

## 経済・社会科学賞

### 東アジア経済統合への理論的支柱を提供した経済学者

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#### 〈プロフィール〉

1966年京都大学工学部土木工学科卒業。甲南大学特別客員教授、京都大学経済研究所特任教授。2003年から2007年まで独立行政法人日本貿易振興機構（ジェトロ）アジア経済研究所所長、および2007年から2016年3月まで独立行政法人経済産業研究所（RIETI）所長も兼務。日本経済学会会長（2009-2010年）。主な研究分野は都市・地域・国際・空間経済学。1972年米国ペンシルバニア大学博士号（地域科学）取得。主な著書：『空間経済学—都市・地域・国際貿易の新しい分析』（共著）など。

#### 〈受賞理由〉

藤田教授は都市・地域経済学で優れた研究業績をあげ、特に新経済地理学・空間経済学の構築に不可欠な貢献を成してきた。ポール・クルーグマン、アンソニー・ベナブルズとの共著による『空間経済学—都市・地域・国際貿易の新しい分析』（原著The Spatial Economy: Cities, Regions, and International Trade,1999年）は、新経済地理学・空間経済学における必読書となっている。新経済地理学・空間経済学は、経済活動の集積と分散を分析する学問であり、輸送費の変化が集積力や分散力を生み出し、産業立地や人口移動、国際分業等に影響を及ぼすことを経済理論により説明する。こうした藤田教授の研究・卓越した研究実績と実証研究を重視する姿は、ASEANの様々なイニシアティブや東アジア経済統合の推進に多大な影響を及ぼしている。



## Economic and Social Science Prize

### Revered economist providing the theoretical basis for the East Asia's economic integration

Masahisa Fujita Professor, Konan University

#### 〈PROFILE〉

Prof Fujita's distinguished career has been dedicated to the academe: as Professor in the then Department of Economics and Regional Science at the University of Pennsylvania and at the Institute of Economic Research at Kyoto University; as a member of the Japan Academy since 2010; as President of the Institute of Developing Economies–Japan External Trade Organization (2003–2007) and the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (2007–2016); and as President of the Japanese Economic Association (2009–2010). He holds a PhD in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania. His research and teaching interests are urban economics, regional economics, international trade, and spatial economics.

His major works include Urban Economic Theory (1989); The Spatial Economy: Cities, Regions, and International Trade (1999); Economics of Agglomeration: Cities, Industrial Location, and Regional Growth (2002 and 2013); Regional Integration in East Asia: From the Viewpoint of Spatial Economics (2007); and The Economics of East Asian Integration: A Comprehensive Introduction to Regional Issues (2011).

#### 〈ACHIEVEMENTS DESERVING OF THE AWARD〉

Prof Fujita's pioneering works in regional and urban economics made vital contributions to establishing 'new economic geography' or spatial economics. His seminal book on spatial economy, co-authored with Paul Krugman and Anthony J. Venables, has been cited in more than 8,000 studies. Economic geography investigates reasons for spatial agglomeration and dispersion, especially the role of transport costs in generating agglomeration and dispersion forces that affect industrial location, flows of population, international division of labour, and others. His studies provide a theoretical foundation in understanding the potential benefits of East Asian economic integration.

Prof Fujita emphasises the importance of both theoretical and empirical and field studies. His theory and enthusiasm for research encourage East Asian scholars to conduct policy-oriented studies and evidence-based policymaking. His initiatives have significantly contributed to promoting various ASEAN initiatives, such as the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025, and East Asian economic integration.

His accomplishments are worthy of the Economic and Social Prize of the 3rd Asian Cosmopolitan Awards.