

**Report on JSPS program,
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1. On the preparation

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the ASAFAS and GCOE program that allow me the opportunity to attend this exchange program which is directly promoted of the social scientists to share their points of views “toward sustainable humanosphere.” I see this connectivity of how the project is an attempt to link the natural scientists and social scientists in supporting the concept of sustainable humanosphere that is needed the integration of both fields for establishing the sustainability of both human society and ecology.

The program is really flexible for me which I could take extra schedule differently from other participants. Once again, thank you so much for your highly attention to give us, participants from Faculty of Social Sciences, NUOL, the priority to attend this program. The special thanks are also given to the whole arrangement of the schedule that is very convenient for the matter of documentation, coordination, accommodation, and travelling.

2. On the workshop

The workshop is well organized and facilitating. The workshop is organized in a way that is more relaxed even it is academic workshop. The participants feel friendly and less serious about it and actively contributed. It is very often that the academic workshop is strict and serious which is quite different from this workshop. Participants feel as if they are guests and hosts at the same time so this made them actively contributed. Well facilitating creates the favorable atmosphere for the successful workshop. Although, there are various research topics from different countries, with the well facilitating of the Japanese facilitators, the workshop goes smoothly. This is the time that I am learning by working with Japanese facilitator also.

3. On excursion

This is the most enjoyable part of the program which is enable me to learn more of Japanese society, culture, and working culture. In a tour to rafting activity in Hozu River, Kameoka city, among other things, is a reflection of how the Japanese pays the important attention to the past history and bring it back together to the current situation and telling

people about the activity which makes the story more interesting. It is the place that I can participate in the activity and learning of some Japanese traditional knowledge related to rafting activity. It is also unforgettable experience with the home stay at Miyama community. An informal interview is made shortly with the *Oto-san* who is the owner of the traditional Japanese house where I stay. This is an attempt to learn more about the life of local people, society, culture, thought and a short research experience in a different culture. However, the weakness of my Japanese knowledge is hindered of the interview. If possible, I wish to come back to do comparative study on the management of home stay tourism in the village again. Visiting the Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institution is enhanced me more of the understanding of the important role of the research institute in contribution to the natural resource preservation in particular the water resource. This is very worthy investment if the quality of the water as well as the aquatic resource is really improved as reported by the institute. The final enthusiasm is with the fish cooperative with the warm welcome and great care of the importance of the protection of forest and other related flora and fauna that is related to the breeding of the fish in the Biwa Lake, and sustainable catch techniques.

4. On the 2nd GCOE conference

The conference is enhanced me more on the knowledge of the concept of sustainable humanosphere and related issues. Though the concept is new to me, from various presentations and discussions of the researchers I could gain more knowledge on it. The program of the 'in searching for the sustainable humanosphere' is revealing of the innovative idea of a modern society like Japan. Although Japan is an industrial country with a high technology in the world, it is still always keeping the attention in searching for the new technology in applying for the Japanese society in particular and to the world in general. As the concept of the sustainable humanosphere, even it is not clear cut, through the various research schemes which are expectedly contributed to the development of the concept clearer in the future and could bring the new appropriate approach to the Japan as well as the global in a way that would overcome the crisis and grow the prosperity to this planet. I am very happy that could attend this conference that is very worth wide to the billion of the people and nature in the world. It enhances my understanding of how to searching for a suitable global development pattern by inviting various multi-disciplinary research projects together both of social and natural scientists because I name it as 'mega' research project which is needed the contribution of various science from the 'ground to the space.' With the great effort of the ASAFAS and GCOE staffs as well as researchers who take into account of this concept, I am sure that in the future we could come up with the more fruitful outcomes. By this conference I also learn that my research project is a part of this mega research project that I could generate some ideas into it.

5. On general management

This program is well design. I mean that the concept of the project is clear that is one of another is to promote the participation of the young scholars to have the opportunity to present their research findings. In the years to come, this kind of activity should be promoted in particular through this program to provide the stage for young researchers to exchange their research experience.

6. On 3rd visit to Japan

This program is not only to promote young scholars but also give a chance for foreigners who are formers students studied at various universities in Japan could come back to visit Japan again. This is the best time to continue their knowledge after working at their mother lands, practicing Japanese language, upgrading the knowledge of the Japanese society and culture, etc. Thus this is the indirect advantage of the program. I would add one more point here that apart from the two ways of learning 1) learning from classroom, 2) learning from Japanese friends, 3) I could learn from participants from different countries who join this program also.

7. Recommendation

This program should be extended for the future. In the mean time, the research projects should be expanded to each country's field station. The visiting scholars for medium-term should be expanded to various countries in order to provide the opportunity to the country that have field station could conduct and exchange research experience in Japan.