



The 11th APRSCL



This special event joined by more than 300 participants from public and private sectors in Asia and the Pacific, aimed to provide key recommendation to contribute to the implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on SCP adopted at the United Nation Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil (Rio+20). Actually, the 10YFP implementation is extremely valuable for Asia and Pacific as a platform for stakeholders to respond to the global challenge of decoupling from economic growth.

On May 19, 2014, Associate Professor Vudtechai Kapilakanchana, President, graciously presided over the 11th Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (the 11th APRSCL) hosted by Center of Excellence on Environmental Strategy for GREEN Business, Faculty of Environment, Kasetsart University, United Nation Environmental Program (UNEP), United Nation Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Pollution Control Department at the Plaza Athenee Bangkok A Royal Meridien Hotel.



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The New Core to Core Program A. Advanced Research Networks Project



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Associate Professor Dr. Gunjana Theeragool, Dean of The Graduate School and Coordinator of the New Core to Core Program A. Advanced Research Networks on "Establishment of an International Research Core for New Bio-research Fields with Microbes from Tropical Areas (World-class Research Hub of Tropical Microbial Resources and Their Utilization)", visited Yamaguchi University, Japan, during the period 8-10 May 2014. The visit was supported by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT). The purposes of this visit were as follows:

1) The Dean paid a visit to Professor Dr. Masaaki Oka, the President of Yamaguchi University, and discussed academic cooperation, supported financially by JSPS; NRCT; the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology, Vietnam; the National University of Laos, Laos; the University of Brawijaya, Indonesia; the Beuth University of Applied Sciences, Germany; and the

University of Manchester, the United Kingdom, with coordinators from five countries, namely: Professor Dr. Kazunobu Matsushita (General Coordinator), Professor Dr. Mamoru Yamada (Japanese Coordinator), Professor Dr. Kenji Matsui (Japanese Vice-coordinator), Professor Dr. Ing. Peter Gotz (German Coordinator), Associate Professor Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Dung (Vietnamese Coordinator), and Dr. Ir. Anton Muhibuddin (Indonesian Coordinator).

2) The Dean, along with the project coordinators, attended the steering committee meeting concerning academic cooperation and activities to be organized for the entire five year period.

The New Core to Core Program A. Advanced Research Networks Project is scheduled to run for five years, from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019. The project aims to exchange researchers and conduct academic activities during the above period, as presented in the table below:

Academic Activities	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Joint Seminar	Thailand		Thailand		Japan
Satellite Seminar	Indonesia	Laos/Japan	Vietnam	Germany	Laos
Young Scientist Seminar	Japan	Japan	Japan/ Indonesia	Japan	Japan
Workshop	Thailand		Thailand		Thailand
FerVAAP Conference		Thailand		Thailand	



Four academic activities are scheduled to take place during 2014, as shown in the aforementioned table, as follows:

1. **Workshop:** The ALCA/JST Workshop on Advanced Low-Carbon Biotechnology High-Temperature Fermentation Technology with Thermotolerant Microorganisms in Tropical Area is scheduled to take place during the period **3-4 July 2014**. The Graduate School, which is receiving financial support from the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), and the Faculty of Science, Kasetsart University, are co-hosting the workshop along with Yamaguchi University and Japan Science and Technology Agency.
2. **Satellite Seminar:** The Satellite Seminar is scheduled to take place on **8 August 2014** at the University of Brawijaya, Republic of Indonesia. The University of Brawijaya is the host for this seminar.
3. **Joint Seminar:** The 1st Joint Seminar of New Core to Core Program A. Advanced Research Networks on Establishment of an International Research Core for New Bio-research Fields with Microbes from Tropical Areas (World-class Research Hub of Tropical Microbial Resources and Their Utilization) will take place during the period **10-11 August 2014** at the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre, Central World, Bangkok, Thailand. Kasetsart University is hosting the event in association with the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Yamaguchi University, Can Tho University, the National University of Laos, the University of Brawijaya, the Beuth University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Manchester.
4. **Young Scientist Seminar:** The Young Scientist Seminar will take place during the period **16-17 November 2014** at Seminar Park, Yamaguchi, Japan. Yamaguchi University is the host for this seminar.



The Official Visit to Shujitsu University, Okayama



During the period of June 6-8, 2014, the delegation of Kasetsart University paid an official visit to Shujitsu University, Okayama, Japan. The delegates comprised:

1. Associate Professor Dr. Sombat Chinawong
Vice President for Kamphaeng Saen Campus,
2. Dr. Anamai Damnet
Assistant to the President for Education and Foreign Affairs,
3. Associate Professor Dr. Surachai Jewcharoensakul
Dean, Faculty of Education,
4. Assistant Professor Dr. Nuchanata Mongkung
Dean, Faculty of Economic,
5. Dr. Haruthai Numprasertchai
Associate Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, and
6. Mr. Somsakdi Tabtimthong
Director of International Affairs Division

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Hideo INABA, President, and other administrative members on June 6, 2014 in the meeting on future collaboration. Both universities agreed to initiate various academic collaborative activities including:

1. Student Mobility Program

The activities will be divided into three projects: 1) the Short-term Projects, 2) the Medium-term Projects and 3) the Long-term Project.

In the Short-term Project, a student exchange program will be conducted for the benefit of both Thai and Japanese students. In this program, Thai and Japanese students will have opportunities to spend their time together under the tailored made program, two weeks in Thailand and two week in Japan. The program includes lectures from faculty members, class assignment and field trip. Students need to enroll and attend all activities. In the first batch, the topic will be "Thai-Japanese Culture"





Besides, in the Medium-term Project, students will be allowed to have cross enrollment. They will pay all tuition fees at their home universities but to study in the host universities and transfer their credit back. Under this program, both universities need to have their course comparison first.

The last student mobility activity will be negotiated in the future on Double Degree program based on the universities' interest and the benefit of students.

2. Faculty Members Mobility Programs

Both universities agreed to invite faculty members to visit to another respective universities as Visiting Professors so as to conduct lectures, and seminars.

3. The International Seminar

On June 7, 2014, all delegates were invited to deliver their lectures which was a part of the International Seminar and was joined by nearly 70 participants who were administrative members, faculty members and students. Three topics were delivered by three delegates, as follows:

1. Associate Professor Dr. Surachai Jewcharoensakul, Education development and Career's Pathway Concern for the Child with Autism: Interdisciplinary of Home, Hospital and School Collaborations
2. Dr. Haruthai Numprasertchai, Knowledge Management in Thai SMEs, and
3. Assistant Professor Dr. Nuchanata Mungkung, Student Exchange Opportunity between Shujitsu University and Kasetsart University

While they were in Okayama, on June 6, 2014, all delegates also had a good opportunity to meet with Professor Dr. Kyoza CHIBA, Chairman, Shujitsu University and representatives of private sectors in Okayama who had expressed their willingness to assist two universities in academic collaboration in the coming future.



The 3rd International Forum on Indigenous Management Practices

Kasetsart University by the Faculty of Business Administration, Laos-Japan Institution (JLI) and Faculty of Economics and Management of National University of Laos are jointly hosting the 3rd International Forum on Indigenous Management Practices (3rd IFIMP) during March 16 – 19, 2014 at Laos-Japan Human Resource Development Institute, National University of Laos, Lao People's Democratic Republic following the success of the first and second Bangkok International Forum on Indigenous Management Practices (BIFIMP) conference in 2009 and 2011. The event attracted participants from several countries in Asia, Middle-East, North America and European countries. The conference focused on the following issues.

- ASEAN management and business practices
- Practical problems experienced by developing countries in applying western management theories
- Business model and management practice approach developed from local wisdom, values, and norms
- Blending between globalization and localization or "Global" approaches in business operations
- Spirituality at workplace
- Influences of local values and belief such as cultural mythology, proverbs, metaphors and religion on business/management practices
- The role of indigenous wisdom in business and management education



Envisioning Program for KU Students on Internationalization

Student Affairs Division in association with International Affairs Division jointly organized the "Envisioning Program for KU Students on internationalization" during the period of May 13-18, 2014 and May 22-26, 2014, with the following goals:

1. To augment their international experiences, especially the roles of higher education in respective countries toward the national developments, and
2. To meet with students in respective universities so as to share idea on student daily lives, to explore student service, and student activities.

The program comprised two major activities: first, lectures on related issues such as "Perspectives of Thai Graduates in 2015 towards ASEAN and ASEAN+3" and "How to become ASEAN Citizens."

After these lectures, students were divided into two groups. The first group would pay a visit to Japan while the second one would proceed to Brunei Darussalam. In each group, they were assigned to be responsible for various issues during their trips abroad and needed to share what they learned after being back to Thailand.

In Japan, KU students had opportunities to visit University of Tsukuba where they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Mamoru Kimura, Director, Department of Student Affairs, and his colleagues as well as some faculty members and students. They also paid a visit to the University Library and met with Japanese students together with KU students who are at University of Tsukuba for their academic mission. After that, they went to Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to learn more about Aerospace Science of Japan.





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When they were in Tokyo, all students paid a courtesy call upon H.E. the Ambassador of Thailand to Japan, Mr. Thanatip Upatising, and attended a special lecture on the Relationships between Thailand and Japan by Mr. Sittikorn Chantadansuwan.

On the other hand, the second group that paid a visit to Brunei Darussalam had an opportunity to learn more about Universiti Brunei Darussalam as they spent more than 3 hours in this respective university. They first met with Dr. Ahmad Faisal bin Hj. Zainal Abidin, Dean of Student Affairs and his colleagues who introduced Universiti Brunei Darussalam followed by classical performances from their students before proceeding to the University Library and Student Clubs where they had a very fruitful discussion with members of "SAWASSDEE CLUB".

Another activities were the visit to a Thai business named "Aimie Fresh Fruit" by Mr. Chatchai Amorntthep and the courtesy call upon H.E. The Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam, H.E. Apichart Phetcharatana, together with Minister, Mrs. Siriporn Chaimongkol.

