## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHUBU ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE EXECUTIVES (CACE)

Founded in May of 1955, the Chubu Association of Corporate Executives is made up of top business executives in the Chubu region of central Japan and is headquartered in Nagoya.

Its initial aims were to rebuild the post war Japanese economy, as well as cultivate a network of company executives as individual persons apart from preexisting organizations that represented companies and industries as a whole. By doing so, the CACE afforded business and industry leaders an opportunity to shed their responsibility and connection to larger company entities, instead engaging in a more personal exchange allowing for objectivity, better communication, and a broader perspective on various Japanese economic issues.

Since then, the CACE has grown into an extensive network of like-minded business and industry leaders. The CACE strives to contribute to progressive regional and national economic development, as well as foster constructive dialogue between business executives to further facilitate growth and sharing of experiential industry knowledge. To these ends, the CACE organizes the following activities in close cooperation with the Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Tokyo) and other regional Associations of Corporate Executives.

- 1. Relevant issue based seminars, round tables and committee hearings
- 2. Drafting of proposals for national and regional economic policies

Currently, the CACE has approximately 990 members and maintains the following structure: three chairpersons, a board of senior directors, and a board of directors. Annual theme activities of the CACE are decided upon at the Annual General Assembly held at the beginning of each year.

Subsequently, the CACE organizes a full calendar year of relevant programming, thus continuing to contribute to critical exchange between Chubu region executives, ultimately working towards a brighter, clearer economic future for industry and commerce in the Chubu region, and more broadly, Japan as a whole.