

**Synthetic Studies on Business Cycle and Economic Growth-  
Construction of Business Cycle Models and Empirical  
Analyses of Japanese Economy**

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**【Outline of survey】**

This research project aims at establishing the basic background for understanding more quickly and accurately the Japanese economy in order for macroeconomic policies to better stabilize business cycles. More concretely, we empirically analyze the Japanese economy from the view point of judging the business cycle phases paying due attention to the historical changes in such institutional designs as corporate governance and incentive mechanisms in the labor market. We also analyze theoretically the business cycle models and construct new business indicators by taking account of information given from many business surveys.

**【Expected results】**

Business cycles are inevitable in any economy. But they can be stabilized to certain extent by properly managed macroeconomic stabilization policies and by properly designed economic incentive mechanisms and/or properly constructed economic institutions. This research project will help prescribing proper macro-economic policies and providing proper institutional designs through the steady accumulation of both theoretical and empirical analyses on business cycles.

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**【Homepage address】**

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