

Workshop “Post-Election Japan: Domestic Politics, Northeast Asian Dynamics, and Prospects for Japan–Korea Cooperation” was held

On Friday, March 13, 2026, the Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies convened a research workshop titled “Post-Election Japan: Domestic Politics, Northeast Asian Dynamics, and Prospects for Japan–Korea Cooperation.”

The workshop examined how Japan’s recent elections would influence domestic politics and regional strategy, focusing in particular on Northeast Asia and the future of Japan–Korea cooperation. We welcomed Dr. Kim Ji-yoon, a political scientist known not only for her academic research but also for her public engagement—offering accessible analyses of international affairs through new media such as YouTube.

The event also featured lively exchanges with leading experts on Japan–Korea relations, including Professor Kan Kimura of Kobe University, Professor Tomonobu Chishima of Hannan University, and Katsumi Sawada, editorial writer of the Mainichi Newspapers.

During the discussion, participants emphasized that rather than simply addressing the structural sources of tension between Japan and Korea, it is crucial first to recognize and bridge the clear gaps in perception that still exist among scholars in both countries. The importance of accurately understanding and narrowing these perceptual differences was underscored as a key step toward advancing future cooperation.

The Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies continues to actively promote academic exchange with a broad range of research institutions across languages and disciplines.

●Event Details

Date: Friday, March 13, 2026, 15:00–17:00

Venue: Room 301, Suzaku Campus, Ritsumeikan University

Organizer: Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation

Supporter: Korea Foundation (KF)

●Participants

KIM Jiyeon (Political Analyst, Ph.D in Political Science, MIT)

KIMURA Kan (Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University)

CHISHIMA Tomonobu (Associate Professor, Faculty of Management, Department of Management, Hannan University)

SAWADA Katsumi (Journalist/Editorial writer, the Mainichi Newspapers)

WATANABE Hiroaki (Professor, College of International Relations)

NAKATO Sachio (Professor, College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University;
Director, the Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies)

SUK Ilwoo (Visiting Researcher, the Ritsumeikan Center for East Asian Peace and
Cooperation Studies)

Poster

Post- Election Japan

Friday, May 13
15:00-17:00

DOMESTIC POLITICS, NORTHEAST ASIA,
AND KOREA-JAPAN COOPERATION

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Special Speaker: Dr. Jiyeon Kim

Political analyst and host of Jiyeon Kim's Evening Show (TBS FM). Ph.D. in Political Science, MIT.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

This roundtable explores the implications of Japan's recent election for domestic politics and regional strategy, with a focus on Northeast Asia and the future of Korea-Japan cooperation.

- I. Japanese Election Results and Domestic Political Dynamics
- II. Geopolitical Outlook in Northeast Asia - Japan's perspective
- III. Future Direction of Korea-Japan Relations and Cooperation

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