8:00 - 8:30am  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 - 9:35am  BUDGET CONSTRAINTS AND TRADEOFFS

"Soft-Budget Constraints and Local Expenditures"
Takero Doi (Keio University) & Toshihiro Ihori (University of Tokyo)

"Fiscal Realities: Budget Tradeoffs in State and Local Government"
Tracy Gordon (Public Policy Institute of California)

9:35 - 9:50am  COFFEE BREAK

9:50 - 10:55am  FISCAL ISSUES

"Fiscal Decentralization and Educational Performance"
Nobuo Akai (University of Hyogo), Masayo Sakata (Osaka International University),
& Ryuichi Tanaka (Tokyo Institute of Technology)

"Japanese Fiscal Burdens and Generational Accounting"
Satoko Maekawa (Kansai University)

10:55 am - 12:30 pm  LOCAL INNOVATION

"Urbanization, Productivity and Innovation:
Evidence from Investment in Higher Education"
Roland Andersson (Royal Institute of Technology), John M. Quigley (UC Berkeley),
& Mats Wilhelmsson (Royal Institute of Technology)

"Innovation and Imitation Across Jurisdictions"
Amihai Glazer (UC Irvine) & Hiroki Kondo (Shinshu University)

"Urban Extremism"
Jan K. Brueckner & Amihai Glazer (UC Irvine)

1:00 - 3:00pm  LUNCH @ ADAGIA RESTAURANT
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