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*Gateway to
Global Leadership*

Message from the President

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), a graduate school established in 1997, aims to contribute to the development and advancement of democratic governance, both in Japan and abroad, through research on and education in governmental policy and policy reform. Since its inception as the Graduate School of Policy Science at Saitama University in 1977, GRIPS has conducted policy research relevant to the current affairs of Japan and the world and has provided graduate education in advanced policy studies designed primarily for mid-career administrative and government officials from Japan and overseas, mainly from developing countries. At GRIPS we place particular emphasis on education for our international students; many of our degree programs can be obtained through study entirely in English.

GRIPS endeavors to produce young policy-makers who can tackle problems faced by countries, cities, international organizations, companies, and civil society at large. To that end, graduate education at GRIPS focuses on not only the fundamentals of policy research but also practical problem-solving. The students benefit from high-quality instruction in a comprehensive array of subjects, particularly economics, political science, public administration, international relations, and engineering. They also have the opportunity to acquire a valuable set of data science skills. Leveraging GRIPS' location in Japan, we have formed our curriculum around the examination of selected case studies reflecting the experiences of Japan and other Asian countries related to modernization, rapid economic growth, and disaster management.

In fiscal 2020, we launched the Global Leadership Development Program and the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program (both two-year master's programs that allow students to obtain a degree entirely through classes held at night and on Saturdays). If you have a desire to study with us, but find it difficult to free yourself for daytime weekday lectures, we encourage you to apply for one of these programs.

GRIPS' current policy on education, research and management is strongly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Our curriculum highlights the 17 goals of the SDGs: since many of our students will go on to become leaders of their countries, we work to raise their awareness and knowledge of the SDGs. I am also keen on encouraging research that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. To promote innovative efforts by GRIPS alumni towards the achievement of the SDGs, in 2019 GRIPS launched the annual GRIPS SDGs Award.

Currently, international students make up 60% of our student population. Even by global standards, we are a particularly international research and education institution. In this environment, international students have the opportunity to engage in friendly competition among themselves and with the people who will lead Japan in the future. On the other hand, our Japanese students have the chance to create bonds with people from around the globe who will go on to be leaders in their home countries. In this global atmosphere, we particularly welcome Japanese applicants to the English program. We also place strong emphasis on improving the English of the students in the Japanese program, and encourage them to participate in classes conducted in English. As well, we provide English classes and other learning opportunities in the Center for Professional Communication (CPC). For international students, the CPC provides Japanese classes and related learning opportunities, notably through the center's programs for rich exposure to elements of Japanese culture.

GRIPS is centrally located in Tokyo and has extensive access to the Japanese government and its agencies and to other major stakeholders. This proximity allows our students to observe important Japanese policymaking action closely as they conduct their research.

In addition to high-quality graduate education, we offer training programs that meet the needs of various stakeholders, including the government agencies of a wide array of countries; we also accept funded research that draws on our faculty's expertise.

The world in the 21st century is facing a great number of urgent issues that require action on both national and international scales. These issues, reflected in the SDGs, impact on areas including economic development, security, the environment, population, health and hygiene, equality, and technological progress. In particular, the Covid-19 pandemic poses unprecedented policy challenges for countries and the international community. Looking ahead to the post-pandemic world, GRIPS aims to continue to conduct research addressing these issues, and to nurture policy professionals who are motivated and equipped to take on global challenges.

Akihiko Tanaka
President



Profile

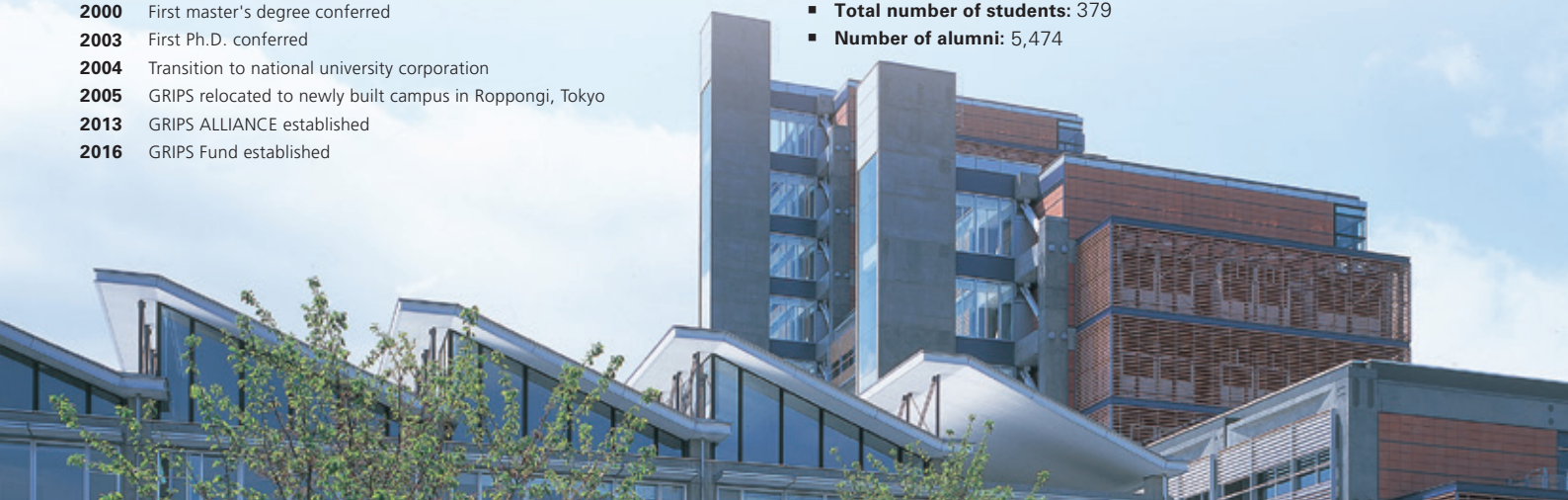
Akihiko Tanaka obtained his Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981 and has held various positions at the University of Tokyo, including Professor of International Politics, Director of the Institute of Oriental Culture, and Executive Vice-President. He served as President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from April, 2012, to September, 2015. Professor Tanaka's academic specialties include theories of international politics, development cooperation, contemporary international relations in East Asia, and Japanese foreign policy. In 2012, he received the Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon (*shiju hoshō*) for his academic achievements. In April 2017, Professor Tanaka became President of GRIPS.

Brief History

- 1977** Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), Saitama University established
- 1997** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) established
- 1998** GRIPS relocated to campus in Shinjuku Wakamatsu-cho, Tokyo
- 2000** First master's degree conferred
- 2003** First Ph.D. conferred
- 2004** Transition to national university corporation
- 2005** GRIPS relocated to newly built campus in Roppongi, Tokyo
- 2013** GRIPS ALLIANCE established
- 2016** GRIPS Fund established

Basic Data

- **Location:** Central Tokyo (Roppongi)
- **Degrees awarded:** Master's degrees and doctorates
- **Language of instruction:** English
- **Academic calendar:** October-September
- **Total number of students:** 379
- **Number of alumni:** 5,474



Meet Policy Professionals from Around the World

Many students at GRIPS are mid-career personnel from central and local government, related institutions and private companies. About 60% of the student body is composed of international students from nearly 50 countries and regions, many of whom are administrative officials in their own countries.

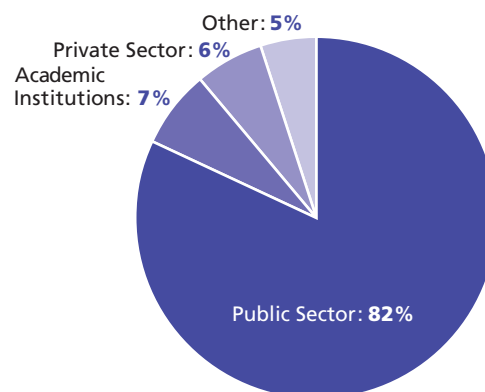
Our students have diverse nationalities, cultures, and languages, but they are all dedicated policy professionals. GRIPS is an environment where Japanese and international students can address the same problems in the same classroom, thinking about future policy from a global perspective.



GRIPS attracts students from around the world in a variety of fields. Networks established during study are precious assets after graduation. Our graduates number over 5,000 and hail from 117 different countries and regions, including those from GRIPS's predecessor, the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University.

Where are GRIPS Alumni working?

(Graduated 2020)



GRIPS/GSPS Alumni in the World (as of May 2021)

Asia 23 countries & regions	Bangladesh	193	Bhutan	36	Brunei	3	Cambodia	116	China	223	India	75
	Indonesia	533	Japan	1,931	Laos	45	Malaysia	132	Maldives	16	Mongolia	79
	Myanmar	123	Nepal	91	Pakistan	118	Philippines	238	Singapore	9	South Korea	72
	Sri Lanka	91	Taiwan	2	Thailand	194	Timor-Leste	2	Vietnam	183		
Pacific 7 countries	Australia	45	Fiji	11	New Zealand	1	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	1	Tonga	1
	Vanuatu	1										
North America 2 countries	Canada	1	U.S.A.	3								
Latin America 17 countries	Belize	1	Brazil	13	Chile	4	Colombia	8	Costa Rica	4	Cuba	1
	Dominican Republic	6	Ecuador	7	El Salvador	23	Guatemala	4	Haiti	1	Jamaica	2
	Mexico	3	Nicaragua	16	Paraguay	4	Peru	19	Venezuela	3		
Europe (including NIS countries) 30 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	7	Bulgaria	13	Croatia	1	Czech	12
	Georgia	13	Germany	5	Greece	1	Hungary	15	Iceland	1	Italy	2
	Kazakhstan	50	Kyrgyz Republic	65	Latvia	1	Lithuania	2	Macedonia	2	Moldova	2
	Netherlands	3	Poland	25	Romania	13	Russia	1	Serbia	2	Slovakia	7
	Spain	1	Switzerland	2	Tajikistan	16	Turkmenistan	6	Ukraine	7	Uzbekistan	103
Middle East 7 countries	Afghanistan	13	Iran	3	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2	Turkey	16
	Yemen	2										
Africa 31 countries	Algeria	7	Botswana	3	Burundi	1	Cameroon	3	Cote d'Ivoire	3	DR Congo	1
	Egypt	17	Eritrea	1	Ethiopia	39	Ghana	51	Guinea	1	Kenya	42
	Lesotho	1	Liberia	3	Madagascar	3	Malawi	5	Mauritius	3	Morocco	1
	Mozambique	3	Namibia	1	Nigeria	4	Rwanda	5	Sierra Leone	6	South Africa	1
	South Sudan	1	Sudan	3	Tanzania	47	Tunisia	1	Uganda	42	Zambia	31
	Zimbabwe	28										

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Center for Professional Communication

The mission of the Center for Professional Communication is to support GRIPS' students, faculty, and staff in developing effective professional communication skills and competencies needed to communicate productively in an environment of multiple stakeholders. To that end, we offer a range of instruction and support in fundamental areas of professional communication in English and Japanese including policy paper writing, professional speaking, grant proposal writing, and digital communications. We also provide opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges through a self-access learning center, organize seminars and special events related to all aspects of professional communication, and prepare customized materials for students and staff on academic and professional writing and language learning.



Focused Knowledge of Policy Studies

Located in Roppongi, Tokyo, the GRIPS campus is close to Nagatacho and Kasumigaseki, the political and administrative centers of Japan respectively, making it easy for current administrative officers and practitioners to visit. Through lectures, seminars, the GRIPS Forum and other events, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of policy studies by hearing from top-class experts on the front lines of domestic and international academia, government, politics and industry.



Soukairou Hall

Diversity and Depth of Teaching

Our faculty consists of leading scholars in policy studies from Japan and overseas, and highly gifted individuals with practical experience in government, international development and related fields. Together, they make a team of instructors with great diversity and depth. We have more than 70 full-time and many part-time professors to our approximately 380 students. The curriculum includes discussions and tutorial classes with a small number of students, alongside regular lectures. Instruction is closely attuned to the needs of the individual student.



Short-Term Executive Training

Based on experiences of short-term training of Executive Government Officials, GRIPS established the Executive Development Center for Global Leadership (CGL) in 2013. CGL provides various short-term training programs for government officials, particularly in senior executive level and middle management level, in response to specific requests from respective governments.

From 2020, GRIPS started implementing online programs. GRIPS professors plan and provide lectures and discussions through various tools and methods .



» Subjects of Short-Term Executive Training Program include:

- Leadership Development and Management for the 21st Century
- Public Management in General
- Structures and Processes of Government
- Organization Management
- Civil Service Systems and Human Resource Management
- Tools of Government
- Legal Systems and Legislative Review
- Administrative Reform and Innovation
- Good Governance
- Trust in the Government
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption
- Local Governance in General
- Local Government Administration
- Local Government Financial Administration
- Management of Inter-Governmental Relations
- Public Policy Analysis
- Selected Substantive Policies

» Short-term training programs consist of various activities:

- Lectures by distinguished professors from GRIPS and from other universities, government officials, business executives and research experts
- Field trips to government agencies and other relevant institutions
- Group discussions and workshops
- Policy making and presentation
- Exchange and Knowledge sharing with Japanese people

For the past programs, please visit GRIPS website at

<https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/training/>

Degree Programs

Sustainable development goals (SDGs) relevant to our master's and doctorate programs

Master's Programs

Young Leaders Program

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This program focuses on exposing students in a systematic way to the fundamentals of politics, government and public administration, public policy, management and leadership. The program prepares students to work as senior executives and leaders in the national, sub-national and local governments as well as in other public sector organizations.

One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1)

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This program equips managers and leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary for analysis, implementation, and evaluation of public policy. Students who enroll in this program become part of a global network of leaders.

Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)

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This program conveys technical policy analysis skills to early-career professionals in local or national governments, international organizations, or policy institutes.

Macroeconomic Policy Program

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The aim of this program is to enable macroeconomic policy professionals to plan and maintain robust national economies by equipping them with an understanding of macroeconomic fluctuations and the roles of monetary and fiscal policies in domestic and global economies.

Public Finance Program

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This program provides students with the conceptual understanding and technical competence they need to become leaders in taxation and customs.

Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program

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This is a joint two-year GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage program offered in conjunction with top national universities in Indonesia. The program is aimed at preparing local and central government officials who will contribute to good governance and economic development in Indonesia.

Disaster Management Policy Program

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This program equips professionals from developing countries with effective approaches to, and techniques for, coping with natural disasters, as well as with engineering knowledge and skills needed to minimize seismic risks and counteract widespread water hazards.

Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program

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This program is designed and administered jointly by GRIPS and the Japan Coast Guard Academy. Students benefit from both institutions' resources in the fields of public policy, security studies, maritime safety, and maritime security.

Ph.D. Programs

Our Ph.D. programs prepare a new generation of public policy researchers, scholars, and professionals. The programs stress the development of theoretical, conceptual, and methodological knowledge as well as advanced skills needed for high-level policy analysis in government, universities, and international organizations. The Policy Analysis Program is 5-year doctoral program designed for bachelor's degree holders; all other doctoral programs are 3-year programs designed for master's degree holders.

5-Year Ph.D. Program

Policy Analysis Program

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3-Year Ph.D. Programs

GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)

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Disaster Management Program

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Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program

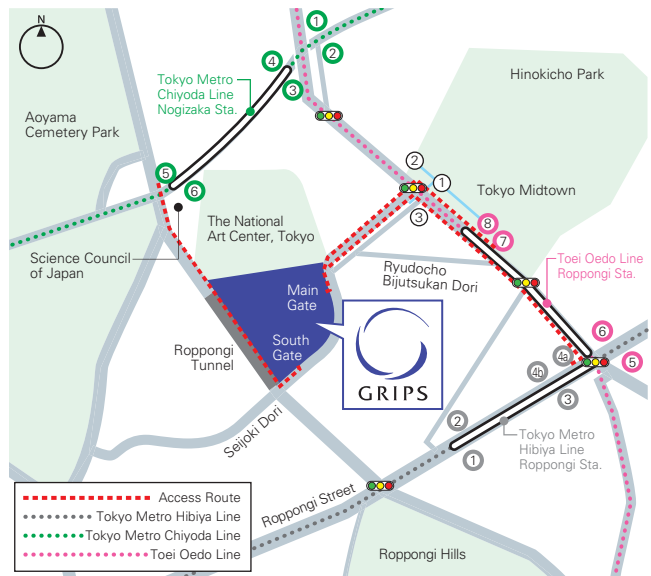
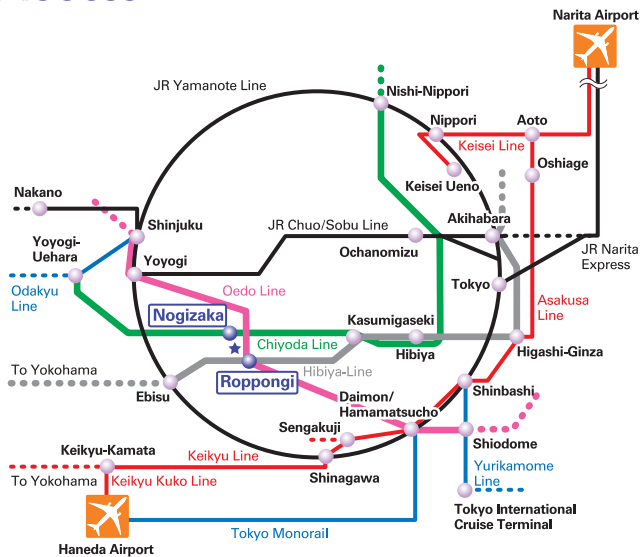
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Please visit the dedicated website, Knowledge and Research: GRIPS' contributions to the SDGs, to see the connections between our research and education activities and the SDGs.
<https://www.grips.ac.jp/sdgs/en/>

Access



From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Tokyo by Narita Express: 1 hour 30 minutes
From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Nippori by Skyliner: 1 hour 15 minutes
From Haneda Airport to Roppongi by Tokyo Monorail: 40 minutes
From Tokyo to Roppongi: 17 minutes

From exit no. 7 at Roppongi station on the Toei Oedo Line: 5 minutes walk
From exit no. 4a at Roppongi station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line: 10 minutes walk
From exit no. 5 at Nogizaka station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line: 6 minutes walk

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