



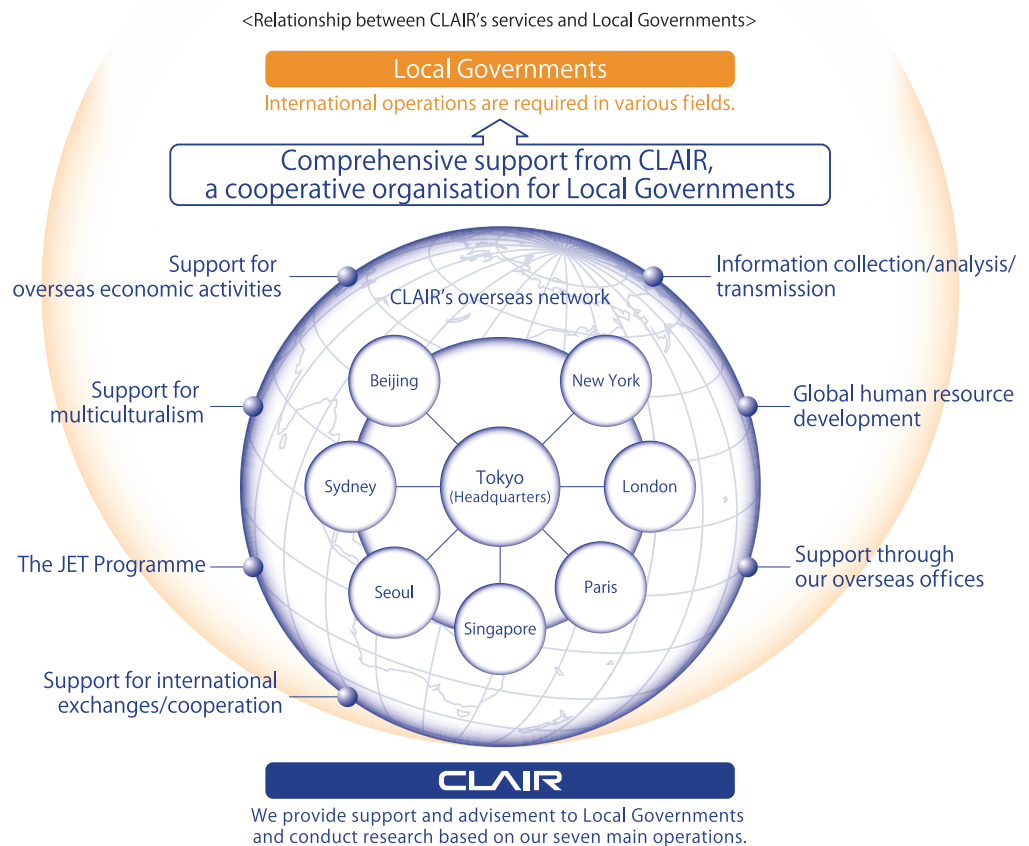
CLAIR

Council of Local Authorities for International Relations

Across Japanese local governments today, incorporating strategies and operations from a global perspective has become integral to a variety of issues, including the revitalisation of regional economies, multiculturalism, and human resource development. CLAIR's mission is to support the internationalisation efforts of these local governments.

We offer widespread support through participation in international events, establishment of a framework of people-to-people exchange, and research on overseas situations of interest.

We make suggestions using our know-how, global network, and high-quality service which has been developed over the last 30 years. Aiming to be a reliable, comprehensive support provider, we support the internationalisation of communities.



Through **Local Governments** × **CLAIR**,
we realise efficient and effective operations.



Economic Exchange

The importance of economic-related activities is growing in the overseas operations of local governments. To support these activities, CLAIR sends information on the economic sector and provides know-how, as well as offering opportunities to encourage tourists to visit Japan, and cultivate markets overseas for local specialties.



Japan Local Specialty Fair in New York

“Japan Local Specialty Fair”

We offer opportunities and know-how to help local governments set up booths which support the overseas expansion of the local specialties. In these events, held in Southeast Asia and the USA, companies wanting to expand into overseas markets are invited via local governments across the nation.

International Cooperation

Japanese local governments have a wealth of expertise that has the potential to be of immense assistance overseas. CLAIR helps Japanese local governments provide direct technical and practical support to their counterparts around the world.

Local Government International Cooperation Specialist Dispatch Project

CLAIR dispatches Japanese local government officials (including former officials) with technical skills and knowledge to overseas local governments to help solve issues they are facing. This also fosters friendly cooperative relations between Japanese and overseas local governments.



Tourism Policy Workshop in the Philippines

Multiculturalism

Foreign residents living in Japan are active participants in their communities. CLAIR supports the activities of local governments, local international associations, and organisations involved in the development of multicultural societies where foreign residents live as contributing members in their local communities.

日本語	避難場所では寝られます。
英語	You can sleep at the evacuation shelter.
中国語（簡体字）	避难场所内可以睡卧。
韓国・朝鮮語	대피 장소에서 잘 수 있습니다.
スペイン語	Se puede dormir en el refugio.

Multilingual Emergency Message Board

Multilingual Information Resources

Information for foreign residents living in Japan is provided on our CLAIR website under the “Multicultural Japan” section. “Multilingual Living Information” is in 15 languages on the website and in 14 languages on our smartphone app. Furthermore, when a disaster such as an earthquake occurs, foreign residents will need support. CLAIR has got this covered with resources and manuals that can be used by local governments to respond to and support them during disasters.

Collaboration with Local International Associations

CLAIR works together with local international associations to provide support by developing a wide-area disaster relief framework, implementing disaster drills, and providing subsidies for disaster relief.



Remote Interpretation Support System



Staff Training and Workshops

Providing Information and Training Programme

CLAIR offers support to local governments in solving issues they may have through constantly providing information about common policies on multiculturalism. CLAIR cultivates keypersons who play an active role in communities, such as multiculturalism managers through specialised training seminars on multiculturalism jointly held with the Japan Intercultural Academy of Municipalities (JIAM).

International Exchange Activities

As the world has become more globalised, international collaboration among local governments has become increasingly important to revitalise communities. CLAIR supports the international exchange efforts of local governments through supporting internationalisation, running the Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminars for overseas local government officials, and promoting regional international exchange activities.

Sister Cities

In addition to surveying and releasing examples of Japanese local governments' international exchange activities and maintaining a database of the over 1,700 sister and friendship city relationships, CLAIR jointly presents an award with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications to recognise outstanding exchange projects based on sister city relationships.



2019 Seoul Seminar in Miyazaki

Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar

CLAIR runs seminars wherein local government officials from the areas covered by our branch offices and members of organisations involved in international exchange/cooperation are invited to exchange views regarding visits to Local Governments and administrative policies in Japan.

International Conferences to Promote Local Exchange

In order to promote mutual understanding and further exchange activities among local governments, CLAIR invites related local governments and organisations from Japan and abroad to meet for CLAIR-hosted international conferences such as the Japan-China-South Korea Trilateral Local Government Exchange Conference and the Japan-France Local Government Exchange Conference.

The JET Programme

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, which was established in 1987 and aims to foster grass-roots exchanges between Japan and the world and develop the next-generation of global human resources, marked its 30th anniversary in 2016. So far, about 77,000 people from 78 countries have participated in the programme. JET Programme participants act as a bridge between local governments and their home country and contribute to the revitalisation of local communities.

The JET Programme, is a project where local governments welcome young foreign people with the aims to promote international exchange at a community level, as well as to improve foreign language education. Participants on the programme deepen relations with local residents in a variety of ways from teaching foreign languages in schools across Japan to joining international exchange activities organised by local governments. Thus, the programme is expected to contribute not only to a mutual understanding with other nations but also to the internationalisation of Japan.

CLAIR's Role in the JET Programme

CLAIR cooperates with the three ministries to facilitate the smooth running of the JET Programme. Our operations include the placement of JET Programme participants, public relations, and other matters related to program administration.

CLAIR runs post-arrival orientations and mid-year training seminars for each position (ALT, CIR, SEA), in order to provide participants with the information and know-how required for living in Japan and other JET activities. Participants who are about to finish the Programme are offered information for job hunting and future life planning. We also offer various types of counseling to JET Programme participants and host local governments as needed.



Team Teaching with ALTs



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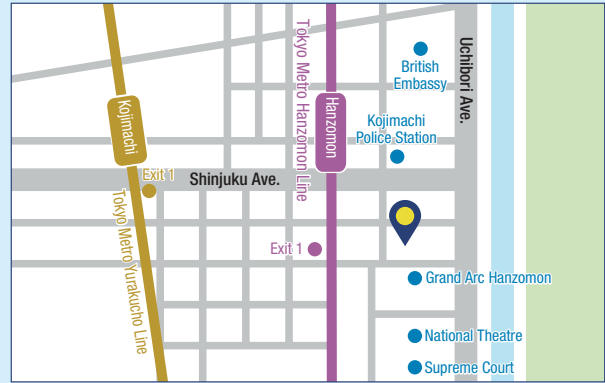
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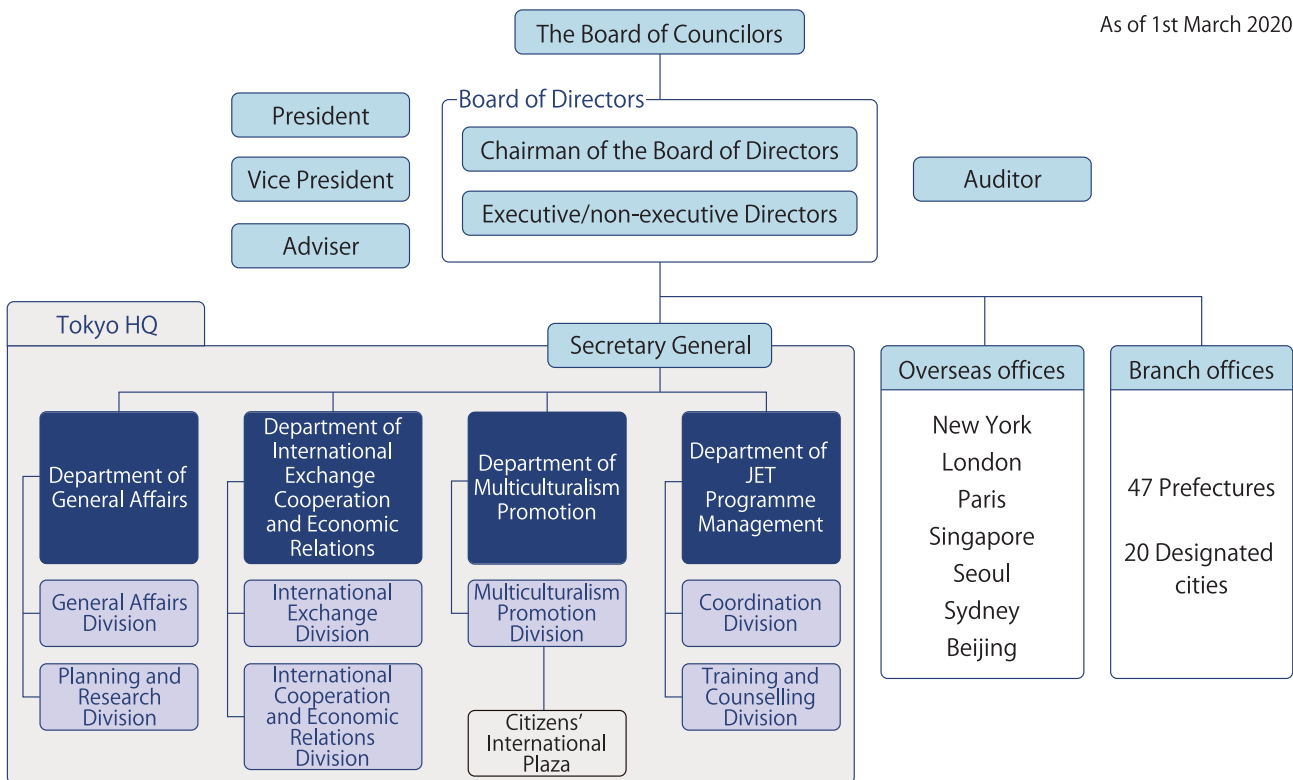
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