

Field trip to Kabata and Satoyama (Shiga Prefecture)

Kabata

The small town of Harie is located near to Lake Biwa. It is a most suitable place to learn both water circulation and management (in relation to Session 3), as well as how humans can live in harmony with nature (in relation to Session 2). In Harie, you can see crystal clear water in a stream called Harie-Okawa which runs through the town. You would never believe that such water comes from daily life waste water until you visit a special water hut called Kabata in each house. The Kabata consists of three steps of water sinks (Ike). Spring water is spewed from under ground through a pipe into the upper sink and used for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables. Water flowing out to the middle sink is used for washing dishes and pots. Then in the lower sink you will see large carps which eat food scraps and as a result purify water. This kind of Kabata has been used for centuries. It is still working well today not only because people never use chemical detergents in Kabata, but also because people of the Harie treat the spring water as a treasure from nature. This water use system provides strong inspiration for rethinking resource management and the interaction of humans and nature.



Satoyama

We will visit a rural landscape with beautiful terraced paddy fields, where water from the mountains behind goes through to Lake Biwa. This place is one of the research fields for Session2 speaker, Dr. Katsue Fukamachi, who is interested in human utilization of Satoyama landscape. In the past, people used to rely on the mountains to live, since they used to cut brushwood for use as fertilizer, as opposed to chemical fertilizers. The mountains were important, not only for fertilizer but also as a source of firewood, but they are now wasted. Nature which is maintained with human disturbance may change if there is no disturbance. Satoyama, interpreted as “a working landscape”, might be a well-developed place full of wisdom of how to live in nature, since this place embraces various kinds of land-use in a compact area where most of the items needed are provided within the surrounding environment.

SATOYAMA Field Trip
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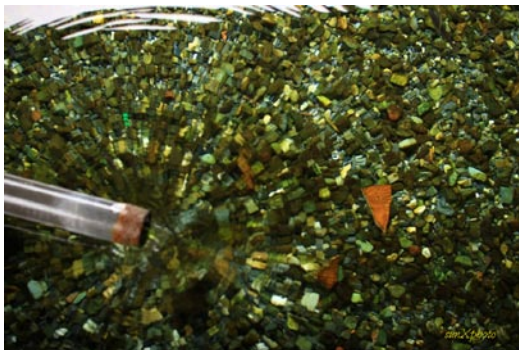
Date
December 14, 2009 (Mon) 9:00 ~ 15:00

Guide: Dr. Katsue Fukamachi (Kyoto University)
Dr. Hirokazu Oku (Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute)

Program
8:45 Kawabata Campus, Kyoto University
9:00 The Palace Side Hotel
10:30 Arrival at Harie, Shin-asahi-cho, Takashima-shi, Shiga
10:30-11:30 Kabata Tour at Harie
11:35-12:25 Lunch at "Kawashin"
12:30 Departure
13:00 Arrival at Hourai, Otsu-shi, Shiga
13:00-14:00 Satoyama Tour at Hourai
14:00 Departure
15:00 Arrival at Kawabata Campus, Kyoto Univ. (via Palace Side Hotel)

Expenditure: Participation Fee (for Kabata Tour) 1,000 Yen + Lunchbox 1,500 Yen

What to wear: casual clothes which you would not mind getting dirty, walkable shoes
What to bring: an umbrella, drinking water (field note, camera, binocular, snack, etc.)



Kabata at Harie

里山フィールドトリップ
(GCOE 国際シンポジウム主催)

日時
2009年12月14日(月) 9:00 ~ 15:00

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日程
8:45 京大川端キャンパス出発
9:00 パレスサイド・ホテル出発
10:30 滋賀県高島市新旭町針江に到着
10:30 ~ 11:30 針江での川端(かばた)見学
11:35 ~ 12:25 昼食(「川新」にて)
12:30 出発
13:00 滋賀県大津市蓬萊に到着
13:00 ~ 14:00 蓬萊での里山視察
14:00 出発
15:00 パレスサイド・ホテルを経て、京大川端キャンパス到着

必要経費: 参加費 1,000 円 + 昼食代 1,500 円

持ち物: 汚れても良い服, 歩きやすい靴, 雨具, 飲み物. (必要に応じてフィールドノート, カメラ, 双眼鏡, おやつなど)



Satoyama at Hourai