

# Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University, Japan, est. 1972



2023-2024

Contributing to the promotion and international network development of higher education research up until now and from now on.



Research Institute for Higher Education,  
Hiroshima University

## Message from the Director



On May 1st, 2022, the Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE), Hiroshima University celebrated its 50th anniversary. With this celebration, RIHE looked back on its history, and projected forward to the next 50 years of research.

The period from January 2022 to April 2023 was designated the implementation period of the 50th anniversary project, during which a variety of activities were carried out to celebrate this important milestone. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many of the workshops had to be held via the Internet, but the unexpected benefit of this situation was participation from both inside and outside of Japan. Many of the workshops can still be viewed on RIHE's web page. In addition, due to the decision to hold the 2023 G7 Summit in Hiroshima, some projects were postponed until June 2023. These will become available on the website in due course.

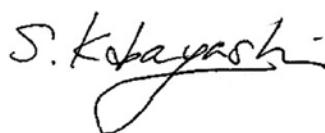
In parallel with the workshops, we have also been working on compiling a collection of contributions by various senior researchers who have shone since the dawn of higher education research in Japan. At the beginning of last year's pamphlet, I wrote that "the weight of 50 years is to turn memory into history," and it was precisely at this turning point that we received manuscripts from senior researchers reflecting on their own experiences. We are aware that recording and passing on such memories is something only the institute can do, because it has the longest history in Japan, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

After the 50th anniversary commemorative project is completed and related publication projects are over, we plan to consolidate the records of the entire commemorative project and archive them on a special page on RIHE's website.

Now, as we look toward the next 50 years, the institute will continue to develop its past projects into new projects in line with the times, and to take on the challenges of new and emerging fields of research. In addition, support for international joint research and assistance to students and young researchers from many universities are part of the *raison d'être* of the institute as a hub for higher education research networks in Japan and abroad. Of course, we intend to continue these programs in the future, but there is a limit to the activities that RIHE's budget alone can sustain in this uncertain economic climate. Therefore, last year we began fundraising for the "50th Anniversary Fund for the Research Institute for Higher Education." We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have already supported us, and to ask all concerned for your ongoing support. For more information, please visit the institute's website.



Open Seminar held both face-to-face and online



KOBAYASHI, Shinichi  
Director of RIHE, Hiroshima University

## ● The Directors of RIHE      \*Chronological Order

MAEKAWA, Tsutomu	1972-73	MORI, Kazuhiro	1999-2003
YOKOO, Takehide	1973-79	ARIMOTO, Akira	2003-2007
MARUYAMA, Masuteru	1979	YAMAMOTO, Shinichi	2007-2012
INAGA, Keiji	1980-84	FUJIMURA, Masashi	2012-2014
SHINBORI, Michiya	1984-85	MARUYAMA, Fumihiro	2014-2017
HATA, Hiroyuki	1985-87	DAIZEN, Tsukasa	2017-2018
SEKI, Masao	1987-93	YAMAMOTO, Yohsuke	2018
ARIMOTO, Akira	1993-99	KOBAYASHI, Shinichi	2018-Present

# The Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE)

RIHE was established in 1972 as the first specialized Research Institute for Higher Education in Japan. It has evolved into a center for current research and information exchange among domestic and foreign researchers. It aspires to be a focal point for emerging networks of higher education research organizations and institutions worldwide. On May 1, 2022, RIHE celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## National and International Center for Research on Higher Education : Beyond 50 years

Since its establishment, RIHE has provided both a focus and a forum for research on higher education in Japan. As of April 2023, the institute has ten academic staff members: two professors, four associate professors, one concurrent associate professor, one specially appointed professor, one specially appointed associate professor, and one specially appointed research manager. The post of visiting professor was established in 1996 to which non-Japanese researchers are appointed. In addition to the full-time researchers at RIHE, 615 associate researchers from inside/outside Hiroshima University are actively linked with the institute. Its annual study meeting, which was initiated in 1972, attracts not only the associate researchers but also other researchers and administrators from different parts of Japan every year. In 2002, RIHE was designated as one of Hiroshima University's four Advanced Research Institutes. Within the University, it serves as the center for the study and analysis of institutional reforms and development.

RIHE is also extensively engaged in diverse international activities. Major international conferences, in collaboration with OECD, UNESCO, Eight-Nation Education Research Project, and the Changing Academic Profession Project (CAP) have been held. RIHE acted as the coordinating agency for the Eight-Nation International Survey of Higher Education. Other current international projects include collaborative studies with centers for higher education research in Australia, China, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. RIHE's research reports, books and journals are published in both Japanese and English. *Higher Education Forum*, an English journal, has been indexed by Scopus, ERIC, and NSD.

As official recognitions to its long-standing efforts, RIHE was

selected by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century COE Program in 2002-2007, and also received preliminary fund for Joint Usage/Research Center in 2016-2018. Furthermore, we have been funded by MEXT to continue the strategic research project on university reform for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (2008-).

Through these projects, we will continue to closely work in partnership with centers and researchers in higher education field, and hope that our research activities will also help respond to a variety of social and global issues which are inherently unpredictable.

## Graduate Programs for Higher Education: Ph.D. & M.Ed./M.A. Programs

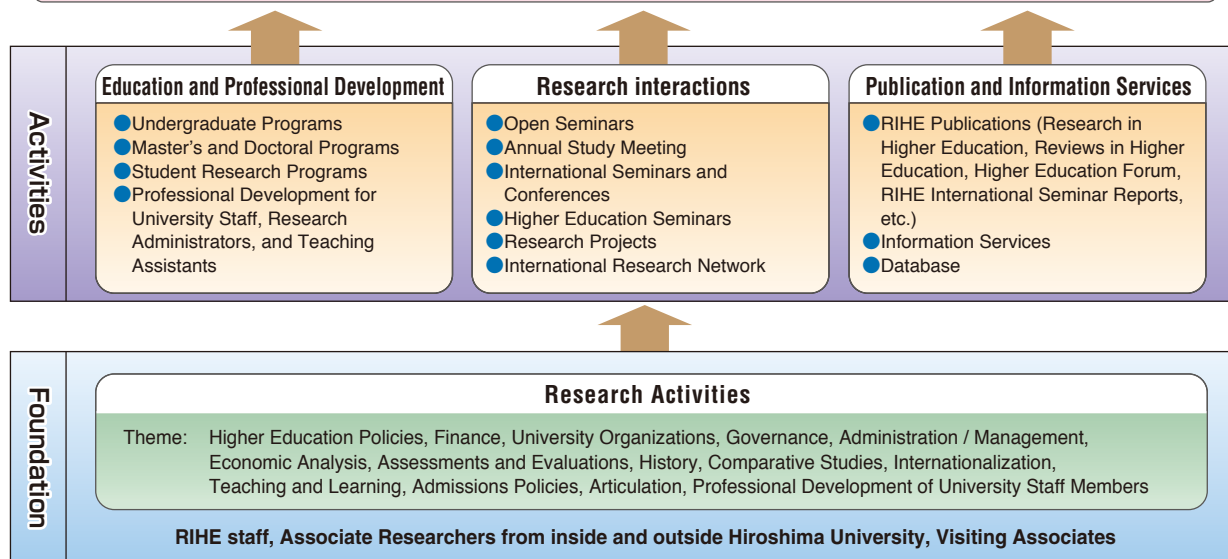
RIHE currently offers two graduate programs in higher education: the doctorate (Ph.D.) and master's (M.Ed./M.A.). These programs were originally established in 1986 as the first graduate programs for higher education research in Japan. RIHE's programs have two main purposes: to train researchers in higher education and to educate university administrators and staff. The institute is actively developing programs to meet the needs of these two groups. Our programs are characterized by delivering basic foundation courses, followed by more challenging and detailed professional ones. By the 2022 academic year, ninety M.Ed./M.A. students and twenty-three Ph.D. students from diverse backgrounds have completed RIHE programs.

## Research Information Center

From its inception, the institute has had the goal of establishing an extensive library for research in higher education. Its collections include journals, monographs, research reports and reference materials, and university and government publications covering all areas of higher education in Japan; other Asian countries and many holdings from American and European sources. Its library is now recognized as one of the leading higher education libraries in the world. RIHE now disseminates information worldwide through a variety of means, including the Internet.

## Activities at Research Institute for Higher Education

### Contributing to the Advancement of Higher Education and HE Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



# Research Programs

## ● Research Activities toward Joint Usage/Research Center

RIHE provides support for international joint research projects among domestic and foreign researchers.

## ● Japan Council for Research Institutes and Centers of National Universities

RIHE engages in various activities as a member of the organization.

## ● Open Seminars

Every year, RIHE organizes seminars on a variety of topics by inviting researchers from other Japanese universities and from around the world.

## ● Annual Study Meeting

RIHE sponsors an Annual Study Meeting for the discussion of current topics and exchange of opinions. This is a major function of the Institute, and public lectures are usually given on this occasion.

## ● International Seminars and Conferences

RIHE has been involved with numerous international joint research activities in cooperation with UNESCO, OECD, and consortia of universities overseas. In addition, it regularly organizes international conferences on current research topics.

## ● Research Projects

- Improvement of Higher Education Policies and Research Through a Critical Review of the EBPM and Exploring its Potential for EIPM (2020-, MURASAWA, Masataka)
- International Comparative Research on the Determinants of Professional Activities Hours of Academic Professions (2021-, DAIZEN, Tsukasa)
- Reframing the Reproducibility Problem of Research by Examining the Robustness of Scientific Theories (2021-, NOUCHI, Rei)
- Research, Education, and Students Transgressing Between Real and Cyber Space: Universities in the age of digital natives (2022-, KOBAYASHI, Shinichi)
- Rethinking Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences: Mathematical development and verification of evaluation and interpretation of "explanation" (2022-, MURASAWA, Masataka)
- Toward a Dynamic Academic Society: Integrating a new academic generation in Japan (2020-, KIM, Yangson)

- Development and Application of "Learning Outcome" Indicators Based on Mathematical Models (2023-, FAN, Yizhou)
- Local and Global Public Good of Higher Education: 10 nation study, funded by Department of Education, University of Oxford (2020-, HUANG, Futao)

## ● Higher Education Seminars

This seminar, targeting university staff, provides basic knowledge about higher education in a broader perspective.

## ● Bilateral Agreements

- Between RIHE and Centre for the Study of Higher Education (CSHE), The University of Melbourne, Australia (2005-)
- Between RIHE and Graduate School of Education, Peking University, China (2006-)
- Between RIHE and the Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE), University College London, U.K. (2017-2022)



Publications at RIHE



RIHE Institute Library

# Publication and Information Services

## ● RIHE Publications

- Daigaku Ronshu (Research in Higher Education) (1973-) ~ No. 55
- Notes on Higher Education (1971-1989) ~ No. 73
- Reviews in Higher Education (1990-) ~ No. 171
- Colleague (1975-) ~ No. 56
- RIHE International Seminar Reports (1977-) ~ No. 26
- RIHE International Publication Series (1987-) ~ No. 10
- COE Publication Series (2003-2007) ~ No. 30
- Higher Education Forum (2003-) ~ Vol. 20
- Higher Education Research in Japan (2003-2008) ~ Vol. 5

## ● Research Documents and Information

- Books (Japanese) 25,930 books
- (other languages) 18,120 books
- Journals (Japanese) 43 titles
- (other languages) 42 titles
- Newspapers (Japanese) 8 titles
- (English) 2 titles
- University Syllabuses and Handbooks (Japanese) 20,600
- (other languages) 8,930
- Leaflets on Higher Education 62,450

For further information about RIHE publications, please visit our website at: <https://rihe.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/publications/en/>



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Implementation of Quantitative Methods Based  
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## Visiting Research Scholars

- MORGAN, Keith J.  
(Lancaster University, UK/ University of Newcastle, Australia,  
May 1996-March 1997, March-June 1999, September-December 2007, January-March 2010)
- BESS, James L.  
(New York University, USA, May-August 1998)
- GRUBER, Karl H.  
(The University of Vienna, Austria, July-September 1999)
- PAN, Maoyuan  
(Xiamen University, China, January-April 2000)
- SHEN, Hong  
(Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, October-December 2000)
- SCHUETZE, HANS G. M.  
(The University of British Columbia, Canada, January-March 2001)
- JAMES, Richard H.  
(The University of Melbourne, Australia, April-June 2001)
- WANG, Weilian  
(Xiamen University, China, November 2001-April 2002)
- FINKELSTEIN, Martin J.  
(Seton Hall University, USA, July 2002-January 2003)
- WELCH, Anthony R.  
(The University of Sydney, Australia, November 2003-February 2004)
- TEICHLER, Ulrich C.  
(The University of Kassel, Germany, April-August 2004)
- CHEN, Xuefei  
(Peking University, China, February-April 2005)
- MCINNIS, Craig V.  
(The University of Melbourne, Australia, November 2006-March 2007)
- KNIGHT, Jane  
(University of Toronto, Canada, April-June 2007)
- VÄLIMAA, Jussi P.  
(University of Jyväskylä, Finland, January-April 2008)
- SIRAT, Morshidi Bin  
(Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia, May-July 2008)
- LIU, Niancai  
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- BARTON, Charles R.  
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- MARGINSON, Simon W.  
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- ZHANG, Yingqiang  
(Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China, June-August 2011)
- WESTERHEIJDEN, Don F.  
(The University of Twente, The Netherlands, September-November 2011)
- SHIN, Jung-Cheol  
(Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, April-June 2013)

## Visiting Associates

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- WATANABE, P. Satoshi (Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University & Cabinet Office)
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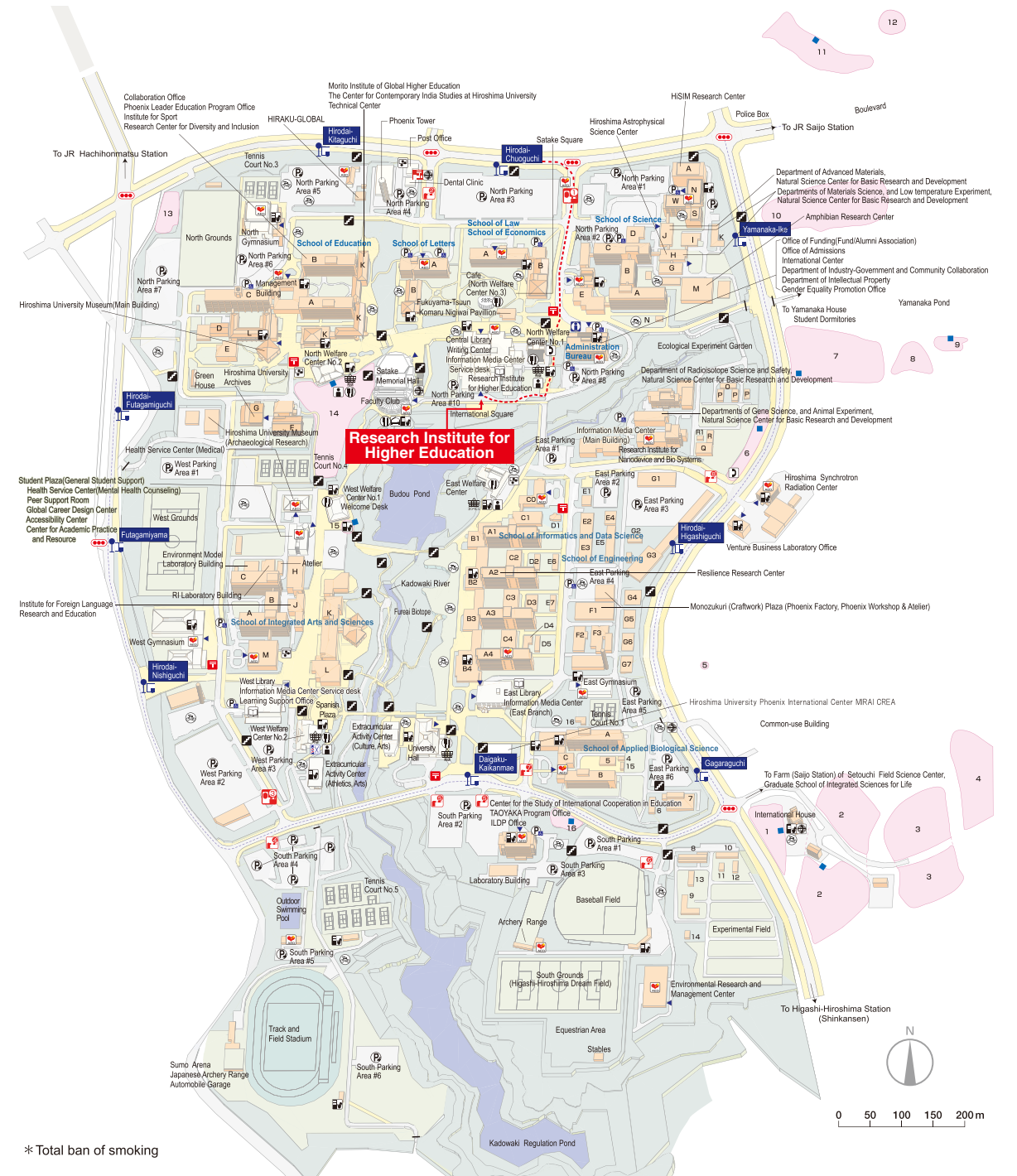
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- OKI, Miki

# Hiroshima University Higashi-Hiroshima Campus Map



\* Total ban of smoking

Legend					
	Stairs		Information Corner		Manned Car Entrance Gate (For Visitors)
	Mail Box		Pay Phone		Unmanned Car Entrance Gate (For Pass Card Holders)
	Post Office		International Pay Phone		Parking Lot
	ATM		Library		Bicycle Parking
	Lodging Facility		Cafeteria/Restaurant/Café		Bus Stop
	Vending Machine Corner		Convenience Store		Shop
	Barbershop		Main Entrance		AED Location
	Public Green Space		Forested Area/Entrance Prohibited		Pedestrian Path
	Bicycle Path				

# Access



## Access to Higashi-Hiroshima Campus

Narita Airport	By Air	75min. Bus	Haneda Airport	90min. Plane	Hiroshima Airport	15min. Bus	Shiraichi Sta.	10min. Local Train	Saijo Sta.	20min. Bus	Higashi-Hiroshima Campus
	By JR	80min. Limited Exp.	Tokyo Sta.	200~250min. Shinkansen	Fukuyama Sta.	40min. Shinkansen	Higashi-Hiroshima Sta.	15min. Bus or Taxi			
Kansai Airport	By JR	50min. Limited Exp.	Shin-Osaka Sta.	70min. Shinkansen	Fukuyama Sta.	40min. Shinkansen	Higashi-Hiroshima Sta.	15min. Bus or Taxi			

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