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**Invitation to the online release of
Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2020-21
Briefing Video**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Every autumn, APIR publishes an overview of the economic conditions in Kansai and the Asia-Pacific in Japanese. In April this year, APIR released an updated English-language edition of this annual publication entitled *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2020-21*.

This year, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we would also like to extend our cordial invitation to all of you to watch the briefing video on our website, in which we outline this year's *Economic Outlook* in English.

APIR's Economic Outlook contains quantitative research covering a wide array of topics, featuring straightforward explanations of the latest economic trends illustrated by multiple graphs. This year's issue consists of three parts: Part I contains articles on the politico-economic status quo of the Asia-Pacific region, Part II features our analyses and forecasts concerning Kansai's economy, and Part III provides a chronology of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as of policy responses by Japan and other major economies.

The content of the *Economic Outlook* is aimed not only at private companies, but also at diplomatic missions in Japan, government and municipal offices, and universities. We invite all those who support the strengthening of economic ties between Kansai, the rest of Japan and the Asia-Pacific to view our video.

Details

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Content: Overview of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific, Economic Outlook: 2020-21*

- Opening remarks by **Yuzo Honda** (Director of Research)
- Overview of Part I by **Kenta Goto** (Senior Research Fellow)
- Overview of Part II and III by **Yoshihisa Inada** (Director of Research)

Features of *Kansai and the Asia Pacific*, Economic Outlook:2020-21

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【PartIII】 COVID-19 Chronology

