

## **REPORT**

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As I have been informed before this program consist of some activities such as; presentation and discussion on participants' own topic, presentation and discussion by using the field station, excursion and research to the field station around Kyoto, participating on international symposium, etc. Those activities were held within two weeks from 1 – 14 of March 2009. The program was followed by 14 young scholars from 5 different countries. There were four delegations from both Indonesia and Myanmar and 2 delegations from each Cambodia, Laos and India.

All participants were enthusiastic presenting their own topic. Each of them was given about 20 minutes to present including questions and answers. I got session 3, Indonesian studies with the topic, Political Participation of Citizens in Mayor Election, Makassar City, Indonesia. Due to limitation of time and number of scholars who still queued up their turn, Questions from the floor were just two persons. Honestly, this is my first time joining international workshop as a presenter. It's a very good experience indeed. On the other hand, I see the coordination of the program was very good. I was really impressed how Japanese conduct some kind of program. It's absolutely well organized compared to some in my place.

On March 4, all participants were presenting their research activities by using field station. Almost all invited countries already had field station in their country. It was mostly cooperation between universities under G to G memorandum of understanding. Even though the facilities varied one-another, they have things in common, one of them is collaborative research between Japanese and local scholars. I think this kind of cooperation should give many advantages to both counties and last not only in short period but long period hopefully.

The next day, March 5 – 7, we were given opportunity to visit field stations around Kyoto by program called excursion. Some amazing places were Hozu River, Miyama village,

Laboratory and museum of Lake Biwa in Shiga prefecture. I really enjoyed those places very much. One most impression thing in my mind is that Japanese people could manage to combine between high technology and indigenous culture. For example, in Miyama village, the traditional house which has constructed over 100 years ago, it is still original from outside and inside interior however it also equipped with very modern and advanced technology like the toilet interior, heater and so on.

About the international symposium, we can see many experts from any background presenting and commenting one-another, actually, those topic didn't interest me much except some about humanosphere especially how our discipline of study could give benefit both nature and human being which leads to the welfare of people without sacrificing our environment.

This program surely gives me many new things such as; inter-cultural interaction, enhancing horizons from different kind of studies background and of course, closely sighting Japan as a leading technology and education-based country in Asia and might be in the world. I see the government of Japan plays important role especially education and research with countries in the world such as; Africa, Asia especially south-east Asian countries.

Finally, after being impressed by so many things in Kyoto Japan, I really wish someday to pursue my further study, doctoral program in this great place.

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