

Target Area (Sub-program/ Component) : Development Issues
Public Policy and Public Finance
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Background
<p>The government announced “A Ten Year Horizon Development Framework 2006-2016” in 2007 to promote economic development with acceptance on development without any gap, such as organization of fundamental socioeconomic capitals that contribute to economic growth and correction of a gap among regions, poverty reduction in local regions through the community development, promotion of socioeconomic development in the northeast region as a major strategic target, and others. While consistently taking the direction toward market economy, the government is providing services of health care and education for free of charge, and thus achieving a high level of social index among the South Asian countries. However, there are serious issues such as increased gaps among regions and ethnic groups and institutional exhaustion of the social security system because of the long lasting dispute, the deficit accumulated by the public sector and the lack of policy consistency caused by the complicated political situation. In order to cope with such situation, it is imperative to develop human resources who are capable of strategic and effective policy planning with a long-term vision.</p> <p>It is expected that the JDS project will improve the abilities to analyze Sri Lanka’s structural issues and financial problems deeply, and to plan and explain a persuasive policy based on the knowledge about actual economic activities and policy effects as well as the ability to analyze based on accurate data.</p>
Expected Research Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Economics • Public Financial Policy • Social Policy