# 4. Alumni Network

A great resource of GRIPS, and a joyful aspect of studying here, is the diversity of the student community. The connections you make at GRIPS are a valuable product of your time at GRIPS. We make ongoing efforts to keep you in touch with your fellow alumni and ensure that those bonds are lifetime ones.

As a GRIPS graduate, you are a member of an impressive network of close to six thousand alumni who are actively shaping policy in more than 120 countries around the world. Connectivity and communication are the heart of the alumni community. We offer a variety of ways for you to remain engaged with GRIPS and strengthen your ties with your fellow alumni around the globe. These offerings include alumni reunions, seminars, the searchable alumni directory, and online networking opportunities utilizing social media such as Facebook, X, and LinkedIn.



Upon graduation you automatically become a member of the GRIPS Alumni Association, free of charge. When you visit Tokyo, please feel free to drop by the campus! You are always welcome!!

#### **Alumni Reunions**

Whenever a GRIPS faculty member or staff member visits a country where we have graduates, we schedule an alumni reunion there.

There are also plenty of online opportunities to stay connected with GRIPS, including symposiums, seminars, and virtual reunions.

# **Local Alumni Groups**

Local alumni groups, established around the world, help with the organization of local alumni events, advise and recruit prospective students, and promote GRIPS around the world. Please join your local group!

## **GRIPS Alumni Platform**

In 2024, we opened the new Alumni Platform site, where alumni can keep in touch with each other and with GRIPS. Through this site, GRIPS will keep you updated on our recent activities and will provide you with information on various events such as alumni reunions.

Note: your GRIPS email address is only valid while you are a GRIPS student.

Once you leave GRIPS, this platform will be your primary means of staying connected.

When you graduate, you will receive an invitation to become a member of this platform.

We look forward to your active participation!

URL: <a href="https://grips.alumnet.jp/">https://grips.alumnet.jp/</a>

## **GRIPS** in Social Media

#### **GRIPS Alumni on Facebook**

Established in September 2007, the GRIPS alumni Facebook group has grown to become a major alumni networking tool. The group is also a great place to share information about alumni career moves, new developments at GRIPS, news about faculty members, alumni events, opportunities for further study or research in Japan, and more. The group currently has over three thousand members; all newly enrolled students are encouraged to sign up for the alumni Facebook group.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRIPSAlumni/

#### LinkedIn

LinkedIn is another great way to enhance your professional network. Members of the GRIPS community are invited to join the GRIPS Alumni Group on LinkedIn.

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2628687/

# **Alumnus of the Month (ALMO)**

The Alumnus of the Month is a special feature on the GRIPS website designed to recognize alumni who have made exceptional contributions to their field or profession, and those who are doing other interesting and exciting things. We invite these outstanding alumni to be interviewed for the ALMO feature.

https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/alumni/almo/

For further information about the activities of the alumni network, please check our resources on the web: <a href="https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/alumni/index/">https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/alumni/index/</a>