

Every autumn, APIR publishes an overview of economic circumstances in the Kansai and Asia-Pacific regions in Japanese. In July of this year, APIR will release an updated and expanded English-language edition of this annual publication, entitled *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2017-18*.

We write to you today to cordially invite you to attend the launch of this publication.

Produced by our team of over 20 researchers, the Economic Outlook features quantitative research covering wide-ranging themes, and clear explanations of economic trends supported by graphs and other visual aids. The document provides a comprehensive overview of the differing circumstances and developments in Asia-Pacific economies and promotes mutual understanding between Kansai and Asia-Pacific countries.

At the launch event, APIR researchers will present original forecasts for the Kansai economy, insights into the issues of productivity and wages, overview of inbound tourism in Kansai, explanations of protectionism in the US and economic developments in China and other Asia-Pacific economies, and analysis of how to further economic cooperation between Kansai and the Asia-Pacific.

We invite all those who support the strengthening of economic ties between Kansai, Japan and the Asia-Pacific to join us at this event.

### **Event Details**

**Date & Time:** Monday July 9, 2018 10am – 12am (Doors open at 9:30am)

**Program:** Overview of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2017-18* by **Yuzo Honda** (Director for Research, APIR), **Takenori Inoki** (Director for Research, APIR), **Yoshihisa Inada** (Director, Center for Quantitative Economic Analysis, APIR), and **Kenta Goto** (Senior Research Fellow, APIR)

**Location:** Knowledge Capital Conference Room C05, Floor 8, Grand Front Osaka Tower C

**Organizer:** APIR

**Supporter:** Kansai Economic Federation(TBA),The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TBA), Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry(TBA), The Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry(TBA),

**Other Details:** This is a free event that will be conducted in English. Applications are accepted in order of arrival. The conference room has a capacity of 50 people. All attendees will be presented with a complimentary copy of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2017-18*.

**How to Apply:** Please complete the box below and submit this form via email ([kouenkai@apir.or.jp](mailto:kouenkai@apir.or.jp)) or fax (06-6485-7689). APIR will not issue attendance tickets or require attendees to sign in at a reception desk. Please come directly to the conference room on the day of the event.

<b>Name of Company/Organization</b>	
<b>Contact Details</b>	TEL: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____
<b>Name of Attendee(s)</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
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APIR Contact Details: (TEL) 06-6485-7692, (FAX) 06-6485-7689 (Contact: Yoshimichi, Fujita, Nakayama)

Notes: 1. As part of an energy-saving initiative, air conditioners in the conference room will be set to 28°C. Suit jackets and neckties are not required at this event.

2. APIR may use the contact details filled in above to provide you with information about future events and research activities.

## Features of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific*, Economic Outlook: 2017-18

1. Regarding the content
  - a) Each section includes an abstract in order to improve the readability.
  - b) The number of graphs and charts has been increased in the Statistical Annex.
2. Topics
  - 【Asia- Pacific】
    - US Protectionism and its Impact on the World Economy
    - The 50th anniversary of ASEAN and the future of the economic partnership
    - Capital Flows in Emerging Asia and China after the Global Financial Crisis
    - Rise of robotics innovation in Shenzhen
  - 【Kansai】
    - Inbound Tourism in Kansai: Beyond *Bakugai*
    - Understanding Kansai's Industrial Structure through the economic census
    - Retrospection and Outlook for the Japanese and Kansai Economies
    - 2020 Outlook: Update on Medium-Term Prospects for the Kansai Economy

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