

Live Webinar

## Is Korea Following in Japan's Footsteps?

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*Featuring:*

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On April 13, 2021, CJEB and the APEC Study Center cohosted a live webinar featuring Dr. Randall S. Jones, with Professor David Weinstein serving as moderator. Dr. Jones discussed how Korea has been able to achieve rapid convergence to the income levels in Japan and other advanced countries. He also commented on why productivity in Korea lags well behind the highest-income countries, as in the case of Japan, contributing to unbalanced growth and income inequality, as well as how rapid population aging is putting strong upward pressure on public social spending, creating fiscal challenges comparable to those in Japan. The webinar concluded with a Q&A session with the audience. The Korea Society was an outreach partner for this event. To view the video recording of the webinar, please visit <https://youtu.be/mHF9HEZkJgk>.