

# Roundtable “Possibilities for Advancing Projects that Engage North Korea in Japan–Korea Climate and Energy Cooperation” was held

On Friday, December 4, 2025, the Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation held a roundtable titled *“Possibilities for Advancing Projects that Engage North Korea in Japan–Korea Climate and Energy Cooperation.”*

For this roundtable, the Center invited Dr. Park Eun Joo, Research Fellow at the Korea Institute for National Unification’s North Korean Research Division. The discussion explored the incorporation of North Korea into climate and energy project initiatives as a new approach within Japan–Korea cooperation.

During the discussion, it was strongly emphasized that precisely because the international situation grows more severe each year—making economic cooperation among Japan, South Korea, and North Korea increasingly difficult—it is necessary to consider trilateral cooperation from a new perspective. In addition to highlighting this need, the roundtable also presented concrete cooperation models, offering a valuable opportunity to reconsider what might initially seem like an unlikely prospect—Japan–Korea–North Korea cooperation—in a more realistic light.

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## ●Details

Date & Time: Friday, December 4, 2025, 16:30–18:00

Venue: Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa Campus, Gakuji-kan Conference Room 1

Organizers: Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation,

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## ●Participants

PARK, Eun Joo (Research Fellow, Korea Institute for National Unification, North Korean Research Division)

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## 日韓の気候・エネルギー協力における 北朝鮮を取り込む事業推進の可能性

日 時：2025年12月4日（金） 16時30分～18時

会 場：学而館研究会室3（衣笠キャンパス内）

主 催：立命館大学東アジア平和協力研究センター

後 援：韓国国際交流財団

参加者：統一研究院・北韓研究室研究委員 朴 銀珠

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