

Center for Sustainable Development Studies

Center's Activities in FY2016 and Forward

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While Toyo University's Center for Sustainable Development Studies (hereinafter, "the Center") concentrated its activities on the Asia region until FY2014, it added Africa to its focused research areas in FY2015 and started studies on the project subject of "development of methods of international contribution in the globalization era based on local situations in Asia and Africa". We have a study system whereby each researcher belongs to a group in charge of one of the three themes: international contribution, sustainable



Courtesy call on Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)

International Symposium Development and Environment in Africa — Human Resource Development on Technology and Society —

Date & Time : Friday, November 11, 2016
Doors open at 12:30

Venue : Inoue Enryo Hall, Toyo University Hakusan Main Campus

5-28-20 Hakusan, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 112-8606, Japan
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■ **Speakers**

- **Prof. Romanus Odhiambo Otieno, Ph.D.**
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs)
- **Prof. Patrick G. Home, Ph.D.**
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Associate Professor
- **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**
To be determined
- **Prof. Koichi Sakamoto, Ph.D.**
Toyo University, Dean of Department of Regional Development Studies, Professor

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business, and inclusive Africa, to conduct focused studies on each theme. Details of research results on each theme are published in our annual report, and their outlines are presented in this newsletter.

The major events we held in FY2015 include the International Symposium "International Contribution in the Era of Globalization" on December 11, 2015; the International Workshop "Sustainable Development and International Contribution for African Countries" on January 8, 2016; and the International Workshop "Responsible Tourism for Sustainable Development" on January 29, 2016. In these events, active discussions centered on sustainable development in Africa, with participation of many African students studying at the Graduate School of Regional Development Studies, to which the Center belongs.

Moreover, aiming to create a research base in Africa and prepare for an international symposium planned in FY2016, the Center sent an investigation team to Kenya from February 20 to 28, 2016, and the team visited Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and

Technology, which Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) supports, to exchange views with university executives and members of the technical cooperation project team from Japan. Also, we discussed with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the University of Nairobi the possibility of future cooperation in studies, and offered technical cooperation by conducting research on environmental aid projects in Kenya, as well as research on the area around Lake Nakuru for technical aid by Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

We also hope to send an investigation team to Kenya in FY2016, to build the Center's research base in Nairobi. Additionally, we are planning to hold an international symposium on development and the environment in Africa, as below, by inviting researchers from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. We look forward to having readers' continued understanding and support for the Center's activities.

International Conference and Migrants in Taiwan

Maria Rosario Piquero-Ballescás
Researcher

Hiroya Takamatsu
Graduate school of regional development studies, Toyo University



International Conference on Caring for Domestic Foreign Workers in Asia

Organized by the Risk Society and Policy Research Center of the College of Social Sciences of the National Taiwan University and co-sponsored by the Far Eastern Memorial Foundation, an international conference about caring for domestic foreign workers in Asia was held from March 17 to 18.

International participants came from government, academe, civil society, and other sectors to attend the conference whose aims included

- 1.) review the quality of life of caregivers and their rights;
- 2.) understand the current policy limitation and weakness;
- 3.) make better policies for the migrant care workers to stay and work;
- 4.) help the caregivers' better adjustment to their home societies after they go back to their original countries; and
- 5.) develop regional cooperation and strategies for human resource development.

The event also aimed to connect theory, policies, and empirical studies encompassing social justice and equality across class and ethnicity.

Fr. Peter O' Neill, Executive Director of the Hope Workers' Center and the Diocesan Chaplain and Coordinator for the Migrants and Immigrants Service Center of the Hsinchu Catholic Diocese shared his time and experiences to orient us about the situation of Filipino workers in Taiwan. Ms. Lydia Nieh joined in as well to share her experiences as a social worker of the Hope Workers' Center.

From data shared by Fr. Peter, as of the end of January 2016, a grand total of 590,086 foreign workers were working in productive industries and social welfare in Taiwan. The largest foreign group are the Indonesians (237,957 or 40 percent), followed by Vietnamese (170,268 or 29 percent) and then, by Filipinos (123,493 or 21 percent). Indonesians also dominate in human health and social work activities and other service activities

(or as domestic helpers/caregivers), followed by Filipinos, then by the Vietnamese.

Fr. Peter's discussion discussed their struggle for better migrant protection. It was not easy. It entailed so much effort, requiring much diligent work in updating one's knowledge of Taiwan's national migration laws and understanding local practice and policy as well. There was the need to provide education to migrants about their rights. The process entailed the development of effective hotlines and coordinated response system involving various agencies (police, labor agency, civil society, among others) to protect migrants and so on.

The process for better migrant protection in Taiwan has reached a very high level of multi-sectoral coordination and effectivity. Yet, the struggle goes on - there remain so much more to be done for many needy migrants, both adults and children.

Fr. Peter of the Hope Workers' Center, in his very kind, patient, and humorous style, reminded us repeatedly that there is HOPE for migrants "a step at a time, creatively," and all working together in unity.

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<http://www.philstar.com/freeman-opinion/2016/03/17/1563764/taipei-and-migrants>)

Report on Sustainable Tourism Efforts: Cases from Australia

*Ayako Toko
Theme Coordinator*

I visited Queensland, Australia for research from February 25 to March 1, 2016. Endowed with the world's

largest coral reefs and tropical rainforests, the nature-rich State of Queensland has many national parks and



KFBR's lodge is designed to integrate with nature. The hotel thoroughly implements water and other resource management, as well as building

World Natural Heritage sites that serve as precious tourist resources. This time, my research was based mainly on Fraser Island, Queensland for collecting information on local policies on nature preservation and sustainable business. Before landing on the island, I visited institutes such as Queensland's Environmental Protection Agency and the University of Queensland. I interviewed those involved in tourism about environmental management and its relation to tourism in the state, as well as about tourist control measures, collected related materials, and exchanged views. On the following day, I traveled to Frazer Island by land and ferry with a ranger of the Environmental Protection Agency. Frazer Island was registered as a World Natural Heritage Site in 1992. To ensure strict management and protection, only those with

permission from the government or designated tour operators are allowed to land on the island. Kingfisher Bay Resort (KFBR), which is a hotel on the island, is famous worldwide as the most environment-friendly large-scale accommodation. Just before the island was designated as a world natural heritage site, the hotel opened in 1992, the year of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (the Rio Earth Summit) and the adoption of Agenda 21, a set of action plans for sustainable development. With the Agenda 21 as a starter, the tourism industry worldwide for sustainable tourism picked up speed. Thus, the KFBR was a trend-setter, having created an environment-friendly management plan well before these movements. At the KFBR, I interviewed the manager of the hotel, Mr. Shumid, who also arranged an on-site tour for me to see how environmental management is being implemented. From the planning stage of the hotel, they conducted a comprehensive survey on the ecosystem of the island, and after finding that many migratory birds pass through the island each year, the height of the buildings was decided. Native plants and trees were used in all building materials and for making the gardens, reflecting the hotel's commitment to biodiversity. Naturally, various other management systems are in place, such as measures for minimizing CO₂ emissions, and for managing and reusing wastewater. This type of hotel is possible only when all stakeholders, including government officials, researchers, business owners, and local residents, participate in the planning through years of discussions and consensus-building. The KFBR is an excellent example of the integration of environment-friendliness and tourism development. As a result of my research, I compile measures for creating "conservation-based tourism," which is sustainable tourism in the true sense.

Research Assistants & Their Topics

Hoang Le Quan

A Study on Travel Intention for the Integration of Mass Rapid transit with Motorcycle in Developing-Country Cities: A Case of Ho Chi Minh City



My study aims to investigate factors influencing travel intentions in order to manage motorcycle mobility with respect to mass rapid transit in developing-country cities.

Although mass rapid transit (MRT) systems have been developed to solve urban transport problems in many metropolitans, some developing-country cities lack economic resources to implement MRT system soon. The problem is that motorcycle likely becomes the dominant mode of urban transport before MRT development. In this context, it is important to understand people's travel intention regarding new transit alternatives for implementing appropriate measures in motorcycle use.

Thapa Sakhila

Research on Social Networking Service for Youth Education

—A Case Study of Nepalese Youth



Information Technology (IT) is prioritized in recent education system at global level to concern the quality of education. Along with the expansion of advanced technology in education,

the prevalence of social networking service (SNS) is

rapidly growing-up with popularity. Millions of people are connected via SNS, and millions of data and information are sharing even in an hour through such SNSs. The prevalence of SNS has been succeeding to tie not only particular group, area or nation but the people of all over the world. Mostly, the youth's daily activities, learning manner and other various aspect of life are extremely affected by SNSs. To consider the prevalence of SNSs, this research is focuses on to examine the young generation's attachment toward social communication networks and its impact to their learning environment as well as research explores the youth's attitude with respect to the value and usefulness of SNS as an important tool for learning.

Tsuneshi Inoue

Role of Japanese Companies to Reduce Environmental Solid Waste Load Generated by Their Business Activities Such As Thailand-Japanese Case



Why do people of some semi-advanced countries criticize sometimes unilaterally the Japanese companies which have contributed to the development of the countries as having made the environmental load of the countries increase? This study shows the indicator which grasps the relation of the environmental load caused by the solid waste discharge between the areas, and how to take advantage of the indicator to solve the problem.

Akiko Mori

A Study on Impact and Sustainability of Rural Water Supply at Central Dry Zone of Myanmar



This paper discusses the several impacts of rural water supply such as economic, health and education in terms of quantitative and qualitative though field survey in Myanmar.

A survey focuses on also essential factors for long life of deep tube wells. A study aims to discuss what comprehensive water supply system at central dry zone in Myanmar is.

Shingo Narumi

Study on Appropriate Type of Cruise for Japanese



Cruise is not only to visit sightseeing spots by ship but to enjoy life on ship. It is highly value for money, thus many people in the world loves it. But it has not been welcomed in Japan. It is

because it didn't match people's requirements. The object of this study is to find out what will be a suitable type of cruise for Japanese.

Kumiko Nuki

Study on Water Supply and Sanitation in Developing Countries: A Case Study on Cambodia



This study focused on handwashing in developing countries and discussed the dissemination of appropriate washing agents for handwashing purpose in Cambodia. A survey on handwashing behavior,

possession and usage of washing agents, and economic situation was carried out in a rural area and an urban slum from 2013 to 2014. The results were summarized to submit to an academic journal in this year.

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