

ESRI International Conference 2026 (as of 15 April, 2026)  
 “The Japanese economy over the first quarter of the 21 Century”

Date: 6 August 2026

Venue : Akasaka Intercity Conference Center (with Online Audience)

Program	
9:30- 9:40	Welcome Remark Atsushi Seike, Honorable President, ESRI
9:40-10:30	Keynote Speech C h a i r: TBD S p e a k e r: Mary Daly, President, FRB San Francisco
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:15	Session 1: Why has deflation been so persistent over years? C h a i r: Anil Kashyap, the University of Chicago S p e a k e r: Laurence Ball, Johns Hopkins University D i s c u s s a n t: Tsutomu Watanabe, Canon Institute for Global Studies
12:05-13:15	Lunch Break
13:15-14:35	Session 2: The role of fiscal policy C h a i r: Takeo Hoshi, the University of Tokyo S p e a k e r: Hiroaki Miyamoto, Hitotsubashi University D i s c u s s a n t: Alan Auerbach, UC Berkeley
14:35-14:50	Coffee Break
14:50-16:10	Session 3: Has structural reform progressed as intended? C h a i r: Alan Auerbach, UC Berkeley S p e a k e r: Anil Kashyap, the University of Chicago Takeo Hoshi, the University of Tokyo D i s c u s s a n t: Naoki Takayama, Hitotsubashi University
16:10-16:25	Coffee Break
16:25-17:55	P a n e l: Increasing uncertainties and the role of government – past, present and future C h a i r: Kazumasa Iwata, President, Japan Center for Economic Research P a n e l i s t s: Hiroshi Nomura, ESRI Bronwyn Hall, UC Berkeley Ali Hortacsu, the University of Chicago Harukata Takenaka, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
17:55-18:00	Closing Remark Hiroshi Nomura, President, ESRI
18:10-	Reception

(Note) The program is subject to change.