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   Conflicts and Environmental Issues
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   Literacy for an alternative manner beyond the Globalism. New synthesis proposed from the city of Kyoto
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Completed Research (CR) Follow-up Grants

1. YOSHIOKA Takahito (Kyoto University)
   Application of environmental scenarios in the revival of the disaster-stricken area
2. SATO Yo-Ichiro (RIHN)
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6. UMETSU Chieko (Nagasaki University)
   Building a resilience network in Southern Africa and organization of Lusaka Workshop
7. SHIRAIWA Takayuki (Hokkaido University)
   Operation of the Amur Okhotsk Consortium as a multilateral academic network
Global warming will likely transform Siberian environments. Early evidence indicates that water and carbon cycles are undergoing rapid change, with potentially grave impact on Siberian flora and fauna. Human inhabitants, who have adapted to great changes in social structure and environment in the past, will be forced to adapt again, but to a cascading series of environmental changes whose dimensions are understood only in outline. Local inhabitants depend on agriculture, stockbreeding and on fragile transport, building and water infrastructure. Human survival skills and adaptive capacity to environmental changes depend on unique social structures, history and culture, which have undergone Russian socialistic modernization.

Regional climate in Siberia are based on energy and water exchanges and thus on changes in surface reflectance of snow, ice and vegetation coverage. Such changes should be monitored continuously as long as possible. The Lena River Basin in Eastern Siberia is covered in larch forest but receives little precipitation. The area is an ideal setting in which to study the effects of climate warming, as the forest-permafrost symbiosis is extremely susceptible to abnormal variations in temperature and precipitation.

We have started monitoring of energy and water exchanges between larch forest and the atmosphere since 1998 at Yakutsk, middle part of the Lena River Basin in Eastern Siberia. This monitoring revealed that the region suffered from extraordinary high precipitation in late-summer through winter from 2005 to 2008. This resulted in not only permafrost degradation, but also changes in terrestrial ecosystems and hydrological elements in the region.

b) Research methods and organization

This research project takes natural and social science perspectives on three aspects of climate-associated environmental change. It is designed to: 1) describe current variation in water and carbon cycles and predict likely variation in the near future; 2) make field observations of the effect of carbon and hydrologic variability in Eastern Siberian landscapes, and identify key exchanges or driving forces; and 3) examine the capability of the multi-ethnic Siberian peoples, and their distinct social economies, to adapt to predicted change in their climate and terrestrial ecosystems. Three research groups are organized in order to realize these goals. They are the Siberia bird’s-eye group (Group 1), the Water cycle and ecosystem interaction group (Group 2), and the Human ecology group (Group 3). This project is jointly conducted by Japanese and Russian universities and research institutes.

Progress and Results in 2012

Following three topics are the main progress and results in the 2012 fiscal year.

1) Permafrost-ecosystem modelling

Flux and hydro-meteorological observations were operated with the help of Russian institutes from the beginning of this research project. It was found that high precipitation (snow and rain) in the Lena River Basin from 2005 to 2008 has led to tremendous changes in surface conditions. The changes observed include deepening and moistening of the active layers, hindrance to tree growth, and the
expansion of water surface due to floods. Such over-moistening condition of forest soil made larch trees to wither around the monitoring station. However satellite data analyses revealed that such tree withering was in progress only on spot-scales.

Based on the field observation data, we have been revising our models of soil freezing-thawing processes in order to better represent heat, water, and carbon fluxes in permafrost ecosystems. Here we were particularly concerned with the surface soil layer, in which we now see increased thawing depth and surface soil moisture, and an increase of net primary production. It was detected that annual maximum thawing depth (AMTD) gradually increased (deepened) on a decadal scale. Based on climatological analyses of atmospheric water vapor transport over the region, recent increases in precipitation partly related to cyclone activities.

Terrestrial water storage increases in the Lena River Basin derived increases in river base flows during the open water season. It was also indicated that over the 1950-2008 period basin-scale AMTD has been increasing at average rates roughly of the order of 1 cm/year in the areas.

Moistening and warming of surface soil affect methane (CH4) production from anaerobic bacterial decomposition in Siberian terrestrial ecosystems. Dramatically rise of the atmospheric CH4 after industrial evolution, the rate of increase has slowed since the early 1990s. The growth rate decreased to near zero during 1999-2006 with large year-to-year variations, and it has been increasing again after 2007 in unexplained steady state. The cause of a large CH4 increase in 2007 is still uncertain. We assumed this main reason was CH4 production from anaerobic bacterial decomposition in wetlands of Western Siberia. Regional CH4 fluxes were estimated using an inversion model with several aircraft and tower data measured in Siberia. In 2007 and 2008, enhanced wetland flux was estimated in Western Siberia with high temperature under relatively wet condition. Interestingly the CH4 fluxes after 2008 have gradually decreased in Western Siberia, but the fluxes from Eastern Siberia have increased unsymmetrically.

Such unsymmetrical (seesaw) pattern between Western and Eastern Siberia has been also obtained for carbon dioxide (CO2) exchanges in the terrestrial ecosystems. Using our permafrost-ecosystem models, gross primary production (GPP) and ecosystem respiration (ER) was estimated. In 2000’s GPP and ER show decreasing trends in Western Siberia but increasing trend in Eastern Siberia. These were primary due to differences of trends in temperature and precipitation between the two regions.

2) Adaptation ways of keepers and/or hunters of reindeers to social-environmental changes

Interviews with keepers of domestic reindeer revealed that current climate change has not severely damaged their operations. It appears that so far they have been able to successfully adapt to changes in climate, especially in Eastern Siberia. This might be related to resilient use of microhabitat of the domesticated reindeers around the camping site of the keepers. While on the contrary, they were severely impacted by social changes following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

We are also interested in documenting the migration routes of wild reindeer and whether these are changing in relation to new environmental conditions. We successively tracked routes of eight wild reindeers using an ARGOS satellite system. MODIS satellite data showed that reindeer have moved along rivers and through zones of better vegetation, while avoiding increasingly common forest fires. Migration distance was similar to those documented in North America and North Europe. We also found similar diurnal change in the migration behavior of the wild reindeers.

System dynamics (SD) model was applied in order to diagnose adaptation ways of keepers of domestic reindeers and/or hunters of wild reindeers to social-environmental changes.

3) Flood impacts

Using archival sources and remotely sensed data, we were able to make a detailed historical description of changes in annual spring ice-jaam floods of the Lena River. Interestingly, spring ice-jaam floods have been recognized as benefits except in case ice-jaam floods severely damaged to the villages along the Lena River. This is because the spring floods derive nutrient rich water to the river islands, on which the farmers cultivate pastures for cattle-horse pastoralism. While on the contrary, in case summer river floods appear, it has been recognized as hazards. This is because it submerges the pasture completely for a long duration in the season.
We also found that increased flooding disrupts cold-weather transport via ordinarily frozen rivers and warm-weather transport over land. As a result, we note that Northern communities are increasingly remote and difficult to access. We have begun to study disaster vulnerability, prevention and adaptation in such areas.

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○ Future Themes

We will continue to investigate the four collaborative research topics described above, with particular emphasis on describing local peoples’ vulnerability and adaptations to the documented changes in climate and environment.

Specific research topics are as follows:
1) To investigate resilient use of microhabitat of the domesticated reindeers, focusing on the micromorphology around the camping site and around the migration routes of reindeers.
2) To compare migration behaviors of wild reindeers in Siberia to those in the North Europe and North America.
3) To get socio-economic and ecological data for the inputs to system dynamics (SD) model, in order to discuss adaptation ways of the keepers of domestic reindeers and/or hunters of wild reindeers to social-environmental changes.
4) To investigate ice-jam induced floods more in detail, especially focusing on what hydrological conditions the floods have been recognized as hazards, with the collaborations of hydro-climatology and
social anthropology. We will focus on snow depth and spring air temperature rise in the upper river basins, in special concerns after 1990’s when substantial data were available.

● Achievements

○ Books

[Chapters/Sections]


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○ Editing

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○ Papers

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• Hayashi, M, Kotani, A., Ohta, T. Comparison of CO2 flux between two sites in eastern Siberian boreal forest. The 123th Japan Forestry Society, 2012,03,26-9999,03,29, Utsunomiya. (in Japanese)


Cities are basically defined as the places in which people congregate. As human-made phenomena, they feature human-built-environments alongside the natural environment and develop their own unique socio-economic environment distinct from the non-urban environment. While cities have been a major force in promoting the progress of human civilization, they have also served as breeding grounds for human disaster and discontent in the form of environmental degradation, epidemics, famine, and riots and problems of the built environment. Faced with such challenges, humans have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to overcome adversity through intervention in the urban and non-urban natural environment, the built-environment and socio-economic environment. However, a population of seven billion currently lives in the world, half of which live in cities. Environmental problems and complications are largely attributable to human activities in urban areas, including global warming and declining biodiversity on the earth. (Figure 1) This project will focus on the city, especially on the megacity, as both an major site in which human action creates environmental problems that in recent years have become the centre of attention of many international organizations and researchers.

The objectives of this project are: (1) to reduce environmental impacts attributable to megacities which support huge populations in developing tropical countries that are vulnerable to the effects of global warming; and (2) to provide methods of intervening in the local environment, which is directly related to the lives of people in the environment, with a view to enhancing people’s general satisfaction with life and their surroundings. The focus of this study is Jabodetabek, the metropolitan area of Jakarta, Indonesia’s capital, which at present has a robust economy and growing population. In the course of this study, we will take measurements and engage in observations and analyses through a cognitive science approach from the perspective of different academic fields of study at different levels (micro and macro) of a megacity, and we will present a scenario of a megacity by the year 2050 from the perspective of design science. Essentially, we intend to develop methods for making scenarios and to show how we have gained in the course of our research in a form that may be applicable to studies of other megacities. In so doing, we hope to link this single study of megacities to global cities, the various problems that plague cities in general, and the global environment in order to resolve these problems.

We have considered the following outcomes: (1) to present a 2050 megacity scenario; (2) to hold a Megacity Scenario 2050 workshop; (3) to provide a framework and an Urban Information Database that can be publicly accessible; (4) to publish one volume in English; and (5) to publish a series of about eight volumes under the title of Megacities and Earth’s Environment (provisional title). We also present research findings at international conferences, develop a website presenting results of the project and continue to develop international researchers working in this field.

b) Research methods and organization

1) The study is divided into two broad areas: clarification of mechanisms (cognitive science) and creation of an urban sphere model (design science). (Figure 2)

Cognitive science-1: Through measurements and observations of megacities from different perspectives (micro and macro), the study will quantitatively and qualitatively determine conditions of the built-environment (building structures, area, types and styles of dwellings including quality of materials),
the natural environment (heat environment, biodiversity, flood risk), and the social environment (values, lifestyle) and will conduct historical analyses of restrictive aspects to elucidate the mechanisms of megacities. Then, we can understand how they negatively affect the global environment, the local environment, and people’s values.

Cognitive science-2: Observing the way in which people adjust themselves to the changing built-, natural and social environments, we will develop methods of making a proposal of an “urban sphere model with future potential.”

Design Science-1: We will comprehensively consider all existing intervention methods in megacities on both a micro and macro scale, and we will actually hold workshops on these methods. In the workshops, we can clarify and assess methods of intervention and adaptation.

Design Science-2: We intend to hold a Megacity Scenario 2050 workshop to present the Megacity Scenario 2050 and determine how we should present it to the public and how we can receive feedback regarding it. In the workshop, we will analyze various processes and present results including an evaluation.

2) Research framework: We have streamlined the work groups into five according to the research framework as follows: (1) the Supervisory Group which oversees the project as a whole, (2) the Megacity History Group which researches the history of megacities and Jabodetabek, (3) the Lifestyle Group which undertakes measurements, observations, and analyses of people’s values and lifestyles, (4) the Environment Group which undertakes measurements, observations, and analyses of the natural environment and the built-environment, and (5) the Urban Policy Group which implements design science including the formulation and verification of the Megacity Scenario 2050. (Figure 3)

○ Progress and Results In 2012

Below we describe outcomes achieved to date during the current fiscal year according to the following four categories.

1. Results concerning methodology

(1) To analyze megacities in high resolution, we have developed a framework defining “land environment types” based on the built-environment and various indicators for categorizing these (density of dwellings, ground coverage, height and planning). On the basis of these indicators, we proposed four types for Jabodetabek: farming village areas, urban settlement areas (Kampung), high-rise residential areas and planned residential areas which are the subject of ongoing research. (Figure 4)

(2) Based on the methodology above, we examined the possibility of applying this framework to other megacities.

2. Results concerning cognitive science

(1) In two areatypes under investigation, farming village areas (low density, interspersed with rice fields, low height, unplanned: Tangerang) and urban settlement areas (high density, building structures, low height, unplanned: Cikini), we have collected local environment measurements (heat surveys, biodiversity surveys, measurement surveys of distance between dwellings) and conducted surveys on lifestyle and environmental awareness (survey on dietary habits, questionnaire survey on awareness and values, survey on daily activities).

(2) Based on the results of the above, we have made calculations relevant figures on the following 12 indicators in the three categories below and showed a cobweb chart to make comparison between the research areas.

1) Global environmental impact: three carbon footprint indicators that can be traced back to three sources: dwellings, food and transportation

2) Local environment conditions: five indicators relating to the heat environment, biodiversity, calories consumed, the area of dwellings, and income

3) Awareness or level of satisfaction: four indicators relating to the natural environment, dwellings, foods, and the community.

(3) Macro study of Jabodetabek: We conducted assessments of the Ciliwung-Cisadane River basin regarding flood risk. We also conducted a questionnaire survey on values in Jabodetabek as a whole (about 1500 subjects). We collected and organized data on urban information infrastructure development. In addition, we organized population data (1680-1789) and made historical ground coverage maps.

3. Results concerning design science
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(1) In the urban settlement area of Cikini, we held a joint student workshop with students and faculty from the University of Indonesia and Japanese university students. Students presented design intervention regarding how intervention should take place at a micro level and exchanged views with residents of the local community. We published a booklet on the results of this workshop in both English and Indonesian and distributed it.

(2) In our development of new local technology to strengthen fragile buildings, we conducted a demonstration experiment on the construction of a dwelling utilizing bamboo reinforced concrete (batako).

4. Organizational Improvement

Outcomes due to improvement in the organizational framework: The holding of monthly meetings with core members contributed to unifying their interests in the project and consolidating data that had been decentralized. The thoughtful advice and abundant suggestions from Professor Terry McGee (British Columbia University from Canada), who joined the project at our invitation, and Visiting Professor Tsuyoshi Kato also enriched the project.

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○ Future Themes
Research Plan
FR3 (2012)

1. Research concerning cognitive science:
1) Investigate the remaining two “land environment types”: high-rise residential areas (high density, built-up areas, high-rise buildings, planned) and planned residential areas (low density, built-up areas, low-rise buildings, planned)
2) Undertake a supplementary study of the two “land environment types” studied prior to FR3: farming village areas and urban settlement areas.

3) Examine logic that will link the micro and macro aspects of megacities.

4) Engage in methodological research of methods for integrating data obtained through cognitive science and the importance therein. Further analyze data by considering the complementary relationship among indicators and the trade-off.

5) Obtain data concerning megacities other than Jabodetabek, and conduct comparison study.

2. Research concerning design science

1) Following on from workshops in urban settlement areas in fiscal 2011, hold workshops with a small number of people to study ways of linking the results obtained in cognitive science with an appropriate scenario.

2) Proceed with research on design proposals for dense residential areas.

3) Undertake surveys and engage in research for the presentation of the Megacity Scenario 2050.

3. Other

1) Engage in discussion concerning the publication of the project research, one of the final outcomes of the project, taking into consideration matters such as its purport, content and authors, among others.

2) Examine the framework and content of the Urban Information Database.

FR4 (2013)

1. Research concerning cognitive science

1) Consider the possibility of studying other types of categorized areas in addition to the existing four and engage in research of these.

2) Conduct supplementary surveys of the four types of areas.

3) In addition to the above, continue FR3.

2. Research concerning design science

1) Undertake surveys and engage in research to present a Megacity Scenario 2050.

3. Other

1) Engage in discussion concerning the publication of the project research, one of the final outcomes of the project, taking into consideration matters such as its purport, content and authors, among others.

2) Examine the framework and content of the Urban Information Database.

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[Poster Presentation]

Stage: Full Research
Project No: C-09-Init
Project Name: Designing Local Frameworks for Integrated Water Resources Management
Abbreviated Title:
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URL: http://www.chilkyu.ac.jp/P-C09/
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☐ Research Subject and Objectives
   As a background of this project, IWRM was proposed as a foundational principal for comprehensively carrying out water resources management, in which various sectors and many stakeholders are involved. However, there exist the challenges of IWRM implementation to local communities and effective assessment of the influence of human activities on water environment. Also, the local water resources were under joint management by water users, but are becoming to be under top-down management by public organizations with increasing their participation, which follows modernization and area expansion of irrigation systems. In the midst of this, there are qualitative changes taking place in the structure of society, such as the hastening of private assignment of water management. Therefore, new policy guidelines have been requested in the field of local-to-regional water resources management. Furthermore, the target of IWRM is in the process of moving from “quantity” to “quality.” When assessing global water resources dynamics, water management that considers the water quality of domestic and industrial uses, while at the same time considers the water quantity for agricultural use is being questioned.

   The goal of the C-09-Init is to present desirable local water resource management through co-creation of “wisdom of land and water management” as a result of the cooperation between science and society. Several indices will be developed for evaluating management strategy and efficiency of the water resources management of local levels. Tools to contribute to the discussion of implementation techniques and specific goal establishment will also be developed. Furthermore, C-09-Init will assess the influence of local water resources management on the global water resources dynamics through local water budget and virtual water trades. Based on such research results, materials grounded on scientific evidence for the study of futurability will be presented to various stakeholders from policy makers to end water users locally.

   C-09-Init will present the implementable resolutions of the following problems to both the end water users and policy makers: a. change in the water resources dynamics due to the local water usage; b. change in water quality due to changes in the water resources dynamics and the influence of this on the ecosystem; c. environmental problems of agricultural land (soil salinization and ecosystem changes); d. development of new water resources due to increasing water demand for urban use etc.; e. water resources management in order to guarantee the use of water in the environment. In addition, in order to achieve them, the pro-humanistic water resources assessment and local water resources governance will be co-created through scientific and societal practices. The following results will be returned to the local communities and they will be instrumental in working toward a solution of environmental problems: a. an efficacy evaluation index for local water resources management; b. an assessment of the relationship between local water resources management and water usage/ environment; c. necessary conditions for the basis of local desirable water resources management; d. contents and roles of wisdom that support local desirable water resources management; e. an assessment of the influence of local water resources management on the global water resources dynamics.

☐ Progress and Results in 2012
   The main research results were presented by each study area group.
1) Turkey
We clarified that causes to aggravate water environment and land productivity existed in excessive use of irrigation water and fertilizers, and water users had low awareness of water and were uncritical of public policies.

2) Indonesia

We quantified water use and balance in rice cultivation during dry season and clarified that water users in dry-season and respective geographical conditions conducted paddy cultivation while empirically utilizing available, limited water resources. As for operations for observations and survey on managing organizations, we have structured systems in South Sulawesi to execute “co-creation by science and society” supported by various SHs including farmers, local municipalities and an NGO.

3) Egypt

We developed the flood inundation model and executed trial calculations to replicate the stream flow of the Nile and area, water depths and periods of flood inundation.

4) Japan

We clarified that structural/geographical factors would specify water amount from a dam as well as each community has different strategies for their management.

5) Globe

We conducted the uncertainty assessment and parameter sensitivity analysis on the global water resources prediction.

To integrate the above results by the separate study-area groups, we composed a grand design of C-09-Init research progress. We aim at design-scientific integration to present the ideal way and future design of water management to solve problems. We invoked the transdisciplinary research process by Lang et al. (2012) and reorganized the grand design to realize transdisciplinarity through co-creation of science and society. Since such co-creation requires proactive participation of SHs in society, the actual research will be progressed by establishing Working Groups (WGs) to conduct operations necessary at each stage.

We organized the Water Consilience WG to integrate the knowledge obtained in the study areas and prepared a start-up system to aggregate concrete outcomes using the global water resources assessment by WG. Secondly, in each study area, our observational survey promoted scientific elucidation, and based on that, we were able to make a design-scientific “attempt for co-design and co-production of science and society” in collaboration with stakeholders (SHs).

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Future Themes

From FR3 we will continue survey and observation, make qualitative/quantitative descriptions of the “wisdom of land and water management” in each study area, and formulate local wisdom, while proactively cooperating with SHs. And then, the Water Consilience WG will integrate the findings of local wisdom to construct the first edition of the “BANSHEE” and create water resources management scenarios for assessment.

In FR4, we will transfer the wisdom and methods related to land-water management into cross-sectional practice over science and society. While proposing pro-humanistic global water resources assessment for the implementation of the IWRM as the academic fruits, we will propose and implement local water resources governance as the social outcomes.

Achievements

Books

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Research Presentations

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Research Projects

Stage: Full Research
Project No: D-03
Project Name: Human Life, Aging and Disease in High-Altitude Environments; Physio-Medical, Ecological and Cultural Adaptation in "Highland Civilizations"
Abbreviated Title: Project Leader: OKUMIYA, Kyoito
Research Area: Diversity
URL:
Key Words:

Research Subject and Objectives

Research Objectives:
We intend to explore new perspectives regarding how people live in high-altitude environments where oxygen levels are low and natural resources are limited. We focus on aging problems and lifestyle-related diseases because we regard these as manifestations of global environmental issues in the human body. We aim to clarify "highland civilization", as defined by ecological and cultural adaptations to high-altitude environments, physiological adaptations, and how recent changes in lifestyle have affected quality of life (QOL) amongst the elderly. We also propose a model of human-nature interactions in "highland civilization."

Background:
In humans, acute lack of oxygen causes irreversible brain damage within five minutes. In highland areas, humans have adapted to the physiological, ecological and cultural challenges of high altitude environments, which include low oxygen levels and scarce food sources, over many generations (Aldenderfer 2003) (Baker 1978) (Beall 2006) (Rivera 2007). "Highland civilization" embodies both ecological and cultural adaptations and it has been reported that elderly highlanders have a high subjective QOL (Yamamoto 2008) (Matsubayashi 2009). In recent decades, modern lifestyle changes have impacted highland life. Whilst highland life has become more convenient with increased food supplies, it is estimated that lifestyle-related diseases such as myocardial infarction or diabetes will increase as a result. Any increase in cardio-respiratory disease may have greater impact in a low oxygen environment. In this project, we will study the influence of these lifestyle changes over several decades on QOL among elderly highlanders.

Significance for "Global Environmental Issues":
Environmental changes associated with human activities are actualized on a global scale. Improvements in diet and medicine have increased the average life span, and with this, an increase in age-related diseases including lifestyle-related diseases. Lifestyle-related diseases are age-related diseases influenced by lifestyle, such as eating habits, activity level, sleep patterns, smoking and alcohol consumption. Reconsidering lifestyles that encourage lifestyle-related diseases may be incidentally coupled with rethinking lifestyles that impact the environment, such as activities that may contribute to pollution and global warming.

This research explores a fundamental message regarding global environmental problems based on aspects of lifestyle-related diseases and QOL in the elderly. Our project is compatible with RHIN's mission to integrate the humanities and science by investigating QOL, lifestyle and environments within various disciplines, including geography, agriculture, anthropology, meteorology, ecology, economics and medicine. The Himalaya-Tibet area is the strategic investigation site. In 2007, the IPCC reported that this area exceeds the global average for temperature increase and the severe glacial retreat is globally important. Additionally, the decreasing water supply to the lower stream is an additional concern. We have set an automated weather station (AWS) in Ladakh and started providing information to the public.

Progress and Results in 2012


Research findings indicate the following.

1) Ecological and cultural adaptation in highlands is characterized as maximal and sustainable utilization of limited but diversified natural resources, flexible management for disasters and simple life with modest virtues.

2) The "Himalaya model of lifestyle-related diseases" hypothesis of diabetes acceleration was developed by the interaction among physiological adaptation in high-altitude and the effect of recent change of lifestyles with socioeconomic globalization.

Ecological and cultural adaptation to the high-altitude environment and recent lifestyle change due to the globalization

Subsistence lifestyle and economic conditions supporting the base of "highland civilizations" were studied in the three ecologically distinct zones in Himalaya–Tibet region: Arunachal Pradesh and Bhutan in the forest zone, Ladakh in the oasis zone, and Qinghai in the grassland zone. Vertical distribution of vegetation, ethnic groups, subsistence lifestyle and alien plant invasion were described from 200 to 4000 m in Arunachal Pradesh (Kosaka 2010). The detailed household interview and analysis of satellite image revealed the recent decrease in the number of livestock, the increasing use of chemical fertilizer, and the distribution pattern of spreading abandoned land at Domkhar village in Ladakh. Shortage of fodder, heavy snowfall, and less accessibility to social services were identified as the reasons for migration of pastoral people from Changthang highland to Leh city in Ladakh. Risk assessment of glacial lake collapsing, recording the restoration process from flooding damage (Yamaguchi 2011), and analysis of the climatic aspect of disaster occurrence have also been conducted in Ladakh.

"Himalaya model of lifestyle-related diseases" : The interaction between long-term physiological high-altitude adaptation and recent lifestyle change.

There was the association between physiological hypoxic adaptation and lifestyle-related diseases. Han people had higher hemoglobin concentration compared with Tibetans in Qinghai. Increasing prevalence of diabetes mellitus was strongly associated with increases in hemoglobin levels related to adaptation to hypoxia in Ladakh, Yushu, and Arunachal (Okumiya 2010).

There was the association between high-altitude and lifestyle-related diseases. High blood sugar, pulmonary disorder by dust, sleep disorder (Ladakh), hypertension and hyperlipidemia (Arunachal) were more prevalent in higher-altitude dwelling people (Ishimoto 2011).

There was the association among ecological environment, globalization and food diversity. The food diversity score was highest in Arunachal (humid), moderate in Qinghai (semi-rind) and lowest in Ladakh (arid). In Ladakh there was lower food diversity in people in rural area than urban one.

There was the association between settlement, livelihood change and lifestyle-related diseases. Lifestyle-related diseases were more prevalent in urban area of Yushu than rural area of Haiyan in Qinghai (Okumiya 2010). Official workers and monks had more prevalence of obesity, hypertension and diabetes than agro-pastoral local people in urban areas of Yushu and Leh.

The prevalence of diabetes was low in the traditional lifestyle in pastoral people in Arunachal and Haiyan (3000 m) but the prevalence of prediabetes in Ladakh was high in Ladakh (2900–3800 m) where natural resource is lowest and they may be fragile to lifestyle change. There was more prevalence of high hemoglobin level and high blood sugar with obesity and hypertension in Yushu (3600 m) than in Ladakh. Change of lifestyle in hypoxia-adapted people may accelerate lifestyle-related diseases: "Diabetes acceleration hypothesis".

Health care design for elderly people in highlands for successful aging with high QOL.

We started follow-up monitoring of blood pressure, body weight and amount of exercise with the collaboration of local health staffs in Ladakh. Comprehensive geriatric functional analysis in all elderly people in Khaling in Bhutan were assessed and we are developing geriatric care system by the collaboration with local health staffs including traditional medical staffs and monks to promote health, high spirituality and QOL (Sakamoto 2011).
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○ Manifestations of global environmental issues in the human body have been clarified in the changing highland civilizations under the twin influences of socioeconomic globalization and global warming. Verifying the difference of adaptation and maladaptation in "Himalaya model of lifestyle-related diseases"—daibates acceleration hypothesis, the integration of medical and cultural/ecological team will be promoted. Pursuing culturally and ecologically fitted health care design with high QOL and presenting wisdom of the aged and wisdom of coexistence to deal with aging and disease, we will reconsider present lifestyles and the future of modern civilization.

○ Future Themes
The goals of the project are to promote understanding of the environmental problems associated with ecological resources, and contribute to their solution using the concept of the ecosystem network. Although our project can be regarded as a study on social-ecological systems, we pay attention to the interactions among different subsystems and various actors in society by introducing the concept of an ecosystem network. By analyzing and integrating the case studies in the two research areas, we establish a theory of the ecosystem network, which is expected to contribute to the understanding and management of other ecosystems and ecological resources.

In this project, we address two concrete environmental problems under contrasting ecological settings: tropical rain forests in Southeast Asia (Sarawak, Malaysia) and grasslands in Central Asia (Mongolia). In both Sarawak and Mongolia, we are conducting research in three core steps: (1) identification of ecosystem network structures responsible for the problems, (2) scenario analyses, and (3) establishment of a general conservation theory.

Background

Most ecosystems on the planet have been seriously degraded by human activities and are now in critical condition. Although various approaches for dealing with social-ecological systems have been developed to understand environmental problems and explore better ways to make both ecosystems and human lives sustainable, we still do not have a clear perspective for solving the problems partly owing to the complexity and diversity of ecosystems and human societies.

To cope with this complexity and diversity, we propose the concept of an “ecosystem network,” which has a nested structure involving interactions among and within subsystems, including human societies. Most terrestrial ecosystems affected by human activities are a mosaic of different land covers. In the ecosystem network, the subsystems (e.g., primary forests, secondary forests, lands for shifting cultivation) form an interacting network. In addition, each subsystem consists of networks of biological interactions. Moreover, we identify different actors in a human society within the ecosystem network, and regard human activities as part of the interactions within the ecosystem network. Some actors do not directly interact with the ecosystem but indirectly through other actors.

Need to conduct the project at Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN)

The project contributes to the mission of the RIHN because the ecosystem network is an interdisciplinary concept. The clarification of ecosystem networks requires the close cooperation between natural and social scientists. In addition, the project aims to establish a generalized theory beyond case studies; rather, it will be a core of the research field of the global environmental study created by RIHN.

Research methods

The most important concept of this project is the “ecosystem network,” which has a nested structure involving interactions among and within subsystems, including human societies. Most terrestrial ecosystems affected by human activities are a mosaic of different land covers. In the ecosystem network, the subsystems (e.g., primary forests, secondary forests, lands for shifting cultivation) form...
an interacting network. In addition, each subsystem consists of networks of biological interactions. Moreover, we place human society as a subsystem within the ecosystem network and regard human activities as part of the interactions within the ecosystem network.

The research areas for this project are a tropical rainforest in Southeast Asia (Sarawak, Malaysia) and a grassland in Central Asia (Mongolia). For a comparative investigation, it is essential to establish more than one research area to obtain generalizable results and discussion. In both study areas, terrestrial ecosystems are being devastated by the surge in Asian economies associated with the recent dramatic economic growth of China. Nevertheless, the lives of many people depend on natural ecosystems, and the destruction of these ecosystems results directly in dramatic changes in their lives. While the economies of both regions have similar frameworks, their ecological characteristics, such as the regeneration time of vegetation and the distribution of biomass in the ecosystems, differ.

For thousands of years, livestock have extensively grazed the grasslands of Mongolia. In recent decades, however, overgrazing by livestock, especially by the increased number of goats raised for the production of cashmere for export, has caused a serious problem in the region. Overgrazing results in excessive vegetation removal from the soil surface, alkalinizes the soil, and facilitates the growth of inedible plant species.

In Sarawak, ecosystems have changed dramatically in the last 100 years; land use has shifted from extensive agriculture in forests by indigenous people to logging in natural forests as a source of timber for export, and then to oil-palm plantations. The expansion of these plantations is thought to have brought about a sharp decrease in biodiversity and caused a reduction in or loss of ecosystem components essential to the indigenous people.

In both Sarawak and the grasslands of Mongolia, we are conducting research in three core steps: (1) Identification of area-specific problems and hypothetical ecosystem network structures closely related to the problems; (2) confirmation and evaluation of the hypothetical links through field surveys, remote sensing, literature surveys, and modeling; and (3) scenario analyses by building a few scenarios with different network structures, and evaluation of predicted ecosystem and social status using various indices. By integrating these results, we will (4) establish a general conservation theory based on the concept of ecosystem networks. The core of the theory will indicate which network structures are likely to lead to environmental problems and how we can restore the network to mitigate the problems.

Organization

The project is composed of three groups: one for the theoretical and modeling study and one group each for the field studies in Mongolia and Sarawak. To facilitate cooperation and discussion irrespective of research field, we do not divide the members of the field teams into subgroups; instead we have supervisors with a background in the social sciences and ecology for each study site. See the attached list for core and other members and their roles in the project.

O Progress and Results in 2012

(1) Scenario Analyses

In order to present the project findings in an easily understood format, we constructed several scenarios for Mongolia and Sarawak. Each scenario includes a set of policies and institutions, based on which we use different indices to estimate land cover and forecast environmental, social, and economic conditions 30 years from the present.

In the case of Sarawak, we examined three scenarios with different combinations of operational or planned institutions, designed by the international community to suppress overexploitation of tropical forests. While all three scenarios predicted greater retention of forests and ecosystem services compared with a Business-As-Usual scenario, the distribution of benefits among the international community, the enterprises, and the local people differed considerably.

In Mongolia, on the other hand, the potential contribution of the international community towards maintaining ecosystem services may be relatively small. This is because grasslands in Mongolia do not have high biomass or biodiversity, and therefore, the conservation of Mongolian grasslands provides fewer ecosystem services to the international community compared with those of tropical forests. Since Mongolian grasslands are mainly used by local people, the regulation of livestock grazing by local people is essential to sustainable production.
(2) Implications for ecosystem conservation from the ecosystem network perspective

We closely analyzed the ecosystem networks of Mongolia and Sarawak, and found an important difference between Mongolia and Sarawak is the relationship between enterprises and local people. Enterprises and local people have different mobility and dependence on the local ecosystems. Ecosystem deterioration affects local people more significantly than enterprises. Enterprises can utilize ecosystems in different areas if necessary, whereas local people cannot migrate as easily as the enterprises, even if their current environment becomes degraded. In Mongolia, ecological resources are used by local people and the products made are sold to the enterprises. In this manner, people and enterprises are mutually dependent. However, in the case of Sarawak, enterprises also directly exploit ecological resources, and therefore, compete with local people for the same resource base. In addition, tropical forests contain greater biodiversity and biomass and may thus have greater international importance than grasslands in terms of providing ecosystem services.

The differences suggest that the appropriate policies and institutions would also differ between the two areas. In Mongolia, there is potential for sustainable management via a negative feedback mechanism to suppress the overuse of pastures, since the degradation of ecological resources and other ecosystem services directly affects the users. For sustainable management, it is therefore essential to identify factors that weaken feedback mechanisms and to implement policies and institutions that enhance such feedback. In contrast, feedback does not act to suppress overuse in Sarawak, where the main users are enterprises. In this case, sustainable management therefore requires policies to introduce feedback or restrict the intensity of resource use.

The differences in productivity and biomass (or resource) distribution of the two ecosystems may be one of the main factors in the differing structures between the two areas. In grasslands, resources are scattered and both spatially and temporarily unpredictable, owing to low productivity and rapid turnover of one to several years. Harvesting such resources does not attract enterprises, which seek to maximize the return from their investment. Enterprises therefore choose to buy products from local people rather than exploit the resources themselves. In contrast, biomass produced for more than 100 years is accumulated above ground in Sarawak. Therefore, biomass is significant and evenly distributed, which is highly attractive to enterprises.

(3) Publication of project achievements

We organized RIHN international symposium together with three other projects. The papers in the symposium will be published as two books in the RIHN series published by Springer. Besides, we organized symposia in Mongolia and Japan, and publish books in English and Mongolian language. We are editing two Japanese books.

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Research Subject and Objectives  
We try to make new research frameworks and approaches for harmonizing between ecosystem health conservation and improving QoL (Quality of Life) in Southeast Asian coastal area, based on the detailed case studies conducted by the collaboration of local society, government, and researchers. Then, we would like to publish guidelines for consensus building that can achieve effective adaptive management of coastal ecosystem services.

There is growing concern for marine ecosystems and resources. Coastal area ecosystems in particular have been deteriorating rapidly, as they are often affected by environmental change and intensive human activity both on land and at sea. This interdisciplinary project investigates the complexity of coastal ecosystem health in relation to human use in tropical Southeast Asia.

Coastal area ecosystem services are indispensable for rural people, but also easily damaged by human use. Many coastal areas with high biodiversity and biological production are located in tropical zones of developing countries, as is the case in Southeast Asia. In such areas, ecosystem services, local livelihood and culture are closely related, but no clear research methods have been established to evaluate coastal ecosystem health in relation to human uses and needs. Resource management methods commonly used in temperate regions tend to target single ecologies and commercial resources with little consideration of how multiple ecologies and livelihood strategies overlap in culturally diverse contexts, and so cannot be easily applied to tropical coastal areas.

In this project, we conduct survey and compile various data and information regarding the coastal ecosystem health and service, besides, we compile the utilization situation and importance of the ecosystems for local people from various point of views, e.g. economical, traditional, food safety, job opportunity, etc. Then we propose a new concept for evaluation of rural development named "Area Capability" based on the linkages between human and nature. Under the Area Capability concept, close linkage between natural resources and/or capitals and human holding high conservation concern receive high acclaim. And a huge variety of natural resource uses and livelihoods also win raves. Wide use of this Area Capability concept for develops planning in worldwide, we expect the harmonization between conservation and rural development will be promoted with human welfare building.

Project Framework  
This project develops a holistic concept of area capability to permit consideration of the socio-ecological dynamics and tradeoffs in rural coastal area development. Natural science methods identify key factors maintaining ecosystem health and services, or what we call ecosystem capability. Social and anthropological methods are used to describe patterns of resource use and how they may be linked to improvements in local livelihoods, or social and human capability. Field research is based on collaboration with local people and governmental institutions. In combination, such considerations can serve as a guide for sustaining biocultural diversity in tropical coastal area development.

The concept of area capability was presented at the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security Towards 2020 (June 2011, Bangkok), and at seminars in the Philippines of researchers from Kagoshima University, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, UPV and SEAFDEC in 2011 and 2012. These events have allowed us to develop the concept in dialogue with members of local institutions and fishery departments in ASEAN countries, as well as in the Food and Agriculture Organization, World Wildlife Federation, among others.
This project is based on the joint research efforts of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Faculty of Fisheries of Kasetsart University, the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), and Japanese researchers who are members of the RIHN project. Aklan State University and Eastern Marine Fisheries Research and Development Center of Department Fishery, Thailand, are active participants as well. Through this collaboration, we can realize "area capability" and to generate a new approach toward rural development based on the harmonization between ecosystem health conservation and improvement of local people's quality of life.

Future tasks
Underway since 2012, we will examine coastal area resources, ecosystem services and communities in the Rayong area of Thailand, Panay Island in Philippines, and in Ishigaki Island and Mikawa Bay, Japan as full research. Local ecosystem primary productivity, material cycles, and food webs will be analyzed. The project will also examine the present state, fluctuation and migration of important biotic resources, and will develop equipment for such measurement as necessary.

Social research will investigate economic activities, including distribution and pricing mechanisms, working conditions, local culture and customs as they inform livelihood strategies, and health and disaster measures and resilience. A set-net fishery and the sale of seafood by local fishery groups will be researched in the Rayong area of Thailand, as will a fish farming enterprise in Batan Bay, Philippines, in order to describe the full effect of such endeavors on local environments and livelihoods, and to better inform effective resource management in these areas.

In total, this project aims to clarify the most salient local issues, constraints and opportunities that define the area capability of coastal tropical regions. A process of continual feedback of such data will deepen dialogue with local people and governmental institutions and is expected both to improve project research and support ecologically sound local and regional development.

Ecosystem service are indispensable for rural people, and it is fostered by high biodiversity and primary productivity though these are deteriorated by intensive human use. This project aims to solve this dilemma using a new concept of development named "Area Capability", based on the actual relationships between ecosystem health and human utilization in the coastal areas of Southeast Asia.

Consolidated database regarding the livelihood of the local people and resource utilization is established through interdisciplinary filed surveys conducted on the coastal area of Southeast Asia. Using this database, ideas, opinions and information are exchanged among local people, researchers and politicians etc. Through these dialogs, the actual situations and importance of resources are well understood. Then rational and concrete countermeasures for sustainability both of the social and ecosystem will be established.

 Progress and Results in 2012
As FR1 for this project without PR study, identifying the geographical area based on the ecosystem survey data, establishment and strengthen the human network for multidisciplinary study at study areas are set for the main targets for this year. As a first step, we compiled existing data and information through field surveys and meetings.

Outcomes and activities
We held a general meeting and three times core member meeting for discussion of research plan based on data, information ideas exchanges. And we set up 4 groups important themes, Fishery group, Biodiversity group, Environment group, Social group, and 3 groups for collaboration studies, Set-net group, Stock enhancement group, Island group, and management group.

Fishery group developed new questionnaire for fishing gear and operation based on the field survey in Thailand and Philippines. And this group compiled four years statistical data (1990, 1999, 2006, 2012) and former researches on fishery in Panaly Is. Philippines. Besides, daily fishery activity reports (Log-book) data were collected from 9 fishermen in Rayong, Thailand and 3 fishermen in Miyagao Philippines.

Biodiversity group established sample management system in Philippine University Museum and collaboration network with Thailand National Museum for sample store. And, this group collected 168
individuals in 21 species from Thailand and 122 inds. In 12 specimen for taxonomic and genetic analyses. Besides, 48 tuna can from 8 ASEAN countries for species identification using genetic analysis.

Environmental group collect water, sediment, fish mangrove samples from Thailand (241), Philippines (489), Vietnam (24) and Japan (Mikawa Bay)(48). Metal pollution and material flow analyses are conducting using these samples.

Social group developed a research manual and questionnaires for coastal village survey, based on the data and information of preliminary survey on Panay Is. In Philippines, and Rayong in Thailand. Using these questionnaires, 461 households data from Panay Is. In Philippines, 12 households data from Rayong in Thailand were collected. Besides, the linkage and conflict between tourism and fishermen were observed in Thailand and Isigaki Is. Based on the interview survey and anthropologic survey.

Set-net group has been conducted the Japanese Type community-based Set-net installation in Rayong in Thailand for ten years. This group collected data of fishery catch, operation, households activities, transportation of fish catch, value chain of fishery product, through the collaboration with set-net fishermen.

Stock enhancement group held group meeting with the local communities, local government and collaborative research institutes around Batang Bay in Philippines, where we are planning to conduct release works of shrimp. The time schedule of release work was settled and seeds of shrimp for release works can be obtained from local hatchery.

Island group conduct field survey of natural resource utilization in coral reef and archeological remains survey around Ishigaki Is.. Besides, this group collected environmental samples e.g. water, soil, fish, plants for stable isotope analysis in Ishigaki Is.. A town seminar for marine resource utilization for Ishigaki development in Ishigaki Is.. Through this seminar, existing data and information were collected and human network of local people and researchers was developed. And concern points of conservation and rural development of local people were discussed.

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Future Themes

The data and information collection of governmental institution and regulation for resource management and land use are bit late. Stable isotope analyses and genetic analyses are also bit late, due to the difficulty for the transportation of samples to RIHN. Interview surveys on the tourists and local people of Ishigaki Is. have not been conducted yet. And Index making of Area Capability has just started in the end of fiscal year.

Institution and regulation information collection will be done as soon as possible by the researcher who is in charge of this theme. Material and genetic analysis are facilitated by the environment and biodiversity groups. Interview survey in Ishigaki Is. will be conducted in next August in collaboration with Ishigaki City government and local community. Index making will be done through workshops which are held in this year. We plan 3 or 4 times workshop in this matter.

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In the last 200 years or so, especially in the 20th century, human health and hygiene indicators such as life expectancy and sanitation coverage improved dramatically (Riley, 2001), while the global environment has been deteriorated under the name of "development". Life expectancy is longer in the developed countries than the developing (or under-developed) countries, whereas ecological footprint or burden to the local, regional, and global environment is much bigger in the developed countries. According to the 20th-century's health and development model, development was thought as the solution for ill-health and poor hygiene. In this model, to be developed, to be industrialized, to be market-oriented, to be rich, to be clean, and to be healthy are thought as the inseparable, achievable and desirable goal, progress, and virtue for the human society as well as for the human life.

Innovation in science and technology, especially in the medical field, promoted this model. The modern health concept, that health is scientifically and objectively measurable, thus universal, pervaded. With the modern health concept, people started to be aware of their health, and put the value on it. Diseases became the problem which should be treated scientifically by trained specialist. Laymen were not allowed to raise objections against the decision of specialists. Then, the medical-oriented approach dominated the national and international health realm. Even the "Health for All by the Year 2000" and the "Primary Health Care (PHC)" advocated by World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF rely too much on the universal medical measures. The world believed that there is the universal and common goal of human health, and that the measures to attain it should be same. Control of infectious diseases such as malaria and filariasis was conducted by the standardized method all over the world. The medical-oriented approach based on the modern health concept was very successful in some parts and less successful in other aspects and areas. The outcome is the present world health situation.

While we (or some of us) are enjoying prosperity and health, there are large and ever-widening health divide/gap between rich and poor countries, and between rich and poor people within a country. To make things worse, the medical-oriented approach, being once thought as successful in the well-off countries, started to be less successful. With the demographic and societal changes, medical expense is rapidly increasing, and the medical service provision system is no more sustainable without further economic development. Should we count on further economic development? Does wealth enhance health in developed countries? The effect seems doubtful, witnessing the worldwide pandemic of obesity and other lifestyle-related diseases.
Limitation of the 20th-century's health and development model is now well-recognized. It does not pay attention to the environmental costs. It does not have the long-term sustainable view of the global level. Facing with the global environmental change (GEC), we need to change our way of life to mitigate GEC and adapt our societies to the coming GEC. We need to have the 21st-century's health and environment model. In order to do so the RIHN Ecohealth Project thought that we need to rethink the modern health concept itself.

Medical science, which is the foundation of the modern health concept, operationally see a living organism as an individual entity relatively independent from environment. it is prone to neglect personal historical experiences. Otherwise, medical science cannot deal it objectively. Medical science examines human itself with the same manner as examining cells, tissues, organs, or systems. We need not to blame medical science because of these. But, health concept in the 21st Century should not be based only on the medical science. As human health is related strongly with their ecosystem/environment, we should see human health and the ecosystem/environment as an integrated entity. This is the concept of "ecohealth".

The RIHN Ecohealth Project "Environmental Change and Infectious Disease in Tropical Asia" has conducted field researches in tropical monsoon Asia In summary, the field findings would be interpreted as follows: The health profile of a human population is a product of the human ecosystem (social-ecological system). Therefore, environment and health should not be separately studies. It should be recognized as an entity of ecohealth. From this viewpoint, ecohealth is unique for each ecosystem and each population. This means that strategies to promote good health should be unique for each ecosystem/environment. This view is very different from the universal goal and strategy of medical-oriented health.

What is needed now is, while understanding the diversity and uniqueness of local and regional ecohealth, to pursue the universal goal of sustainable global health for all. The project could not reach to this point. The project, however, accumulated the field data to elucidate the linkages between environmental changes and human infectious diseases in various setting of the tropical monsoon Asia. We think that this diversity of ecohealth itself characterizes the tropical monsoon Asia. The RIHN Ecohealth Project established good platforms and networks of ecohealth in this region. Using these platforms and networks, the project members both inside and outside Japan shall expand and deepen the scientific understanding and education/communication of ecohealth in this region.

**Progress and Results in 2012**

The project has conducted field researches in Lao P.D.R, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and southern China in collaboration with various government and non-government institutions and projects. Main topics studied in Lao P.D.R were liver fluke and malaria infection in Savannakhet province. In the final report, we focused on conferences and meetings where the project results were presented.

1. Studies in Lao P.D.R. : 1) National Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Health (NIOPH) and Savannakhet (SVK) Provincial Health Department were the major counterparts In Lao P.D.R. Japanese Consortium of Lao Health Research (JC-HR- Lao) was established and meetings were held 3 times in Japan with the participation of Lao counterparts 2) Since 2007 (the PR period), NIOPH organized the National Health Research Forum (NHRF) annually in collaboration with the RIHN Ecohealth Project. The NHRF is the first annual international gathering in the field of public health in Lao, offering the very unique and good opportunities especially for young Lao researchers and health staff. The number of participants were around 150. 3) The 6th NHRF was held in Savannakhet in September 2012. Many young researchers from NIOPH and health staff from the district level of SVK province participated in the forum. Some made poster presentation. 4) Results of the project study in the Lahanam HDSS (Health and Demographic Surveillance System) covering 7,000 people, and in the Sepon HDSS covering 4,500 people were reported. 5) By introducing the finger-vein bio-metric identification to the HDSSs (2012), linkage among various epidemiological data sets became feasible both in Lahanam and Sepon. 6) These HDSS sites are the first two HDSSs in Lao, and offering the study fields for PhD and Master course students both from Lao P.D.R. and Japan. 7) Follow-up parasitological stool examination for school children/students and their
parents in Lahanam was conducted together with ecohealth education in schools. The same operation will be done in Sepon in March 2013. 8) Environmental liver fluke egg contamination study was advanced applying the environmental DNA analysis and the water analysis for E.coli. 9 ) Hazard map of potential Ov infection based on distribution of intermediate host snails in the water body was advanced. 10) Village health volunteers and health staff are getting active through the mobile-phone network and training/communication meetings. The fund for constructing the Sepon VHV training center is under review in MOFA, Japan. 11) Fact-finding investigation for bed-net use was conducted. 12) In the national level, in collaboration with Lao National University Faculty of Education, ecohealth curriculum and proposed and pre-tested. 13) The national first study on HIV and sexual behavior of sex workers were done in SVK in collaboration with National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM). The Asia HIV/AIDS Research Network Meetings were held in 2011 and 2013. 14) Water quality map making was started in SVK covering all the health centers. 15) Research funds for continuing the similar studies were obtained. Then, the ecohealth study in SVK based on HDSS will continue.

II. Studies in Vietnam (with the Khan Phu Malaria Research Center, Quang Tri Province)
1) The RIHN Ecohealth Project supported the multidisciplinary study in Khan Phu Malaria (ACHIEVEMENTS IN FULL RESEARCH, CONTINUED 1) Research Center, by hosting the first Vietnam-Japan symposium on monkey forest malaria in 2010. Then, the JSPS AA-platform program was started. The two project collaborated and advanced the integrated malaria study in this area. The 2nd symposium was held in Nha Tran in February 2012 and the third one in Inuyama in December 2012. 2) The Border malaria control and joint research is now active between Sepon, SVK, Lao P.D.R. and Quang Tri, Vietnam. 3) Malaria study in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam was conducted and data on Lao patients were also collected. 4) Entomological study collaboration started between Lao P.D.R. and Vietnam. 5) DNA of monkey malaria Pk was found in Vietnam and in Lao. But, we could not find monkey malaria Pk itself from human in these countries. This is very different from east Malaysia. 6) The Japan-Vietnam (and Lao) research team will continue to make this research after finishing the RIHN project.

III. Bangladesh: Climate change and human health : Bangladesh International Symposium on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) were held in 2008, 2010, and 2012 in Dhaka. The project contributed much for this. 2) Japanese Consortium for Bangladesh Health Research (JC-HR-Bangladesh) was established in 2012 with the name change from Filaria-Free Bangladesh (established in 2008). 3) The collaborative research with ICDRR,B (International Center for Diarrhea Disease Research, Bangladesh) on climate/weather and health was advanced. 4) Filarial study was advanced in north-western part of Bangladesh. Savar Filaria and General Hospital was open in the suburb of Dhaka. Further collaborative study on ecohealth is planned there. 5) Ecohealth environmental community activity named "Beautiful Bangladesh Ecohealth Initiative" to control mosquitoes and flies was started. The initiative involves filariasis victims/patients as community workers. 6) The project collaborated with the SATREPS Leishmaniasis Project in Bangladesh. A RIHN researcher will join to this project after finishing this project.

IV. Studies in China : Biannual International Congress on Ecohealth (Ecohealth 2012) was held in October 2012 in Kunming, China. The project participated in it as the only group from Japan. 2) Ecohealth community monitoring was conducted in 10 villages in Yunnan in collaboration with YMDRA, Yunnan Health and Development Research Association. A book was published. 3) Collaboration with Chinese CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention), Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, Hainan Provincial CDC, Fujian Medical University, Yunnan University, Kunming Medical University was promoted. The project results were reported at the first international forum for tropical diseases and the 4th international forum for sustainable vector management. Three group of the CDC delegates visited RIHN. 4) Other infectious disease network (mainly on HIV/AIDS) with Beijing, Shanghai, Fujian were made. 5) The history team collected data/reports on disease control in China (Schistosomiasis et al.)

V. Ecohealth profile of the tropical monsoon Asia and global environmental change: 1) The project is establishing a network of ecohealth research in the Greater Mekong Sub-regions. 2) Through this network, we will continue to find out ways to provide solution for "health and ecosystem/environment"
of resource-poor people to increase their capability and preparedness for coming local and global environmental changes.

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Activities scheduled in FY2013: CR-1 will be conducted.

Other related projects are as follows:

1) DIAS-GRENEei Ecohealth Project (2012-2015) with the University of Tokyo

2) Geo/Eco-health Project on Water Quality in Lao P.D.R.
On October 15-16, we shall join the 7th National Health Research Forum in Vientiane with NIOPH, and JCHR-Lao P.D.R.

- Achievements
- Papers

[Original Articles]
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Research Subject and Objectives

This project will examine life support mechanisms and self-sufficient modes of production among Arab peoples who have survived in dryland environments for more than a millennium. Using the research results, we will propose a scientific framework to strengthen subsistence productivity and combat livelihood degradation in local Arab communities in preparation for the post-oil era.

Background

Japan and the oil-rich countries of the Middle East have put excessive pressures on the earth’s energy, water, and food resources. In prioritizing economic prosperity, these countries have exploited irreplaceable resources, such as fossil fuel and fossil water. Schemes to plant alien species have also placed stress on local ecosystems. This pattern of development has increased social and economic differences within the Middle East just as the region faces a turning point in modern oil-based industrial development. Fossil fuel-based interdependencies must now be transformed into new relations that can support viable future societies.

This project focuses on human subsistence ecosystems of the region: low energy-intensity life-support mechanisms and modes of production, such as hunting, gathering, fishing, herding, farming, and forestry. In doing so it also reflects on the role of advanced technologies in economic development, and measures adopted thus far to combat desertification. Field research investigates keystone species, ecotones, and traditional knowledge and examines the sustainability of subsistence economies under site-specific conditions.

Research Methods

Field surveys are conducted in semi-arid lands between the Nile River and the Red Sea in Sudan, with the Red Sea coast, Butana area, and Nile River areas as the main survey areas. Additional surveys will be conducted at the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, the Red Sea coast in Saudi Arabia, and a Saharan oasis in Algeria. We will compare keystone species, ecotones, and traditional knowledge and examine differences in the sustainability of subsistence economies under site-specific conditions.

We will develop and implement our study of human subsistence ecosystems around three main areas:
1) comprehensive measures to control the alien invasive species mesquite
2) assessment of the environmental effects of development programs in coastal zones of the arid tropics to prevent the emergence of new environmental problems
3) sharing of research results to support local decision making.

Our research method combines two main approaches:
(1) analysis of subsistence ecosystems, focusing on keystone species such as camels, date palm, dugong, mangrove, and coral reefs
(2) examination of the sustainability and fragility of Arab societies, focusing on the ecotones such as wadi beds, riverbanks, mountainsides, and seashores.

【 Project Organization 】

The members of this project include social and natural scientists, members of local NGOs and project managers, who are divided into four study groups: 1) Alien invasive species control group, 2) Coastal zone environmental impact assessment group, 3) Support for local decision making group, and 4) Local ecosystems comparative studies group.

(1) Alien invasive species control group

In the 1980s, mesquite (Prosopis spp.) was considered an ideal tree for combating desertification due to its high capacity to stabilize sand dunes, survive inhospitable environments, and provide fuel, timber, fodder, and edible pods. However, although mesquite seedlings failed to establish on sand dunes, they became well established within oases, where they lowered water tables and suppressed native vegetation. The invasion of mesquite has not only changed regional ecosystems, but has also led to livelihood degradation in local communities.

The interdisciplinary research teams will develop comprehensive measures to control this invasive species. These teams will be comprised of specialists from various backgrounds including scientists based at universities and institutions; members of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs); consultants; project managers of international organizations and development institutions; and local people with various social roles, including tribal leaders, technicians, and villagers.

(2) Coastal zone environmental impact assessment group

Mangrove ecosystems in the coastal zones of the arid tropics can be important sources of energy for surrounding terrestrial ecosystems. These areas are rich in biodiversity, and great potential exists for seafood and pastoral food production by reforesting mangroves to sustain fish nurseries and provide safe foraging sites. One of the most interesting aspects of food habits along the coastal zone of the arid tropics is the local dependence on hunting, gathering, and fishing of sea products (fish, shellfish, dugong, dolphin, and sea turtles). Therefore, in terms of arid land food production, we should consider the potential of sea product development as a principal element of future diets.

On the other hand, the conversion of sea water to fresh water in coastal zones presents a large development frontier. However, it may also lead to environmental degradation as highly concentrated saline water is released into the sea. Many coastal towns and cities have developed solar-powered desalination plants, which have made agriculture and forestation possible in remote areas. We will examine this issue and compile information to help guard against new environmental problems arising from development.

(3) Support for local decision making group

Researchers must widen the public domain for scientific findings and provide universal and equitable access to scientific data and documents. However, relatively few research results are accessible to local people in local languages, with the exception of some brochures and books published and distributed by international organizations.

This situation reduces the usefulness of research results in local decision making as well as in national policy development. Thus, to support local decision making, we plan to provide our research information through print and digital devices in Japanese (to create a bridge between Japanese and Arab societies), English (the common language of science communities), and Arabic (the common language of local communities in the study region).

(4) Local ecosystems comparative studies group

In human subsistence ecosystems (social ecosystems) in Arab societies, camels, date palm, dugong, mangrove, and coral (reefs) are assumed to be key stone species. These species support diverse communities, and their extinction could lead to the disappearance of other species, including even...
human communities. The survival of these species likely depends greatly on wise uses of combinations of environmental factors in ecotones, a socio-ecological niche in dryland environments of the Middle East. 

The study group on human subsistence ecosystems in Arab societies will examine Arab communities and environmental factors in ecotones, a socio-ecological niche in dryland environments of the Middle East.

**Progress and Results in 2012**

**Major Achievements:**

**Suggestions for resource management in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) through studies on fishing culture and behavioral characteristics of dugongs**

The local people have historically depended on sea products (fish, shellfish, dugong, dolphin, and sea turtles) for their diet in unique coastal ecosystem of the arid tropics: coexistence of mangrove forests (dominant species: Avicennia marina) and coral reefs and complex relationship of the both. On the other hand, the coastal zones presents a large development frontier, therefore, it may also lead to environmental degradation such as destruction of mangrove forests, coral reefs, and seagrass beds and releasing highly concentrated saline water into the sea. In order to suggest frame works for a new environmental assessment with community participating for prevention of global environmental problems, we have conducted multi-principal studies focusing on mangroves, coral reef, camels, dugongs, and fishing culture in the coastal areas of Sudan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, surrounding the Red Sea.

We have conducted surveys on fishing culture in Dungonab Bay in one of the MPAs in Sudan and have found that the local fishermen were catching fishes based on accurate recognition of their subsistence space and detailed understanding of ecology of the target fish. The fishermen find 77 fishing grounds accurately by using both maps and marine charts. Besides, it was suggested that fishing restriction due to harsh environmental conditions such as strong winds for half a year and hot temperature in summer may control over harvesting of the marine resources. On the other hand, there is a growing concern about over fishing of sea cucumbers which are coastal stationary species that inhabit shallow waters, because they are easily taken and traded at high price. It is also concerned that mangrove trees are used for processing the sea cucumbers.

Biologging studies of dugongs revealed behavioral characteristics of their space use. Dugongs stayed in the shallow waters less than 4 m for more than 96 % of their time, sometimes showing rapid dives down to 40 m. Strong site fidelity was also suggested because the animal repeatedly visited a specific feeding ground. Vocal communication is expected to be revealed by further analysis.

Most of the fishing grounds and the dugong habitats in Dungonab Bay did not overlap. It was shown that by catch of the dugongs in gill nets can be avoided by time-spatial segregation of fishermen and dugongs (Fig. 3).

We clarified precautions for development and resource management prior to waves of public projects and development. Accumulation of academic data by this project contributes to concrete input of framework and contents of management of MPA, and at the same time, it can be used as reference for assessment of environmental impact in the whole area of Red Sea and also coastal areas of arid tropics.

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Future Themes

Challenges for the last year of this project is to present a persuasive contention by connecting the particular factual data and integrate the result of analysis for “Human subsistence ecosystems in Arab societies”. We will reveal human subsistence ecosystems in the seaside such as relationship between mangrove, coral reef, camels, dugongs, and fishing culture through our previous studies, and by comparing trees (wild species: A. marina, cultivated species: date palm, and alien invasive species: Prospolis), we will reevaluate them as new resources for energy and food.

These research results will be exhibited as “Surviving in the desert (tentative)” at National Museum of Nature and Science. Last year, we have compiled a book “Human Resource and Engineering in the Post-Oil Era: A Look at Viable Future Societies in Japan and Oil-Rich Countries of the Middle East” (RIHN Book series, Showado) and volume 1 and 2 of multilingual books (in Arabic, English, French, and Swahili) as Arab Subsistence Monograph Series (Shoukadoh Book Sellers). We will also compile a series of books in Japanese “Human subsistence in Arab Societies” (10 volumes, Rinsen Book Co.), and a book “Knowledge for sharing water in the desert (tentative)” (National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokai University Press) to conclude the study results and pass them on to the local society.

Achievements

Books

[Chapters/Sections]


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Papers
[Original Articles]


・Nawata, H. 2012,06 "To Combat a Negative Heritage of Combating Desertification: Developing Comprehensive Measures to Control the Alien Species Mesquite (Prosopis juliflora) in Sudan". Journal of Arid Land Studies 22(1) :9-12. (reviewed).


Research Presentations
[Oral Presentation]


【Poster Presentation】

【Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist】
・Nawata, H. A Bridge between 'Knowledge' in Japan and 'Tradition' in Sudan: To combat a negative heritage of combating desertification. International Biennial of Cultural and Landscape Heritage, November 2012, Florence, Italy.
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Research Subject and Objectives
This research project investigates the direct and complex links between environmental change, ecological degradation, food availability and quality, and human health. Research is conducted at Santa Rosa Watershed and other sites in the Laguna Lake region, a highly populated and variegated region in which rich ecological resources are threatened by rapid land use change, urbanization and industrialization. Study sites are representative of the challenges facing many other Asian watersheds. The project has four principal objectives: 1) to document the current levels and pathways of heavy metals pollution in the aquatic resources of Laguna Lake; 2) to investigate the health condition of local residents and their perception of food risks; 3) to analyze the ecological effects of agrochemical inputs, and their cumulative impact on food production and relation to subsequent ecosystem deterioration; and 4) to describe land use changes in the Laguna Lake area and their impact on water and material cycles, including impacts on sedimentation, groundwater level, and its quality.

Research Organization
Five research teams are comprised mainly of researchers at RIHN, Yokohama National University and University of the Philippines; they work in collaboration with government agencies such as the Laguna Lake Development Authorities (LLDA) and local government units. The Environmental Risk Assessment Team identifies the exact sources of, and factors responsible for, particular pollutants in the food chain, utilizing stable isotope and other analytical techniques. The Socio-Economic Evaluation Team explores how market- and nonmarket-based instruments can be used to improve water quality, food security and public health. The Health Risk Evaluation Team describes human nutrition, history of disease, and life expectancy in the region, especially in relation to socio-economic dynamics. The Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Team investigates the design of ecosystem service payment programs. The GIS-based Risk Mapping Team supports the entire research project by creating a spatially-explicit database of key variables associated with risk in the food chain.

Progress and Results in 2012
The major research outcome in its first year of the Full Research can be summarized as follows: The Environmental Risk Assessment Team has created water quality maps for the Laguna Lake and its watersheds. The maps show that heavy metals are markedly high in the western region as compared to the eastern region likely reflecting the urbanization in the western region. The pathways of heavy metals from source to food will be investigated by analyzing lead stable isotope compositions of water, sediment and edible fish/water plant samples which would be used as a ‘tracer’ of heavy metals.

The Socio-Economic Evaluation Team will grapple with the following research subjects: (i) consumer behavior and perception of food & health risk; (ii) economic and environmental values by agricultural/agro-forest land use; (iii) waste management and community development; (iv) long-term comparison of food & health security. Several household and farm surveys have been conducted in the Sta. Rosa Sub-watershed and control area since last fall. With the collected data and information, we will employ statistical and econometric approaches.

The Health Risk Evaluation Team has completed the baseline evaluation to clarify the type and severity of environmental exposures affecting human health. Description of the health status of households and dietary diversity in the Santa Rosa sub-water shed area has also completed. A pilot study on health assessment of environmental pollutants exposure among community residents near Laguna Lake area was
Further analysis of community exposure to environmental pollutants and risk communication strategies will be formulated.

PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) Analysis Team estimates the farmers’ adoption decisions of agroforestry and derives regional supply of ecosystem services from agriculture. We also evaluate people’s willingness-to-pay (WTP) for enhancing ecosystem services in the region. Combining these results, we will eventually conduct policy simulations and derive the PES scheme, desirable for both ecological services and people’s livelihood in the region.

The GIS risk analysis team constructed “spatial analysis data map” which were aggregated spatial data (paper maps, satellite images) and various information from other teams. Furthermore we created new factors (land use and land use changes) and applied spatial analysis. We plan to construct efficient information-sharing structure in a local community in the current fiscal year.

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**Future Themes**

Including the Pre-Research (PR) period, almost two years have passed since this project started. Through the field work, laboratory experiment, interviews and discussions with stakeholders as well as household, farm, and biomedical surveys, each team is submitting rigorous or preliminary research results. In the second year of 2012/2013, the Community Forum 2012 was held as a community-based social
experiment in September in Laguna, the research site, and it worked as a showcase of our research activities. The feedback from the local stakeholders will be utilized for the interdisciplinary study next year.

● Achievements

○ Books

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Desertification is one of the problems at global concern and, at the same time, the phenomena of desertification are the combinations of accumulated causes and consequences at local and human-scale. The objectives of this research are as follows: 1) to identify socio-ecological characteristics and types of desertification in some targeted areas of Semi-arid Afro-Eurasia as a premise to solve/mitigate the problems related to desertification; 2) to re-examine techniques/approaches to cope with desertification and to enhance rural development assistance; 3) to understand mechanisms and processes of socio-ecological adaptation being functioned under environmental and demographic changes; 4) to seek feasible and practical techniques/approaches to prevent/mitigate desertification; and 5) to propose integrative/holistic solutions to encourage ways of improving livelihood security for the people who live with uncertainty and fragility in social-ecological environments.

In ratifying the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in 1994, the international community, including Japan, signed its commitment to solve the problems related to desertification. So far, there have been many efforts made by international organizations, local government and NGOs, however, the problems still remain unsolved and become more serious year by year. Why desertification have not been prevented and even became worse? It may be explained from its causes and its linkages with poverty. As defined in UNCCD (1994), the causes of desertification are both climatic factors and human activities. If the latter are carefully focused, the causes are the daily activities to support people’s livelihood and basic needs for survival, such as cropping, animal husbandry and gathering of fuel woods. Nobody can force them to stop the livelihood activities of local people for desertification control. Difficulty of desertification control may also be explained from its complexity. Climatic factors include short and uneven distribution of rainfall, excess rain and flooding, and wind. Livelihood activities are varied under different landscape, soils, vegetation, food customs, traditions of techniques, socio-economic condition and so on. Susceptibility of land resources and ecosystems under the pressure of human activities and the impact of climatic factors are also different for each place. Thus, desertification can be considered as a sum of these combinations.

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Sahel region of West Africa is one of the frontlines of desertification. Due to the increase of human impact, traditional fallow cultivation, which maintains soil fertility and prevents soil erosion, is no more standing. Prolonged exposure of land surface accelerates soil erosion and, thus, the decrease of soil fertility. Nearly 20 years have passed since the ratification of UNCCD (1994) by international communities. Several efforts have been poured to desertification control and rural development, however, most of them are not necessarily adopted and extended to local level. Why it happened? It may be explained from the causes of desertification and close linkages with poverty. The
major causes of desertification are the daily activities to support people’s livelihood and basic needs for survival, such as cropping, animal husbandry and gathering of fuel woods. This fact suggests that a technique should maintain beneficial effects both to satisfy needs of daily life first and, then, to control desertification. Based on such understanding, we innovated a practical technique, so-called “fallow-band system”, to improve crop performance concurrently with reduction of soil erosion by wind.

Coping activities as socio-ecological adaptations

We conducted the field research on the people’s coping activities in the years of crisis in order to identify the requisites of socio-ecological adaptation in the Sahelian condition. The Fakara area in Western Niger receives approximately 400mm of annual rainfall, and frequently suffers drought, irregular rainfall, and locust outbreaks. We asked cultivators and pastoralists to remember years of crisis since the 1970s, and the coping strategies they employed. Cultivators indentified 1973, 1984, and 1991 as years of crisis, while pastoralists named 1984, 1992, 1998 and 2005. Household vulnerability differed by ethnicity, as different ethnic groups typically rely on distinct livelihood strategies. Major coping activities were sale of livestock, food aid, seasonal migrant works, borrowing food and money, consumption of stored food, gathering of useful plants and insects, sale of fuel woods, and donation and remittance of money from family members working abroad. Pastoralists tended to manage within the range of their livelihood systems i.e. they would sell livestock, while, by contrast, cultivators tended to combine plural activities and depend on external support.

Fallow-band system

Design: Fallow-band system was designed to improve crop performance, both growth and grain yield, and to reduce wind erosion. At the beginning of rainy season, the bands with 5 m width and stretching from the north to the south are set at the interval of 30 m to 60 m in cultivated field. In each band, seed of pearl millet are not sown, weeding practice is not done and, consequently, a band with wild grasses and herbs is established. The fallow-band, left during dry season after crop harvest, captures top soils and coarse organic matter brown by seasonal easterly wind. In the rainy season of next year, the position of the fallow-band is shifted on the windward.

Functions: We set some plots in the experiment farm of ICRISAT-Niamey, western part of Niger, to verify the functions of the fallow-band system in wind erosion control and improvement of crop performance. For the effect on wind erosion control, we monitored the amount of top soil and coarse organic matter (OM) brown by wind during dry season. The amount captured by a single fallow-band prevented 74 % of soil loss and 58 % of OM loss. For the effect on the improvement of crop performance, difference of crop growth was clearly shown in the filed under continuous cultivation and in the field one year after the fallow-band. This drastic effect was explained by the loss or accumulation of relatively fertile top soil and organic matter, i.e. nutrients for crop, by wind. Since the residual effect remains for three to four years, the grain yield from the entire cultivated field, including the one under continuous cropping and once placed under fallow-band, increases year by year. Although the effect can not be kept with the increasing trend, the result is attractive for local cultivators.

Extension: The technique of fallow-band system was endorsed to the JICA Grassroots Project “Formation and dissemination of practical techniques for mitigation of desertification and improvement of household income in Niger” (April 2010–March 2013). As of December 2012, the technique has been extended and practiced by 439 households in 75 villages, 23 districts and 5 regions in Niger.

Social network in a Sahelian community

We examined the dissemination of the fallow band system within the commune of Finare, in Say District, Niger. The location of households that practiced and did not practice the technique was plotted and the networks of information and confidence are drawn as the diagram of network. Households using the technique were located in and near Finare sub-village, where the chief of the commune lives. A village chief is commonly designated as an access point in participatory approach by many rural development projects. Why was the introduced technique not disseminated throughout the entire commune despite its proven benefits? The reasons may be given by the state of the networks of information and confidence in the commune. The sub-villages of Finare and Gardje have relatively dense network of
information. Some households in Winde Gaoude and Koma are, however, isolated from the network. In addition, the chief, though he is a point of access to the community, is not in a key node of the network of confidence. These facts mean that the common participatory approach has some shortcomings and room for improvement. This study further suggests that some persons or households who are in the key nodes of the network in the community may enable future adoption of introduced techniques. This project will investigate the further practical advantages of interweaving such analysis of social networks into agricultural extension and rural development services.

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○ Future Themes

To achieve the research objectives, some corresponding sub-topics being conducted by the interim evaluation (at the end of FR2) are listed as follows.

1. To identify socio-ecological characteristics and types of desertification in some targeted areas of Semi-Arid Afro-Eurasia as a premise to solve/mitigate the problems related to desertification

1-1. Collection of general information (e.g. climate, vegetation, soil, topography, demographic statistics, household components, etc.) of the selected sites though village survey, literature review and analyses of satellite imagery by GIS

1-2. Identification of causes and types of dominant desertification phenomena in relating with the changes of livelihood activities under demographic and economic pressure, climatic trend and intervention from outside

2. To re-examine techniques/approaches to desertification control and rural development assistance

2-1. Collection and review of cases in the past and current projects related to desertification control conducted in Burkina Faso, Niger, Namibia and India

2-2. Re-examination of techniques (e.g. tree planting for reforestation, water harvesting) and approaches (e.g. participatory rapid appraisal) through the analyses of ecological suitability and affordability in labour allocation using the case reviews mainly in Burkina Faso and Niger

3. To understand mechanisms and processes of socio-ecological adaptation being functioned under environmental and demographic changes in the selected sites

3-1. Identification of endogenous and exogenous socio-ecological pressures to land resources, ecosystems, livelihood and communities derived from environmental and demographic changes
3-2. Identification of "years of crisis", its causes and the coping activities referring to the experiences in Niger

3-3. Case study of "Cote d'Ivoir shock" affecting Burkina Faso since 2002, focusing on the impact of demographic pressure to land resources, coping activities to mitigate/buffer the shocks

3-4. Case study of "Chronic drought and transition of local husbandry" in Burkina Faso, Niger, Namibia and India focusing on the changes of major livelihood activities (e.g. cultivation and livestock raising), the significance of seasonal/subsidiary jobs (e.g. migration labouring, petit-trading, and gathering) to ensure livelihood security

3-5. Case study of "Conflict and co-existence among different ethnics" in Niger and Burkina Faso focusing on the chronological records of conflicts, the seasonal interaction (e.g. spatial and temporal use of land resources for cultivation and grazing), the trading of local commodities at community level, the borrow and lend over commodities and land properties, and the competition in receiving outsider's support

3-6. Comparative study on socio-ecological adaptation in India, Burkina Faso, Niger and Namibia under similar climatic and ecological condition with differences in demographic pressure, land use systems of livelihood activities, and ethnic interrelations

4. To seek feasible and practical techniques/approaches to prevent/mitigate desertification

4-1. Collection and identification of indigenous/conventional techniques related to prevent/mitigate desertification, to improve land productivity and to restore degraded ecosystems

4-2. Action research for "Technology transfer within Africa" with on-site experiments in selected site of Burkina Faso, Niger and Namibia to restore deforested land using the combination of Zai (indigenous tree planting pit) and Diguette (line of stones and/or grass), and to prevent land degradation due to wind erosion using the technique of "fallow-band system"

4-3. Action research for "Identifying pre-requisites and processes of indigenization" in selected sites of Niger using some transferred techniques as tracer(s) to depict the information dissemination channels within and outside the community, to find the appealing points and processes for decision-making, acceptance, modification and succession of new technique(s)

5. To propose integrative/holistic solutions to encourage ways of improving livelihood security for the people who live with uncertainty and fragility in socio-ecological environment

5-1. Proposition of some packages of feasible and practical techniques effective to prevent/mitigate desertification phenomena (especially concerning to wind erosion in the Sahel of Niger), to restore degraded land and ecosystems, and to improve livelihood security through increasing household income sources and stabilizing agricultural/livestock production

Achievements

Research Presentations

[Oral Presentation]


- Yuko SASAKI Technology dissemination and social networks at rural areas in the Sahel, West Africa. RHN-HUAF Collaboration Seminar on "African Development Assistance with Asia", 2013,03,06, CARD, Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry, Hue, Vietnam.


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Research Subject and Objectives

Research purpose:
Diverse ecosystem services should be managed as commons by collaboration of various stakeholders with different values and interests. Through the accumulation and meta-analysis of diverse case studies from all over the world, we examine mechanisms to facilitate production and utilization of the integrated knowledge base for the stakeholder-driven creation and sustainable management of such commons. The project aims to clarify the process and mechanisms for local stakeholders to effectively integrate and utilize scientific as well as various types of local knowledge to achieve adaptive governance of local communities. Roles and functions of diverse multi-scale translators mediating knowledge flow across different scale levels from global to local are analyzed in detail to elucidate multi-scale mechanisms to solve global environmental problems. These results will contribute to formation of science for society to produce knowledge bases to be utilized by stakeholders (knowledge users), and social systems for effective use of science to solve global environmental problems.

Background of research:
Bottom-up approaches driven by diverse stakeholders of local communities are essential to solve diverse global environment problems including worldwide degradation of ecosystem services which come up to the surface on the basis of locally specific problem structures. Scientific as well as various types of local knowledge systems are required for the stakeholders to effectively manage ecosystem services. Studies have been accumulated to describe characteristics and structures of these knowledge bases, but design-oriented analyses of production and circulation mechanisms of knowledge to contribute to adaptive governance of ecosystem services have not been conducted in detail. This research focuses on the roles and functions of residential researchers and bilateral knowledge translators as important actors to provide knowledge basis for decision makings and actions by local stakeholders, and production and circulation of the Integrated Local Environmental Knowledge (ILEK), a transdisciplinary blend of science and various types of local knowledge, to understand mechanisms to facilitate collaboration of diverse actors to achieve adaptive governance of local communities to design sustainable future.

Contribution to solutions of global environmental problems:
This research contributes to bottom-up solutions of diverse global environmental problems by clarifying adaptive governance systems of ecosystem services supported by production and circulation of the Integrated Local Environmental Knowledge (ILEK). It aims to clarify theory and approaches of solutions of global environmental problems from the viewpoints of knowledge users (stakeholders) to establish adaptive governance systems of diverse ecosystem services by effectively integrating scientific knowledge and various types of local knowledge deeply embedded in everyday life.

Progress and Results in 2012
Research plan:
The research plan of this project was originally designed assuming one year pre-research (PR) period with the following research topics. (1) Detailed analysis of case study sites selected in the FS stage from the viewpoints of knowledge users to establish candidates of social experiment sites. (2)
Accumulate examples of multi-scale knowledge translators and establish analytical frameworks. (3) Establish interactive approaches between empirical case studies and theoretical analysis. We also made a research plan for the full-research first year (FR1) as follows. (1) Promote understanding of roles and functions of ILEK productions and circulations in the adaptive governance processes of local commons through emergence and dynamic changes of the roles of knowledge producers in the local communities. (2) Determine social experiment sites to start logistical setup and consensus building among stakeholders. (3) Start up multi-scale analysis. As the FR1 has been launched immediately without PR phase, we tried to incorporate all these research topics in this FR1.

Research methods:
This project effectively inherits research outcomes of cognitive sciences from previous RIHN projects and integrates them with various cases of solution-oriented design science approaches from the world involving collaborative interactions between scientists and stakeholders to produce and utilize ILEK for creation and sustainable management of local commons. With this unique approach, the project aims to elucidate pathways to promote science for society as well as to design social systems to digest and effectively utilize scientific knowledge. The Integrated Local Environmental Knowledge (ILEK) has been formed in the process of bringing solutions to local environmental problems in various local communities in the world integrating local wisdoms to manage and utilize ecosystem services in everyday life and scientific knowledge providing cause effect relationships and predictability Residential researchers conducting scientific research as members of local communities and bilateral knowledge translators promoting knowledge circulation and utilization across the border between scientists and stakeholders play important roles in these processes. The project analyzes scientific processes and outcomes of various cases of solution-oriented knowledge productions by residential and other types of researches including RIHN projects from the viewpoints of knowledge users, based on the hypothesis that the multiple roles and functions of these important actors to produce and circulate ILEK support the adaptive governance of local communities for sustainable futures. We have established the preliminary conceptual models of ILEK-based adaptive governance based on the framing of local stakeholders and potential responses of stakeholder networks. We aim to elaborate these theoretical frames from meta-analysis of case studies and modeling to produce verifiable hypothesis for designing social experiments. We also conduct analysis of roles and functions of bilateral knowledge translators in the contexts of multi-scale collaboration mediated by knowledge flow across multiple scale levels from local to global. With the approaches integrating empirical studies, social experiments and theoretical analysis, the project aims to elucidate the way forwards toward solution of global environmental problems.

Research organizations:
In the year 2012, we made particular emphasis on establishment of research group structures and methodologies through the screening and reorganization of case study sites, accumulation of diverse cases of multi-scale translators, and design of task forces (TFs) crosscutting research groups with particular concepts and issues. This project is characterized by participation of researchers, either residential or visiting, deeply committed to local communities of the case study sites to examine dynamism of adaptive governance caused by intense interactions among stakeholders including transformation of researchers themselves. Therefore, we spent much effort to identify cases allowing such approaches with dedicated researchers for the analysis of local communities and multi-scale translators. As the results, we have been establishing sufficient quantity and quality of case study sites and case examples of multi-scale translators. We also designed taskforces (TFs) focusing key concepts and issues in order to facilitate collaborations toward project ideas and goals among diverse researchers based on the common research interests. At the end of the fiscal year 2012, we established an effective set of TFs including Residential Research TF and Sato-umi /Fisheries Resource Management TF crosscutting case studies and multi-scale analysis, Environmental Governance TF connecting empirical studies and theoretical analysis, and Ethical Aspect of Design Oriented Science TF dealing science and society interfaces. On the other hands, we encountered difficulties in recruiting new post-doctoral project researchers in the middle of the academic year, resulted in delays in establishments of research integration systems and database / websites for effective information sharing.
Research outcomes of the year 2012:
The project made a significant progress in the blushing up of approaches to integrate results of diverse case studies through meta-analysis. We had opportunities to share and discuss basic approaches of integration in the pre-full project meeting with Japanese project members in May and the first full-project meeting with international members in July. We convened the kickoff symposium of the project titled "Community-based Knowledge Production, Activities and Adaptive Governance" in September to introduce project ideas and approaches to the public. Each research group convened one or two research meetings focusing research protocols and meta-analysis approaches, and the outcomes were shared with the entire project community.

Based on the analysis and discussions regarding diverse local communities where the project members were deeply involved, a total of 61 case study sites were identified to conduct meta-analysis and to design social experiments which is scheduled to launch in FR3. Case examples of multi-scale translators promoting cross-scale knowledge circulations have been accumulated, with significant new additions of the Ramsar Convention, Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) of FAO, and Barefoot Ecologist Systems in the coastal fisheries management. Multiple thematic task forces (TFs) have been established to crosscut existing research groups, strengthening support for information gathering and analysis. These TFs include Ethical Aspects of Design-oriented Science TF corresponding to requirements of in-depth ethical analysis related to intensive science-society interactions, Residential Research TF focusing on the key concept of the project, Sato-umi/Fisheries Resource Management TF dedicated to community-based natural resource management, and Environmental Governance TF conducting theoretical analysis of adaptive governance processes on the basis of case studies in the real world.

Preliminary results of case study groups and TFs were presented in the special sessions organized by project members at the Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies (November at Hayama, Residential Research TF), Wildlife Conservation Society Japan (November at Utsunomiya, wildlife management), and Pacific Congress of Marine Science and Technology (December at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, Sato-umi TF).

Development of meta-analysis methodologies and analytical frameworks have been progressing to integrate diverse case studies and multi-scale analysis to elucidate adaptive governance mechanisms, based on the results of interviews to RIHN project leaders at the FS stage and the Guideline on Collaboration between Local Communities and Scientists published by the Local Science Network for Environment and Sustainability (LSNES) established by the previous JST-RISTEX project. Adaptive governance mechanisms driven by ILEK production and circulation (including multi-scale interactions) have been categorized into two processes: i.e. Knowledge production and circulation bring about societal changes (1) via transformation of decision and actions of individuals or small groups of people, or (2) directly affect social systems including formal and informal institutions. Adaptive governance systems were hypothesized as a mutually interactive triangle with apexes of knowledge production, decision making / action, and adaptive societal change. Preliminary criteria of adaptive governance processes were proposed based on this conceptual model from the interview records at the FS stage and brainstorming with the project members. Discussions have been in progress with theory group members to bluish up these criteria to be applied in mathematical modeling. Various approaches of theoretical modeling have been listed as candidates to describe adaptive governance systems, including theories associated with knowledge structures and cognitive dynamics (scenario analysis, participatory visioning, learning machine model, semantic network), dynamic networks of local communities (network theories, community ecology models) and theories to connect individual behavioral changes to societal dynamism (self-organization, dynamic game theories, evolutionary theories). The network of researchers in the project has been well established to bridge the gap between the real world of local communities and abstract theoretical analysis, activating dynamic interactions between theory and empirical sciences.

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As expected from the beginnings, important knowledge regarding inspiring case examples from all over the world has been accumulated rapidly. On the other hand, we are experiencing lacks of human and methodological resources for information processing, meta-analysis and theorization to integrate massive information from diverse case studies. We also expect difficulties to secure human resources in many case study sites for data-processing and additional surveys required for meta-analysis. The project invited a new project co-leader (Environmental Sociology) with sophisticated skills of deep interview and discourse analysis in February. We will establish an efficient research management team with the co-leader and newly assigned project researchers (Europe and North America team in Case Study Group, and Database / Information sharing System) to promote analysis required for integration. Theory Group and Environmental Governance TF will work together with international members to establish diverse approaches and methods for multifaceted analysis and integrations.

This project will make a significant contribution to the quest of transdisciplinarity in the entire RIHN research by providing new models of co-design and co-production between science and society especially at the local scales. We believe that the ILEK project will be able to provide existing and newly developing
RiHN projects with important knowledgebase and methodologies to achieve transdisciplinarity through intensive interactions with stakeholders in various local communities in the world.

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Incubation Studies

Biodiversity-driven nutrient cycling in social-ecological systems and their ecohealth
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We developed a new technique with phosphate oxygen isotopes ($\delta^{18}O_p$) to evaluate healthiness of watershed ecosystems based on their nutrient cycling functions. The analytical system was introduced into cooperative research facility in RIHN. This technique was applied to the largest tributary river of the Lake Biwa Watershed to validate its utility for studies on phosphorus cycling. The preliminary analysis revealed that the $\delta^{18}O_p$ is a useful indicator to identify anthropogenic phosphorus loadings and evaluate the relative importance of biological recycling. Using this tool, we constructed the fundamental framework of methodology for watershed governance, which needs the common interest to be shared among a variety of stakeholders for establishment of recycling-oriented sustainable society.

Conflicts and Environmental Issues
TANAKA Masakazu (Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University)

This Incubation Study (IS) aimed to understand the global impact of armed conflicts and related military activities on natural and social environments within a framework of multi-disciplinary studies. Following the suggestion of the IS evaluation committee, I have reviewed the literature on the environmental consequences of armed conflicts and visited major international centers in Europe, including The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Peace Research Institute Oslo, and London University, where I met several experts in the field and exchanged opinions. I received advice on the scientific measurement of noise and soil pollution on and around military bases in Japan, and I invited some experts to join in future research collaborations. In January and February 2012, I organized two meetings in Tokyo and Kyoto, respectively, where some Japanese specialists talked about the future project. I proposed a panel for the 14th Global Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons to be held in Yamanashi in June 2013. The panel is closely related to the IS topic.

Literacy for an alternative manner beyond the Globalism. New synthesis proposed from the city of Kyoto
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The aim of our IS project is proposing a novel life manner practicable even for normal citizens in order to cope with the present environmental crises and coining out a method to spread this manner among society. In our IS phase, we held two steering meetings, three symposiums and one workshop and came to the following two conclusions. Without confronting with and gaining deep insight into the whole range of human nature, from rational to irrational, it is impossible to make sound basis for proposing practicable life manner, which is truly friendly for environments. Such topic is hard to be dealt with by current analytical and reductionistic research methods. Therefore, in our coming FS phase, we organize a research group of humanities and sciences to develop an effective method to deal with even irrational domains of human nature. In our coming FS phase, we also start action plan for enforcing school system, encouraging stronger engagements of people with their local schools, as well as encouraging dialogues and debates among pupils on environmental issues, because through our analysis, it became clear that these three points may play a key role in disseminating the life manner we propose.
International comparison of social capital and environmental norms: Experimental economics approach
AKAI Kenju (School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo)

In the global environmental issues, we face many conflicts between stakeholders, nations, and cultures so that we need a next step to overcome the conflicts. According to the human history, social capital and environmental norms are too important to ignore to create corporate schemes for fighting the global environmental hazards. Our goal in this study is to experimentally explore the international differences in the relationship between social capital and environmental norms which can become a key to cope with global environmental problems such as the global warming. We have been discussing how to co-create a new scheme used by economics, humanics, and environmentology in the RIHN and found the lack of economics and a need for relationship between economics and historical, cultural and social norms to improve the social systems for the environmental problems. Based on this discussion, we applied our new idea to SUMITOMO foundation and it was accepted. We conducted several experiments in Germany and Japan and found that the environmental norms are not affected by the income both in two nations and “Equal” justice is preferred. The next step is to make a team to design better social innovation to cope with environmental changes caused by natural disasters.

Scenario Design and Implementation of a Resilient Municipal Energy System: An Exploratory Case Study
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The aftermath of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake provided humanity with an opportunity to discuss energy systems, with a particular emphasis on resilience, among various stakeholders. Much effort is thus currently being devoted to exploration of a desirable transition of energy systems, of which environmental-friendliness, economic performance, and security lie at the heart of solutions towards global environmental problems. This study aimed to describe future visions and possible transitions of resilient energy systems in the local community and, more broadly, the local socio-ecological system. We performed an intense literature review of energy systems and resilience and extended the concept of resilience to include energy systems of interest. A method for writing backcasting scenarios was proposed. We then organised three workshops to write scenarios focusing on energy systems and resilience of Suita City, Osaka, Japan in the following two steps: (1) scenarios of energy systems that lead to bankruptcy of the community and (2) scenarios of energy systems for a resilient community to avert the bankruptcy described in (1). The scenario writing enabled to plan various types of measures for enhancing resilience of the community, and helped observe perception gaps among stakeholders.

Biocultural Diversity in the Asia-Pacific — its Significance and Futurability
ONISHI Masayuki (RIHN)

This Project aims to study correlations between biodiversity and cultural diversity, and investigate the futurability of mechanisms which sustain such relationship, in four diversity hotspots in the Asia-Pacific.

We interpret “interaction between human and nature” as correlation between various factors constituting biological, cultural and linguistic diversities characterising each region, and investigate the complex mechanisms which maintain such relationship, by integrating outcomes of research using quantitative and qualitative parameters. We will also analyse social and natural factors which have contributed to the maintenance and degradation of such mechanisms in target regions. Throughout our research, we will work in close collaboration with local people and try to find out and implement strategies appropriate to each region to sustain such mechanisms.

Following such objectives, we have tried to form a network of local people and researchers in each target field, and discussed the project plan with them. We have also had seminars with some of the core members of the project in order to examine the concept of biocultural diversity and research methodologies. As a result, our research team has had a stronger organisation now, and we have developed a better perspective on our research issues and methodologies.
Completed Research (CR) Follow-up Grants

These grants allow CR Project Leaders or team members to disseminate their research results to both the academic community and the general public, to contribute to the RIHN Archive, and to incubate new research ideas for future development as RIHN projects.

Application of environmental scenarios in the revival of the disaster-stricken area
YOSHIOKA Takahito (Kyoto University)
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The purpose of the project is the verification of the applicability of environmental scenarios, a method comprehensively checked in the RIHN project “Interactions between the environmental quality of a watershed and environmental consciousness”, to the reconstruction of the Tohoku area in Japan, which has suffered severely from the East Japan great earthquake disaster.

In this year, we have conducted a workshop on the reconstruction of Kamaishi city in the northeast Honshu island of Japan, which is administratively supported by the Netherlands embassy and Tohoku University, in order to obtain preliminary information for the project. Citizens, staffs of the local government and companies participated in the workshop. It involved the following aspects: (1) How do people act to reconstruct their city in a sustainable way, a so-called “a smart city”? (2) In a local society with low birthrate, high ratio of aged persons and therefore decreasing population, targets should be identified for the creation of a locality with security, comfortable livelihoods, and effective utilization of local resources. A case study in the Netherlands presented in the workshop could be a useful reference. (3) With the participation of citizens, government staff and local enterprises, the workshop aimed to reach a shared understanding of the most important points through discussion among all stakeholders, in order to achieve the policy objectives.

Startup of consortium for in-situ conservation of wild rice
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The aim of the project for in-situ preservation of wild rice in South-East Asia is not only to conserve wild rice plants (Oryza species) as the original species of cultivated rice, but also the agricultural system in the surrounding areas. A conceptual plan for in-situ preservation was designed according to the conditions found at the research site. Farmers may not fully understand the conceptual plan for in-situ preservation of wild rice, that has the potential to simultaneously contribute to environmental preservation and economic development, because any future agriculture development on farmers’ lands will be subject to the restrictions imposed in the area by the in-situ preservation of wild rice.

In this project, we will set up a consortium that includes farmers, citizens, administrative officers, and researchers to discuss implementing the in-situ preservation of wild rice within a two year period. For the Sato project (H-02), we have already signed a memorandum of agreement with the Rice Department in Thailand and National Agricultural Forestry Research Institute in Laos. On the basis of the discussion outcomes, as part of the project for in-situ preservation of wild rice, a consortium will be set up involving the researcher and the administrative officers of Thailand and Laos.
Formation of a consortium on urban water in Asia
TANIGUCHI Makoto (RIHN)

This CR activity aims to further develop the Consortium on Urban Subsurface Environment Management in Asia (CUSEMA) which was established by RIHN project “Human impacts on urban subsurface environment”, to share the knowledge of water problems and solutions, to compare the different stages of the problems depending on the urban development, and to discuss with various stakeholders. This consortium started in April 2010, and the first CUSEMA meeting was held in Manila in Oct. 2011. The consortium consists of various stakeholders including national and local governments, private sectors, citizens, and NPO/NGO groups from Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Japan, and will be extended to other Asian countries. In this CR activity, three issues: monitoring, modeling, and making policies, are the main targets for discussion and knowledge sharing based on the RIHN project. Results will be transferred as optimal policies depending on the development stage of the city. Finally, the consortium will be extended to the Asian regional scale in future.

Development of an interdisciplinary research network utilising human resources obtained in the RIHN Indus Project 2007-2012 (H-03)
OSADA Toshiki (RIHN)

The aim of this CR is to form a new interdisciplinary network among researchers, utilising human resources obtained in the RIHN Indus project (H-03; 2017-2012). The network will be used to nurture the seeds of a new project which will in some way inherit the outcome of the previous RIHN projects including H-03.

We took part in the International Conference of South Asian Archaeology in Paris, in July, 2012, in order to draw the attention of a wider audience and then to expand our network and develop seeds for both RIHN Domain-based and Initiative-based research projects. The outcomes of the Indus project presented there attracted various positive responses, thereby providing some confidence in our interdisciplinary approach which integrates archaeology, Indology, and palaeo-environmental investigations into reconstruction of the ecohistories of key Indus areas. We have confirmed that our main findings such as “the Ghaggar was not a large river as the mighty Sarasvati”, which was originally presented at the Chapman meeting of American Geophysical Union, 2011 (and has now been published as Maemoku et al. (2012): Geophysical Monograph Series, 198: 97-102), appear to be one of the key drivers in growing our research network. By and large, we believe that the network sharing our interests will develop several research seeds to launch a new RIHN project.

Research dissemination to the Communities from RIHN Project “A New Cultural and Historical Exploration into Human-Nature relations in the Japanese Archipelago”
YUMOTO Takakazu (Kyoto University)

During the RIHN Project “A New Cultural and Historical Exploration into Human-Nature relations in the Japanese Archipelago”, we disseminated research results every year to people who live in each study site (Hokkaido, Tohoku, Chubu, Kinki, Kyushu, Ryukyu), and these attempts received high commendation from the PEC. However, it became difficult to continue those dissemination activities after the finishing of the project. In the CR activity, we tried to share our research results and messages with a range of generations in the Ryukyu working group study site to produce new seeds for the next RIHN projects. We convened a seminar titled “Rediscover the benefits of Cycas” (8-9 December, 2012) at Meio University in Nago, Okinawa, to transfer the traditional ecological knowledge on Cycas as food during famines to younger generations.
Building a resilience network in Southern Africa and organization of Lusaka Workshop

UMETSU Chieko (Graduate School of Fisheries Science and Environmental Studies, Nagasaki University)

Southern Africa is a region that has increasingly close relationships with Asia in both economic and political terms. This region has also been experiencing population transfer from Asia and has changed dynamically. There is a concern that development by foreign direct investment is causing environmental problems through exploitation of natural resources. The importance of the resilience of social-ecological systems in this region has been pointed out. In the past, the Resilience Project organized the Lusaka Workshop three times (2007, 2009, 2011) and discussed pressing issues together with researchers, government officials, and staff from NGO and international organizations. The purpose of this CR project is to expand the participants in Lusaka Workshop in Southern Africa region and organize a Southern Africa Resilience Network to discuss resilience of social-ecological systems to environmental change such as climate change and natural disasters. During the FY2012, we are planning to collect information and engage networks at the international meetings for organizing the 2013 Lusaka Workshop. During the FY2013, we are planning to organize Lusaka Workshop in August and form the resilience network. During the FY2014, we will further strengthen network.

Operation of the Amur Okhotsk Consortium as a multilateral academic network

SHIRAIWA Takayuki (Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University)

The purpose was to operate the Amur Okhotsk Consortium as a multilateral academic network to discuss the sustainable use and conservation of the Amur-Okhotsk ecosystem. We held a joint research cruise in the Amur River from September 25 to 30, 2012. A total of 20 researchers participated in this cruise from Japan, China, Russia and Mongolia, and discussed and specified the most urgent tasks to be solved by multilateral cooperation. They are 1) impacts of large hydropower facilities on Amur water quality and bank erosion, 2) ecological improvement and water purification efforts by restoration of riparian wetland along rivers, 3) influence of climate change, floods and irrigation on iron flux in water ecosystems, and 4) comparative analysis of hydrological processes in Asian big rivers. The participants propose to 1) compile the list of observation stations and scheme of official monitoring network on the Amur Basin rivers, and 2) trace dissolved and suspended material from the headwater to the estuary. Details of the joint cruise will be published in an English report by the end of March 2013.
The Center for Coordination, Promotion and Communication (CCPC)

The Center for Coordination, Promotion and Communication (CCPC) is responsible for crossproject, cross-domain investigation, research and support that concerns the entire institute. It has three divisions. The Division of Coordination maps out RIHN’s mid- and long-term research trajectory and facilitates the cooperative arrangements necessary for its realization in domestic and international domains. The Division of Promotion develops and maintains the laboratory facilities necessary for research and fieldwork, particularly in staple isotope and DNA analyses, and builds the databases and archives of past and ongoing research. The Division of Communication decides how the new findings and outcomes of research may be best communicated in appropriate academic and public fora. Several recent activities are described in the pages on Research Communication. The CCPC also collaborates with the research department and administrative office to coordinate the task forces, working groups and administrative units involved in RIHN’s ordinary operation and special events.

- **Key Research Tasks**

  In RIHN’s second phase, the Core Research Hub has been established within the CCPC. It focuses on the realization of the Futurability Initiatives by conjoining the existing RIHN Domain Programmes through a set of cross-cutting initiatives towards transdisciplinary field of Environmental Humanics of the Earth System. At present it has nurtured an Initiative-based Research Project, “Designing Local Frameworks for Integrated Water Resources Management”.

- **Building Research Data Networks**

  The CCPC plays a key role in facilitating RIHN’s environmental networking and communication, especially between academic institutions, cultural institutions, and the general public. It is involved in the creation and maintenance of Asian environmental databases and project archives. It also supports the development of environmental studies curricula in Japan’s public elementary, junior high and high schools.

  The CCPC promotes cooperation between RIHN and research institutes both at home and abroad. One such activity is the repository for the global environmental studies (tentative name), a project to create environmental information networking nodes among a number of research institutes.

- **Facilities and Equipment**

  The Division of Promotion maintains eighteen laboratories in the ground level of its main building, including specialized facilities for DNA and stable isotope analysis and mass spectrometry, as well as several rooms for chemical and biochemical analysis, microscopy, incubation, hazardous materials, fieldwork preparation, sample preparation and cold storage.
1. RIHN International Symposium

RIHN 7th International Symposium

In order to diffuse the findings of the three FR projects concluding in March 2013, the RIHN 7th International Symposium “Complexification and Simplification: Ecosystems, human health and lifestyle in Asia” was held on 24-26 October 2012 at the RIHN Lecture Hall. The details of the symposium are as follows.

<Wednesday 24 October>
Opening Session
Chair: UYAR, Aysun (RIHN)
· Opening Remarks: TACHIMOTO Narifumi (Director-General, RIHN)
· Objectives of the Symposium: NILES, Daniel (RIHN)/ ABE Ken-ichi (RIHN)
· Keynote Address 1: Biodiversity and Public Health: A Complicated but Important Science-Policy Challenge
  MARTENS, Pim (Maastricht University, The Netherlands)
· Keynote Address 2: Theoretical Frameworks for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Systems
  CUMMING, Graeme S. (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Session 1: Collapse and restoration of social-ecological networks
Chair: YAMAMURA Norio (RIHN/ Doshisha University, Japan)
· Reshaping Neighbourhood Parks for Biodiversity and People: A Case of Unsung Socio-Ecological Systems in Bangalore, India
  DEVY, Soubadra M. (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), India)
· Co-benefits of Sustainable Forestry
  KITAYAMA Kanehiro (Kyoto University, Japan)
· Interaction of Human Activities and Ecological Resources: Focusing on the Changes of Peoples Living Environment in Malaysia
  KATO Yumi (RIHN/ JSPS)
· Land Use Change and Loss of Biodiversity in Malaysian Borneo
  TAKANO Takenaka Kohei (RIHN)
· Relationship between Livestock and Pasture in Mongolia
  KODA Ryosuke (RIHN)
· Quantitative Comparison of Sustainability between Nomadic and Sedentary System in Mongolian Pasture
  KATO Satoshi (RIHN)
· Discussion

<Thursday 25 October>
Session 2: Physiological adaptation and recent lifestyle change in high-altitude environments
Chair: OKUMIYA Kiyohito (RIHN)
· Three Patterns in Hypoxic Adaptation in the Three High-Altitude People and its Evolutional Significance
  BEALL, Cynthia M. (Case Western Reserve University, USA)
· Aging in High Altitudes: Possible Association with Adaptation Methods
  SAKAMOTO Ryota (Kyoto University, Japan)
· Changing Livelihood and Non-Communicable Diseases in the Kingdom of Bhutan: Physiological Adaptation and Recent Lifestyle Change in High-Altitude Environments
  DOPHU, Ugen (Ministry of Health, Bhutan)
· Tibetan Society and their Changing Livelihoods
GOLDSTEIN, Melvyn C. (Case Western Reserve University, USA)
· Discussant: INAMURA Tetsuya (Aichi Prefectural University, Japan)
· Discussion

Session 3: Ecohealth: Ecological transformation and human health
Chairs: MOJI Kazuhiko (RIHN) & MALLEE, Hein (International Development Research Centre)
· Climate, Climate Change and Human Health
  HASHIZUME Masahiro (Nagasaki University, Japan)
· Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma in Southeast Asia: Current Status and Prospects for Long Term Prevention and Control
  SITHITHAWORN, Paiboon (Khon Kaen University, Thailand)
· Study of Land Cover Change in Relation with Malaria and Liver-Fluke Infection in Savannakhet Province, Lao PDR
  TOJO Bumpei (RIHN)
· Cooking Up: a Nutrition Lens on Natural Resource Management
  KRAHN, Jutta (Consultant Food, Nutrition, Natural Resources, Laos)
· Discussion

<Friday 26 October >
Session 4: Synthesis and Summary Discussion
Chair: NILES, Daniel (RIHN)
· Synthesis of Session 1
  SAKAI Shoko (RIHN)
· Synthesis of Session 2
  OKUMIYA Kiyohito (RIHN)
· Synthesis of Session 3
  MOJI Kazuhiko (RIHN)
· Comments: MARTENS, Pim (Maastricht University, The Netherlands)
  CUMMING, Graeme S. (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
· Summary Discussion
· Closing Remarks
  SATO Yo-Ichiro (Deputy Director-General/ Director of CCPC, RIHN)

2. RIHN Forum

“What are global environmental problems?” “What are integrated global environmental studies?” “What will be the outcomes of such studies?” “What is the future of global environmental problems?” “Will it be possible to solve such problems?”

The RIHN Forum is intended to help us to address such fundamental questions and to animate discussion of up-to-date environmental topics. The eleventh forum was held in fiscal 2012 as below.

The 11th RIHN Forum
Date: 8 July, 2012
Theme: Creating Connections
Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center
3. RIHN Public Seminars

In order to present RIHN research activity in a manner that accessible to the general public, since November 2004, RIHN has offered public lectures. Four seminars were held in 2012 at the RIHN lecture hall and the Heartpia Kyoto.

RIHN staff offer accessible explanations of global environmental problems, and the Public Seminars have stimulated engrossing discussions of contemporary environmental concerns.

- The 46th Public Seminar: 11 May, 2012
  Search for a new Image of the Indus Civilization
  MAEMOKU Hideaki (Hiroshima University)
  OSADA Toshiki (RIHN)

- The 47th Public Seminar: 22 June, 2012
  Environmental Destruction in Southeast Asia and the Future of Our Food
  KADA Ryohei (RIHN)
  KURATA Takashi (RIHN)

- The 48th Public Seminar: 18 January, 2013
  We stay with Africa — a case of some technical innovations for desertification control —
  TANAKA Ueru (RIHN)

- The 49th Public Seminar: 15 February, 2013
  Living a nature you know as yourself
  NAKANO Tamio (Workshop coordinator/ Doshisha University)

4. RIHN Kids Seminar

In order to enhance community relations, RIHN has held public lectures for children in neighboring elementary schools since 2010. The fiscal year 2012 seminar was held as below.

- The 3rd Kids Seminar
  Date: 3 August, 2012
  Venue: RIHN
  Theme: What is “Albedo” ?
  HIYAMA Tetsuya (RIHN)

5. RIHN Open House

In order to introduce RIHN’s research projects and facilities to the surrounding community, RIHN has opened our buildings to the public once a year since 2011. Several interesting events such as joint experiments, public talks, exhibitions, and games were conducted in order to deepen our interaction with local citizens in fiscal 2012.

Date: 3 August, 2012
Venue: RIHN
6. RIHN Area Seminars

The RIHN Area Seminars offer an opportunity for RIHN research staff to gather with regional intellectuals and local citizens to consider problems related to the environment and culture of each area of Japan. The first seminar was held in 2005. In fiscal year 2012, two seminars were held as follows.

**The 11th RIHN Area Seminar**
East Asian “Environmental” Security: Calling for a Transboundary Solution
Date: 10 June, 2012
Venue: ELGALA Hall (Fukuoka City, Fukuoka)

**The 12th RIHN Area Seminar**
Co-Creation of well-being: Commons
Date: 13 October, 2012
Venue: Fujiyoshida Public Hall (Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi)

7. RIHN Tokyo Seminar

In order to gain the attention of researchers and the general public and to promote research cooperation and development, RIHN periodically holds seminars in Tokyo. We invite renowned Japanese researchers as well as public officials to discuss RIHN research project objectives and findings. The seminar was held in fiscal 2012 as below.

**4th Tokyo Seminar (20th NIHU Public Lecture and Symposium)**
“Commons and the Co-Creation of Well-being”
Date: 25 January, 2013
Venue: Yurakucho Asahi Hall

8. Nichibunken- RIHN joint Symposium

Nichibunken and RIHN develop collaborative publications and seminars in order to explore the frontier of studies of human culture in relation to global environmental issues.

“To whom do culture and the environment belong?”
Date: 14 September, 2012
Venue: International Research Center for Japanese Studies

9. The Earth Forum Kyoto; Special Session and International Symposium

RIHN, Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City, Kyoto University, and Kyoto Prefectural University co-host this forum in order to clearly convey our message of the importance of environmental issues to the world. The forum was held in fiscal 2012 as below.

**The Earth Forum Kyoto**
“Spreading the Wisdom and Culture of Kyoto to the World: Toward a Global Commons”
Special Session: 16 February, 2013
International Symposium: 17 February, 2013
Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center
10. The Earth Hall of Fame KYOTO

The Earth Forum Kyoto invites world-renowned experts and activists to discuss the environmental and cultural bases of more responsible human societies. The Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto Award is given to those who have made exemplary contributions to the protection of the global environment. Organizers of the event are the International Institute for Advanced Studies, the Kyoto International Conference Centre, and RIHN.

The 2012 recipients of the Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto Award:
SHIVA, Vandana (Environmental Philosopher, Physicist)
LOVINS, Amory B. (Chief Scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute)

11. RIHN Seminars

RIHN Seminars are invited talks by esteemed Japanese or foreign researchers. The seminars provide opportunities for RIHN scientists to learn of the latest topics and research directions in a variety of fields; they also often are a first step toward future research collaborations between RIHN researchers and those of other institutions. Seminars are held several times a year.

The 82<sup>nd</sup>  6 September, 2012
“Yaman ng Lawa” Community-based Lake Ecology Learning Centre
CONCEPCION, Rogelio Navea (RIHN/ University of the Philippines Los Baños)

The 83<sup>rd</sup>  25 September, 2012
Climate Change, Agricultural Adaptation, and Food Prices: Evidence from Israel
KIMHI, Ayal (RIHN/ Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The 84<sup>th</sup>  28 November, 2012
Pastoralism and Camel Herding in Sudan
GAIBALLA ADIER, Abdelaziz Karamalla (RIHN/ Sudan University of Science and Technology)

The 85<sup>th</sup>  29 January, 2013
Carcinogenic Health Risk of Arsenic Biomagnification in Five Commercially Important Fish from Laguna De Bay, Philippines
MOLINA, Victorio Bolanos (RIHN/ Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, College of Public Health, University of the Philippines Manila)

The 86<sup>th</sup>  29 January, 2013
Changes in permafrost dynamics and the influence on landscapes and social adaptation in Eastern Siberia
FEDOROV, Alexander (RIHN/ Melnikov Permafrost Institute, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences)

The 87<sup>th</sup>  28 March, 2013
Science and policy interface on environmental sustainability in Mongolia: social turbulence and climate stress
ZAMBA, Batjargal (RIHN/ Consultant, World Meteorological Organization)
12. Lunch Seminars (Danwakai)

Lunch Seminars allow all RIHN research staff, including visiting professors, part-time researchers, foreign researchers and so on, to freely present their individual research to their colleagues in an informal and supportive forum. As these seminars promote creative thinking and constructive debates, they are held on a biweekly basis.

No.191 17 April, 2012
In search of the new alternative for our lifestyle: <MINGEI>
KURATA Takashi (Associate Professor)

No.192 8 May, 2012
A Quantitative Prediction for Ecological and Economical Sustainability Under Different Scenarios in Mongolian Nomadic Pastoral Systems
KATO Satoshi (Project Researcher)

No.193 22 May, 2012
The function of deer as an ecosystem engineer and relationship with human activity: Summary of studies in Yakushima (Japan) and Mongolia
KODA Ryosuke (Project Researcher)

No.194 5 June, 2012
Chemical compositions of water and sediment samples from the Laguna Lake Watershed, Philippines
SAITO Tetsu (Project Researcher)

No.195 19 June, 2012
Is there any impact of global warming on variation of Lena River discharge?
OSHIMA Kazuhiro (Project Researcher)

No.196 3 July, 2012
Discussion on residential research: from the perspective of its academic and practical roles
SHIMIZU Mayuko (Assistant Professor)

No.197 17 July, 2012
Situ, a green open space in Jakarta
MEUTIA, Ami Aminah (Project Researcher)

No.198 21 August, 2012
Inquire about What is “Organizational theory”?
KATO Hisaaki (Project Research Associate)

No.199 4 September, 2012
Organization of Islam and livelihood in “deserting” Sahel
SHIMIZU Takao (Project Researcher)

No.200 11 September, 2012
What Happens to World Food Prices?
KIMHI, Ayal (Visiting Research Fellow)

No.201 18 September, 2012
Stable isotope analysis on the Jomon skeletal remains to reveal diet and migration
KUSAKA Soichiro (Visiting Researcher)

No.202 2 October, 2012
Water Resources Modeling as a tool for Integrated Water Resources Management
IMAGAWA Chie (Project Researcher)

No.203 16 October, 2012
A Fishery Commons in Coastal Lagoons and Water Governance
IWASAKI Shinpei (Visiting Researcher)

No.204  30 October, 2012
Environmental Changes and Food-Health Risks: From Fieldwork in the Philippines and Malaysia
MASUDA Tadayoshi (Senior Project Researcher)

No.205  20 November, 2012
The efficient utilization of spatial information in hilly and mountainous farming area in Japan: A case study of countermeasures for reducing wild beast damages
YAOTA Kiyoyuki (Project Researcher)

No.206  18 December, 2012
Micro-scale relationships between livestock herding route and vegetation in Namibia
TESHIROGI Koki (Project Researcher)

No.207  15 January, 2013
Geochemistry of mineral resources and environment – part 2
NAKANO Takanori (Professor)

No.208  22 January, 2013
Utilization and environment of fishery area in coastal area, central Vietnam
OKAMOTO Yuki (Project Researcher)

No.209  12 February, 2013
On Invisible Catastrophes; Fukushima-Tokyo/ Auschwitz-Berlin
TERADA Masahiro (Associate Professor)

No.210  5 March, 2013
Sr–Nd–Pb isotope compositions and granite petrogenesis
SHIN Kicheol (Assistant Professor)

13. RIHN Annual Open Meeting

Each December, RIHN research and office staff and outside research collaborators gather to review the year’s progress. All project leaders present their research findings and accomplishments and receive questions from the floor.

Attracting over 371 attendees in its three-day duration, the annual meeting generates dialogue between RIHN researchers and improves general awareness of RIHN’s progress and evolution within the larger fields of environmental research.

Date: 5-7 December, 2012
Venue: Co-op inn Kyoto

14. Press Conferences

RIHN periodically holds official press conferences in order to release information on its academic activities, research projects, symposia, publications and latest environmental findings. As a public institution with a public mandate, such activities provide an important link between RIHN and the citizenry. Four press conferences were held in fiscal 2012.
15. Publications

15-1. RIHN Series

The RIHN Series was developed to publish books introducing RIHN’s research results to the general public. The following titles were published in fiscal year 2012.

Seibutsutayousei Kodomotachini Doutsutaeruka? (How to teach children about biodiversity?)
Edited by ABE Ken-ichi, Showado, October 2012 (in Japanese).

Posuto Sekiyujidai no Hitodukuri Monodukuri – Nihon to Genyukoku no Miraizou wo Motomete (Human resource development and manufacturing in the post-oil era: Pursuit for a future vision of Japan and oil-producing countries)

15-2. RIHN Book Series (in English)

This series introduces the fruit of research findings by RIHN to the international science community. The following title was published in fiscal 2012.

The Dilemma of Boundaries: Toward a New Concept of Catchment
Edited by TANIGUCHI Makoto, SHIRAIWA Takayuki, Springer, May 2012


This periodical communicates RIHN identity and latest news to specific research communities. The newsletter is published in an A4 format with easy-to-read content. Issues 36-41 were published in fiscal 2012.
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MIMURA Yutaka, Project Researcher
MINAMOTO Toshifumi, Senior Project Researcher
MIYAZAKI Hidetoshi, Project Researcher
MIZUMA Sakiko, Project Research Associate
MOJI Kazuhiko, Professor
MOLINA, Victorio Bolanos, Visiting Research Fellow
MORI Soichi, Visiting Professor
MURAMATSU Koichi, Visiting Associate Professor
MURAMATSU Shin, Professor
NAITO Daisuke, Assistant Professor
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NAKAMURA Ryosuke, Project Researcher
NAKANO Takanori, Professor
NAKATSUKA Takeshi, Visiting Professor
NAWATA Hiroshi, Associate Professor
NILES, Daniel Ely, Assistant Professor
NISHIMOTO Futoshi, Project Researcher
NOSE Mitsuhiro, Project Researcher
OGAWA Hisashi, Project Researcher
OKAMOTO Takako, Project Research Associate
OKAMOTO Yoko, Project Research Associate
OKUMIYA Kiyohito, Associate Professor
ONISHI Masayuki, Visiting Researcher
OSADA Toshiki, Visiting Professor
OSHIMA Kazuhiro, Project Researcher
SAITO Satoshi, Project Researcher
SAKAI Shoko, Associate Professor
SAKAI Toru, Senior Project Researcher
SASAKI Yuko, Project Researcher
SATO Tetsu, Professor
SAITO Yo-Ichiro, Deputy Director-General, Professor
SEKINO Tatsuki, Associate Professor
SHIMIZU Hiromi, Project Research Associate
SHIMIZU Mayuko, Assistant Professor
SHIMIZU Takao, Project Researcher
SHIN Kicheol, Assistant Professor
SHIRAIWA Takayuki, Visiting Associate Professor
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TAKAGi Akira, Senior Project Researcher
TAKANO Takenaka Kohei, Project Researcher
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UMETSU Chieko  Visiting Associate Professor
UYAR, Aysun  Assistant Professor

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WANG, Keng  Visiting Research Fellow
WANG, Na  Project Research Associate
WATANABE Mitsuko  Visiting Researcher
WATANABE Tsugihiro  Professor

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YAMAMURA Norio  Visiting Professor
YAMASAKI Eri  Visiting Researcher
YAOTA Kiyoyuki  Project Researcher
YASUTOMI Natsuko  Assistant Professor
YOSHINAGA Kazumi  Project Researcher

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ZAMBA, Batjargal  Visiting Research Fellow

※Job titles listed above are as of 31 March, 2013.
(For those who retired in the middle of fiscal 2012, the job titles of that time are listed.)
ABE Ken-ichi

Born in 1958.

[Academic Career]
- Department of Tropical Agriculture, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, D. Course (1989)
- Department of Agriculture Biology, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (1984)

[Professional Career]
- Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2008)
- Associate Professor, Center for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University (2006)
- Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Advanced Sciences, The Graduate University of Advanced Studies (2000)
- Associate Professor, Japan Center for Area Studies, National Museum of Ethnology (1999)
- Assistant Professor, Japan Center for Area Studies, National Museum of Ethnology (1996)
- Assistant Professor, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University (1989)

[Higher Degrees]
- M. Agr. (Kyoto University, 1987)

[Fields of Specialization]
- Area Study
- Environmental Anthropology

[Academic Society Memberships]
- The Japan Society of Tropical Ecology
- The International Society of Volunteer Studies in Japan
- The Japan Society for Southeast Asian Studies
- The Society of the Biosophia Studies

---Achievements---

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[Oral Presentation]

FUKUSHI Yuki

Research fellow of RIHN Initiative for Chinese Environmental Issues

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- Department of education, Faculty of social studies, Tokyo Gakugei University, M. Course (2000)
- Department of sociology, faculty of social sciences, Hitotsubashi University, D. Course (2007)

[Professional Career]
- Research fellow of JSPS (2007)
- Project Researcher, RIHN (2010)
- Research Fellow of NIHU Center for Area Studies (2012)
Individual Achievements

[Higher Degrees]
D. Social Sciences (Hitotsubashi University, 2007)
M. Arts (Tokyo Gakugei University, 2000)

[Fields of Specialization]
History (Modern and Contemporary China)

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Socio-Economic History Society
The Historical Sciences Society of Japan
The Japan Association for Modern China Studies
Asian Society for Social History of Medicine

Achievements

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

• Yuki FUKUSHI Hygienic Behavior in Modern Shanghai. the 6th conference for the Asian Society for the History of Medicine, 2012, 12, 13–2012, 12, 15, Keio University, tokyo.

HAMASAKI Hironori

Born in 1979年。

[Academic Career]
Graduate School of Policy Science, Ritsumeikan University, Doctoral Course (2008–2010)
The Okuma School of Public Management, Waseda University, Master Course (2003–2005)

[Professional Career]
Project Researcher, Asian Program for Incubation of Environmental Leaders (APIEL), Graduate School of Engineering, University of Tokyo (2010)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (Ritsumeikan University, 2011)
MSc (Waseda University, 2005)

[Fields of Specialization]
Policy Science
International Public Policy
Water Resources Management/Water Governance/Water Security

[Academic Society Memberships]
Public Policy Studies Association JAPAN
Japan Society of Research and Information on Public and Co-operative Economy
Japan Association of Global Governance
Achievements

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]


• Nakagami, K., H. Hamasaki and M. Akiyama Re-consider the basin governance in the Lake Biwa and Yodo River. The 12th Annual Convention of the Society of Environmental Conservation Engineering, 2012,09,03, Ritsumeikan Biwako Kusatsu Campus, Kusatsu City, Shiga. (in Japanese)

• Sata, M., H. Hamasaki and H. Katayama Quantifying risk factors of water bourne disease and current status of water use by infants in developing countries through the fusion of qualitative and quantitative survey. Annual Convention in 2012 of Public Policy Studies Association Japan, 2012,06,16-2012,06,07, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto. (in Japanese)

[Poster Presentation]


Individual Achievements


[Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist]


HANDOH Itsuki C.

Associate Professor

Born In 1974.

[Academic Career]
School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, D. Course (2000)
Department of Marine Science and Technology, Tokyo University of Fisheries (1996)

[Professional Career]
Associate Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2011)
Assistant Professor, Center for Marine Environmental Studies, Ehime University (2007)
Visiting Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2007)
Senior Project Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2006)
Consultant, Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom (2005)
Research Associate, Department of Applied Mathematics & Sheffield Centre for Earth Observation Science, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom (2004)
Senior Research Associate, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom (2001)
Teaching Assistant, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom (1998)
Research Assistant in Physics and Environmental Modelling, Department of Ocean Sciences, Tokyo University of Fisheries (1996)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (University of East Anglia, 2002)

[Fields of Specialization]
Earth Systems Science
Transdisciplinary Mathematical Modelling

[Academic Society Memberships]
American Geophysical Union
Society for Risk Analysis
—Achievements—

[Original Articles]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

Handoh, I.C. Transforming a regional socio-ecological system within Planetary Boundaries. The 1st Asia Future Conference, 2013,03,08-2013,03,10, Bangkok.


HASHIMOTO WATANABE Satoko

Project Researcher

Born in 1983.

[Academic Career]

Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University, D. Course(2012)
Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University, M. Course(2008)
Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University, M. Course(2006)

[Professional Career]

Research Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science(2010)

[Higher Degrees]

D. Agr. (Kyoto University, 2012)
M. Agr. (Kyoto University, 2008)

[Fields of Specialization]

Soil science
Hydrology

[Academic Society Memberships]

The Japanese Society of Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering
Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
Japanese Society of Soil Physics
Individual Achievements

Papers

[Original Articles]


[Poster Presentations]


HIYAMA Tetsuya

Born in 1987.

[Academic Career]

1986-1990: College of Natural Sciences, University of Tsukuba
1990-1995: Graduate School of Geoscience, University of Tsukuba

[Professional Career]

1995-1995: JSPS Research Fellow, Institute of Geoscience, University of Tsukuba
2002-2010: Assoc. Prof., Hydrospheric Atmospheric Research Center, Nagoya Univ.
2010- : Assoc. Prof., Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

[Higher Degrees]

Ph.D. (Science), University of Tsukuba, 1995

[Fields of Specialization]

Ecohydrology, Hydrometeorology

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Papers

[Original Articles]


**[Research Presentations]**

**[Oral Presentation]**


**[Poster Presentation]**


**ICHIKAWA Kotaro**

**Project Researcher**

**Born In 1978.**

**[Academic Career]**

Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (B.S. 1999–2003)
Individual Achievements

Biosphere Informatics, Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University (M.S. 2003–2005)
Biosphere Informatics, Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University (Ph. D. 2005–2007)

[Professional Career]
2005.4–2007.9. Research fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (DC1)
2007.10.–2008.3 Research fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (PD)
2008.4–2010.9 Research fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (PD)
2010.10– Project researcher at Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

[Higher Degrees]
Bachelor of Agriculture (Kyoto University, 2003)
Master of Informatics (Kyoto University, 2005)
Doctor of Philosophy of Informatics (Kyoto University, 2007)

[Fields of Specialization]
Bioacoustics

[Academic Society Memberships]
Japanese Society of Fisheries Science
Acoustical Society of America
Advanced Marined Science and Technology
Japanese Society of Biologging Science

[Awards]
2. 海洋理工学会平成19年度業績賞 (2008), 海洋理工学会, 5月16日（京都大学情報学研究科バイオテレメトリーチームの一員として受賞）

Achievements

[Papers]

[Original Articles]

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]
[Poster Presentation]

- Masahiro Nakagawa, Kotaro Ichikawa, Toyoki Sasakura, Hiromichi Mitamura and Nobuaki Arai Development and evaluation of ultrasonic transmitter using frequency modulation for biotelemetry. The 1st Design Symposium on Conservation of Ecosystem (SEASTAR2000), 2013,03,18-2013,03,19, Kyoto University, Japan.

- Sakura Komiyama, Kotaro Ichikawa and Nobuaki Arai Individual difference of dugong vocalization. The 1st Design Symposium on Conservation of Ecosystem (SEASTAR2000), 2013,03,18-2013,03,19, Kyoto University, Japan.

- Kazunori Kikuchi, Kotaro Ichikawa, Ko Fujioka, Hiromu Fukuda, Hiromichi Mitamura and Nobuaki Arai Development of a fine-scale acoustic positioning and temeley system for schooling behavior of bluefin tuna. The 1st Design Symposium on Conservation of Ecosystem (SEASTAR2000), 2013,03,18-2013,03,19, Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennial Hall, Kyoto, Japan.


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IMAGAWA Chie

[Higher Degrees]
D.Agr. (Kyoto University, 2012)

[Fields of Specialization]
Water Resources Management
Hydrology

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Japanese Society of Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering
International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering
Japan Rainwater Catchment Systems Association

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[Research Presentations]

[Original Articles]

[Oral Presentation]

- 加藤久明, 濱崎宏則, 渡部慧子, 今川智絵, 中桐貴生 生活起点発想に基づく統合的水資源管理の再構築: インドネシア・バリ島ならびにスラウェシ島における当事者起点のフィールド研究. 政策情報学会第 8 回研究大会, 2012,12,01-2012,12,01, 千葉県市川市, 千葉商科大学. (in Japanese)
Individual Achievements


[Poster Presentation]


ISHIHARA Hiroe

Project Researcher

Born in 1974.

[Professional Career]
Programme Officer, United Nations Development Programme, Yemen Office
Ph.D. Fellow, United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies

[Higher Degrees]
M.A. in Sociology (Hitotsubashi University, 2001)
M.Phil in Environmental Policy (University of Cambridge, 2006)

[Fields of Specialization]
Environmental Sociology
Ecological Economics

[Academic Society Memberships]
International Association of Study of Commons

[Awards]
Japan Joint World Bank Scholarship (2007-2009)
Research Funds from Toyota Foundation (2011)

—Achievements—

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]

[Original Articles]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]


ISHIKAWA Satoshi

Associate Professor

Born in 1987.

[Academic Career]
Bachelor, National Fisheries University (1993)
Master’s, Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University (1995)
Dr. Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo (1998)

[Professional Career]
Research Associate, The University of Tokyo (1998.4–2000.12)
Researcher, Japan Science Agency (2003.11–2006.3)
Associate Professor, Tokai University (2006.4–)

[Higher Degrees]
Agricultural Doctor

[Fields of Specialization]
Fisheries Science, Conservation Ecology, Rural Studies

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Japanese Society of Fisheries Science
The Ichthyological Society of Japan
The Society of Biosophia Studies
The society for the study of Laos Aquaculture

[Awards]
1. The Best Article Award 2004 of The Ichthyological Society of Japan.

[Editing / Co-editing]
Individual Achievements


[Papers]

[Original Articles]

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

[Invited Lecture / Honoronary Lecture / Panelist]
- ISHIKAWA, Satoshi Co-design, Co-produce of local people, researchers, and governments for sustainable rural development in Southeast Asian Coastal zone. The International Forum on Ecosystem Adaptability, Ecosystem Adaptability GCOE, Tohoku University, 2012, 12, 12-2012, 12, 13, Sendai, Japan.

ISHIYAMA Shun

Born In 1985.

[Academic Career]
Graduate School of Letters (Comparative Studies of Humanities and Social Sciences), Nagoya University, D. Course (2006)
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shizuoka University, M.A. Course (2000)
Tokyo University of Agriculture (1989)

[Professional Career]
Staff, NGO Action for Greening Sahel (1993)
Staff, NPO Mori no Enerugi Foramu (2004)
Lecturer (Part-time), Fukui Prefectural University (2006)
Staff, NPO Echizen (2007)
Project researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2008-)

**Higher Degrees**

- M.A. (Shizuoka University, 2000)
- B.A. (Tokyo University of Agriculture, 1989)

**Fields of Specialization**

- Cultural Anthropology
- Development Anthropology

**Academic Society Memberships**

- Japan Association for African Studies
- Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology
- The Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies
- Japan Association for Nilo-Éthiopian Studies

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**Achievements**

**Books**

*Chapters/Sections*


**Editing**

*Editing / Co-editing*

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

- ISHIYAMA, S. Livelihood of Sahelian Farmer under the Environmental Variation. The Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies, sectional meeting, 2012, 12, 08, Kita-ku, Kyoto, Japan. (in Japanese)

[Poster Presentation]


KODA Ryosuke

Born in 1983.

[Higher Degrees]
PhD. (Kyoto University, 2011)

[Fields of Specialization]
Forest Ecology
Mammalogy

—Achievements—

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]

[Papers]

[Original Articles]

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

KUMAZAWA Terukazu

Assistant Professor

Born in 1974年。

[Higher Degrees]
Dr of Engineering

[Fields of Specialization]
Environmental planning
Regional informatics

―Achievements―

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

MASUDA Tadayoshi

Senior Project Researcher

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics (University of Hawaii, 2007)
M.A. in Food Research / International Development Policy (Stanford University, 1997)
B.A. in Agricultural and Forestry Economics (Kyoto University, 1989)

**Fields of Specialization**
Agricultural and Resource Economics

**Academic Society Memberships**
International Association of Agricultural Economics
International Food & Agribusiness Management Association
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
Western Agricultural Economics Association

**Awards**
Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit. (2003) North American College and Teachers of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources.
Gamma Sigma Delta (Honor Society of Agriculture). (2002)

**Papers**

**Original Articles**

**Research Presentations**

**Oral Presentation**

MCGREEVY, Steven

Assistant Professor

Born in 1978.

**Academic Career**
Division of Natural Resource Economics, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University (2008)
College of Continuing Education, University of Minnesota (2002)
St. John’s University- Collegeville, MN (1997)

**Professional Career**
Lecturer, Seisen Jogakuin College (2007)
Monbukagakusho Scholar, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University (2009)
Lecturer, Nagano National College of Technology (2011)
Assistant Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2013 ~)

**Higher Degrees**
D.Ag. (Kyoto University, 2012)
B.A.: Major- Biology; Minor- Environmental Studies (St. John's University-Collegeville, MN, 2000)

**Fields of Specialization**
- Rural Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Socio-ecological Systems

**Academic Society Memberships**
- Japan Biochar Association
- International Biochar Initiative
- Japanese Association for Rural Studies
- Rural Sociology Society
- International Association for the Study of the Commons

---Achievements---

**Books**

[Authored/Co-authored]

[Chapters/Sections]

**Papers**

[Original Articles]

**MINAMOTO Toshifumi**

---Senior Project Researcher---

**Born In 1973.**

**Academic Career**
- Division of Biological Science, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University, D. Course (2003)
- Division of Biological Science, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University, M. Course (1999)
- Faculty of Science, Kyoto University (1997)

**Professional Career**
- Senior Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2007)
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Biological Resources and Functions, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (2005)
- COE Research Fellow, Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University (2003)
[Higher Degrees]
D. Sc (Kyoto University, 2003)
M. Sc (Kyoto University, 1999)

[Fields of Specialization]
Molecular Ecology
Microbial Ecology
Animal Physiology
Chronobiology

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Zoological Society of Japan
Japanese Society for Chronobiology
Ecological Society of Japan
The Japanese Society of Limnology

---Achievements---

[Papers]

[Original Articles]

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

[Poster Presentation]
MIYAZAKI Hidetoshi

Born in 1975.

[Academic Career]
Department of Soil Science, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, D.Course(2007)
Division of Environmental Dynamics, Environmental Science Graduate School, The University of Shiga Prefecture, M.Course(2001)
Department of Biological Resources Management, School of Environmental Science, The University of Shiga Prefecture(1999)

[Professional Career]
Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature(2007)
JSPS Research Fellow(2003)

[Higher Degrees]
M. Environmental Science. (The University of Shiga Prefecture, 2001)

[Fields of Specialization]
Soil Science

[Academic Society Memberships]
Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
Japanese Society of Regional and Agricultural Development
The Japanese Agricultural Systems Society

=Achievements=

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

MOJI Kazuhiko

Born in 1953.

[Academic Career]
Department of Human Ecology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, D.Course(1983)
Department of Human Ecology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, M.Course(1980)
Faculty of Medicine, The University of Tokyo(1976)

[Professional Career]
Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature(2007)
Visiting Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature(2006)
Head, Research Center of Tropical Infectious Diseases, Nagasaki University Institute of Tropical Medicine(2006)
Individual Achievements

Professor, Research Center of Tropical Infectious Diseases, Nagasaki University Institute of Tropical Medicine (2002)
Professor, School of Health Sciences, Nagasaki University School of Medicine (2001)
Professor, School of Allied Medical Sciences, Nagasaki University (1999)
Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Nagasaki University School of Medicine (1987)
Instructor, Department of Human Ecology, School of Health Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo (1983)

[H]i[gher Degrees]
D. (The University of Tokyo, 1983)
M. (The University of Tokyo, 1980)

[Fields of Specialization]
Human Ecology, Population Health in the Tropics

[A]cademic Society Memberships
The Japanese Society of Tropical Medicine, The Japanese Society of Health and Human Ecology

Achievements

Papers

[Original Articles]

NAKAMURA Ryo

Project Researcher

Born in 1976.

[Academic Career]
Comparative Studies of Humanities and Social Sciences (Cultural Anthropology), Nagoya University, D. Course (2008)
Comparative Studies of Humanities and Social Sciences (Cultural Anthropology), Nagoya University, M.A. Course (2003)
Shizuoka University, B.A. Course (2000)
[Professional Career]
Project researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2008–)
Part-time staff, Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University (2008)
Tutor, Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University (2006)
Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University (2003–2007)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (Nagoya University, 2008)
M.A. (Nagoya University, 2003)
B.A. (Shizuoka University, 2000)

[Fields of Specialization]
Cultural Anthropology
Environmental Anthropology
Comparative Study on Swahili Maritime Societies

[Academic Society Memberships]
Japan Association for African Studies (2003–)
Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology (2008–)
Japan Association for Religious Studies (2008–)
Japan Association for Middle East Studies (2009–)
Japan Association for Nilo-Ethiopian Studies (2011–)

---Achievements---

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]
・NAKAMURA, Ryo 2013,01 “Utumiaji wa Mikoko katika Kilwa Kisiwani, Kusini mwana Mwambuo wa Kiswahili, Tanzania (Direct and Environmental Uses of Mangrove Resources on Kilwa Island, Southern Swahili Coast, Tanzania)”. Hiroshi NAWATA・Shun ISHIYAMA・Ryo NAKAMURA (ed.) Exploitation and Conservation of Middle East Tree Resources in the Oil Era. Arab Subsistence Monograph Series, Volume 1. Shoukadoh Book Sellers, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto, pp.103-132. (in Swahili, English, and Arabic)

[Original Articles]
Individual Achievements

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

・NAKAMURA, Ryo "Multi-ethnic Coexistence in a Swahili Maritime Society as seen through Basic Ecology and Fishing Cultures of Kilwa Island, Tanzania". Workshop on Afro-Eurasian Dry Lands in the Central Eurasian Studies Society 2012 Annual Conference, 2012,10,17-2012,10,18, Indiana University, Indiana, USA.

NAKANO Takanori

Born in 1950.

[Academic Career]
Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, University of Tsukuba, D.Course(1982)
Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, Tokyo University of Education, M.Course(1977)
Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, Tokyo University of Education(1974)

[Professional Career]
Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature(2004)
Associate Professor, Institute of Geoscience, University of Tsukuba(1992)
Assistant Professor, Institute of Geoscience, University of Tsukuba(1982)

[Higher Degrees]
D.Sc(University of Tsukuba, 1982)
M.Sc. (Tokyo University of Education, 1977)

[Fields of Specialization]
Environmental Resource Geology
Isotope Geochemistry

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Society of Resource Geology
The Geological Society of Japan
Japanese Association of Hydrological Sciences
The Society of Economic Geologist

[Awards]
Ecological Research Award(2009)

Achievements

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]

[Papers]

[Original Articles]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentations]

・Takanori Nakano Connection of an ecosystem and yellow sand traced by using a stable isotope. RIHN Global environmental studies lecture, 2013.03.14, Beijing University, Beijing. (in Japanese)

・Takanori Nakano Business of an environmental map: Creation of isotope environmental studies for the Future Asia. The 2nd isotope environmental studies symposium, 2013,02,18-2013,02,19, RIHN. (in Japanese)

・Takanori Nakano Business of an asian environmental map: Environmental diagnosis using a multi-item map of water. The 2nd isotope environmental studies symposium, 2013,02,18-2013,02,19, RIHN. (in Japanese)

・Takanori Nakano Environmental traceability research using a stable isotope technique. Reconstruction assistance seminar, 2013.01.28, Taihaku campus, Miyagi University. (in Japanese)

・Takanori Nakano Survey result report about the water vein of Mt. Chokai 'Explore the underground water vein of Mt. Yoshide from the water quality map. Mt. Chokai forum, 2012,12,24, Yukari Chokai culture hall. (in Japanese)


・Takanori Nakano Environmental map business in Asia starting from Tohoku area 'Ecosystem service that produces delicious water'. , 2012,10,31, Tohoku University. (in Japanese)


・Takanori Nakano Deployment to make a map of multi-element and isotope of water and to determine the origin. The Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry, the 7th Display and Origin analysis technology research meeting "The origin estimation technique with isotope ratio of heavy elements", 2012,07,04, Tiara Koto small hall, Koto-ku, Tokyo. (in Japanese)


・Takanori Nakano Explore the connection of yellow sand and ecosystem. The 11th RIHN Area Collaboration Seminar 'Environment' security of East Asia beyond the theory of Windward and Leewind, 2012,06,10, ELGALA Hall, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka city. (in Japanese)

[Poster Presentations]


・Maki Morimoto, Seiji Maruyama, Osamu Abe, Takeshi Nakatsuka, Takanori Nakano The examination of the measurement condition and performance evaluation of Gas Bench2 - DELTA V Plus(RIHN) towards carbon and oxygen isotope ratio mesurements of carbonate samples . The 2nd isotope environmental studies symposium, 2013,02,18-2013,02,19, RIHN. (in Japanese)

・Takanori Nakano Use of multiple-isotope analytical system into aquatic ecosystem. Aquatic Sciences Meeting: Voyages of Discovery, 2012,07,12, Biwako Hall Center for the performing arts, Shiga, Otsu-city, Shiga prefecture.
Individual Achievements

- Daizo Ishiyama (Akita University), Takanori Nakano (RIHN) etc. The characteristic of the chemical composition of river water in Akita prefecture—a research example on the proposal of the resource geology-type environmental research system by creating a multi-item map water quality—. The 62nd society of resource geology, 2012, 06, 27-2012, 06, 29, Koshiba Hall, The University of Tokyo (Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo). (in Japanese)

[Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist]

NAWATA Hiroshi

Associate Professor

Born in 1968.

[Academic Career]
Human and Environmental Studies (Cultural Anthropology), Kyoto University, D. Course (2003)
Human and Environmental Studies (Cultural Anthropology), Kyoto University, M.A. Course (1997)
African and Asian Studies (Folklore), University of Khartoum, Sudan, Diploma Course (1994)
Letters, Arts and Sciences (Asian History), Waseda University, B.A. Course (1992)

[Professional Career]
Associate Professor, Research Department, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2008-present)
Associate Professor, Socioeconomics Division, Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University (2007)
Assistant Professor, Division of Comprehensive Measures to Combat Desertification, Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University (2004-2007)
Part-time Lecturer, Faculty of Foreign Studies, Osaka University of Foreign Studies (2004-2005)
Part-time Lecturer, College of Economics, College of Business Administration, and College of Letters, Ritsumeikan University (2004-2005)
Part-time Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Osaka Prefecture University (2004-2005)
Part-time Lecturer, School of Policy Studies, Kwansei Gakuin University (2003-2004)
Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University (1998-1999)
Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (1997-2000)

[Higer Degrees]
Ph. D. (Kyoto University, 2003)
M.A. (Kyoto University, 1997)
Diploma (University of Khartoum, Sudan, 1994)
B.A. (Waseda University, 1992)

[Fields of Specialization]
Cultural Anthropology
Social Ecology
Middle Eastern and African Area Studies
Arid Land Studies
Human-livestock Relationship Studies

**[Academic Society Memberships]**

- The Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies
- Japanese Coral Reef Society
- Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology
- Japan Association for African Studies
- Japan Association for Middle East Studies
- Japan Association for Nilo-Ethiopian Studies

**[Awards]**

Encouragement Award of the Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies (2003)

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**[Books]**

**[Chapters/Sections]**

Individual Achievements


[Editing / Co-editing]


[Original Articles]


- Hiroshi NAWATA 2012, 06 To Combat a Negative Heritage of Combating Desertification: Developing Comprehensive Measures to Control the Alien Invasive Species Mesquite (Prosopis juliflora) in Sudan. Journal of Arid Land Studies 22(1) :9-12. (reviewed).

[Research Presentations]

[Poster Presentation]

[Invited Lecture / Honoronary Lecture / Panelist]
• Hiroshi NAWATA A Bridge between 'Knowledge' in Japan and 'Tradition' in Sudan: To combat a negative heritage of combating desertification. International Biennial of Cultural and Landscape Heritage, 2012,11,03-2012,11,11, Florence, Italy.

ONISHI Masayuki

[Academic Career]
Completed PhD Course, Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Arts, The Australian National University (1994)
Completed Graduate Diploma Course (TESOL), Faculty of Education, The University of Canberra (1989)
Completed Diploma Course (Bengali Language and Literature), Department of Bengali, Jadavpur University (1979)
Completed BA Course (English Language and Literature), Faculty of Arts, Tokyo University (1975)

[Professional Career]
Senior Research Fellow, Indus Project, RIHN (2007)
Visiting Fellow, Department of Linguistics, Max-Planck Institute (Evolutionary Anthropology) (2005)
Visiting Fellow, Department of Linguistics, RSPAS, The Australian National University (2003)
Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Meio University (1998)
Associate Professor, Faculty of International Studies, Meio University (1997)
Research Assistant, RCLT, The Australian National University (1995)

[Higher Degrees]
PhD (The Australian National University, 1995)
Graduate Diploma (The University of Canberra, 1989)

[Fields of Specialization]
Linguistic Typology
Descriptive Linguistics

[Academic Society Memberships]
Australian Linguistic Society
The Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea
Okinawa Center of Language Study
Individual Achievements

[Books]
[Authored/Co-authored]
• Masayuki Onishi 2012,05 A Grammar of Motuna. OGFAUS (Outstanding Grammars from Australia), 9. Lincom Europa, Munich, Germany, 564pp.

[Research Presentations]
[Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist]
• Masayuki Onishi Globalisation, Languages and Cultures – with Special Reference to the Folk Music of North Bengal. Invited Lecture, Parimal Mitra Mahavidyalaya, 2012,05,26, Malbazar, Jalpaiguri, India. (Other) In Bengali. Reported in the local newspaper Uttarbangla Sambad on 27th May..
• Masayuki Onishi Linguistic Diversity. Invited Seminar, Department of Nepali Language and Literature, Sikkim University, 2012,05,21, Ghantok, Sikkim, India.

SAITO Satoshi (Tetsu)

[Academic Career]

[Professional Career]
Research Assistant, Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences, Yokohama National University, Japan (2004)
Research Assistant, Faculty of Education and Human Sciences, Yokohama National University, Japan (2005)
Lecturer, Hosei University Daini Junior High School, Japan (2005)
Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Education and Human Sciences, Yokohama National University, Japan (2005, 2006)
Research Assistant, Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences, Yokohama National University, Japan (2006)
Research Associate, Department of Geology, University of Maryland, USA (2007)
Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, Yokohama National University, Japan (2009, 2010)

[Higher Degrees]
Doctor of Environment Science (Yokohama National University, Japan, 2004)
Master of Education (Yokohama National University, Japan, 2001)
Bachelor of Education (Yokohama National University, Japan, 1999)

[Fields of Specialization]
Geology
**Igneous and metamorphic petrology**  
Isotope geochemistry

**[Academic Society Memberships]**  
Japan Geoscience Union  
The Geological Society of Japan  
Japan Association of Mineralogical Sciences  
The Geochemical Society of Japan  
American Geophysical Union

---**Achievements---**

**[Papers]**

**[Original Articles]**


**[Research Presentations]**

**[Poster Presentation]**


**[Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist]**


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**SATO Yo-Ichiro**

Deputy Director-General, Professor

**Born In 1952.**

**[Academic Career]**

Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (1977)  
Department of Agronomy, Kyoto University, M. Course (1979)

**[Professional Career]**

Assistant at Faculty of Agriculture, Kochi University (1981)  
Research Associate at National Institute of Genetics (1983)  
Associate Professor at Shizuoka University (1994)
Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2004)
Deputy Director-General, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2008)
Program Director - Ecohistory

[HIGHER DEGREES]
D.Agr. (Kyoto University, 1986)

[FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION]
Plant genetics

[ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS]
Japan Society of Breeding
Society of Evolutionary Studies, Japan
Japan Society for Scientific Studies on Cultural Properties
Society of Tropical Ecology
The Society of Biosophia Studies
Japanese Society for DNA Polymorphism Research
The Society for the Study of Phytogeography and Taxonomy
The Japanese Forest Society

[AWARDS]
Ninth Matsuhashita Konosuke “Hana to midori no hakuran-kai kinen shorei-sho” (2001)
Seventh NHK Shizuoka broadcasting station “Akebono-sho” (2001)

--- ACHIEVEMENTS ---

[BOOKS]
[Authored/Co-authored]
・Sato Yo-Ichiro 2012,09 Think about food/Shoku wo Kangaeru. Fukuinkan-shoten, Tokyo, 191pp. (in Japanese)

[Chapters/Sections]

[EDITING]
[Editing / Co-editing]

[PAPERS]
[Original Articles]

[RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS]
[Oral Presentation]
・The movement of crops in the Old World: The role of nomadic pastoralists. Symposium on "Dispersion of People, Crops, and Language: Hokkaido and Ryukyus", 2013,02,23-2013,02,24, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature.

[Invited Lecture / Honoronary Lecture / Panelist]

- Will the green silk road revive?. Public Seminar/Open house of Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University, 2012, 12, 15, Tottori. (in Japanese)
- Rice and fish produced by the environment - Food culture variety and environment/culture interaction. Environment and Culture Kyoto Conference 2012, 2012, 12, 01, Kyoto. (in Japanese)
- Dynamic ”Fodo-logy” ., 2012, 06, 09, Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris. (in Japanese)
- History of "Fudo" ., 2012, 06, 07, Université de Toulouse. (in Japanese)

TAKAGI Akira

Senior Project Researcher

[Academic Career]

BA (International Christian University, 2003)

[Higher Degrees]

Ph. D (The University of Tokyo, 2008)

---Achievements---

[Papers]

[Original Articles]

- Hisashi Kurokura, Akira Takagi, Yutaro Sakai, Nobuyuki Yagi 2012, 06 TUNA GOES AROUND THE WORLD ON SUSHI. Aquaculture Economics & Management 16(2) :155–166. (reviewed).

TAKANO Takenaka Kohei

Project Researcher

Born in 1977.

[Academic Career]

BA, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (2001)
PhD, Grad. Sch. of Environmental Earth Sci., Hokkaido University (2006)

[Professional Career]
PD, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (Apr 2006–July 2009)
Assistant Professor, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University (Aug 2009–Mar 2010)
Academic affair staff, Grad. Sch. of Biomedical Sci., Nagasaki University (Apr 2010–Mar 2011)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (Hokkaido University, 2006)

[Fields of Specialization]
Plant and insect ecology
Ecological genetics
Molecular philogeny
Molecular evolution

[Academic Society Memberships]
Ecological Society of Japan
The Society for the Study of Species Biology

---Achievements---

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]
  • TAKANO Takenaka Kohei 2012,09 Genetic Resources. Ray Anderson (ed.) Berkshire Encyclopedia of
    Sustainability Volume 7. China, India, and East and Southeast Asia: Assessing Sustainability.
    Berkshire, Great Barrington, MA.

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]
  • TAKANO Takenaka Kohei, ITIKA Takao, NAKAGAWA Michiko, KISHIMOTO-YAMADA Keiko, YAMASHITA
    Satoshi, TANAKA O. Hiroshi, TOKUMOTO Yuji, FUKUDA Daisuke, KAMOI Tamaki, KATO Yumi, NAGAMASU
    Hidetoshi, ICHIKAWA Masahiro, MOMOSE Kuniyasu, NAKASHIZUKA Tohru and SAKAI Shoko. Land use
    change and loss of biodiversity in Malaysian Borneo. RIHN 7th International Symposium "Complexification
    and Simplification: Ecosystems, human health and lifestyle in Asia", 2012,10,24-2012,10,26, Kyoto.
    Session 1 Collapse and restoration of social-ecological networks.

TANIGUCHI Makoto

Born in 1959.

[Academic Career]
University of Tsukuba, Japan Ph.D. Hydrology (1987)
University of Tsukuba, Japan M.S. Hydrology (1984)
University of Tsukuba, Japan B.S. Geosciences (1982)

[Professional Career]
Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Associate Professor (2003 – 2007)
Department of Earth Sciences, Nara University of Education, Associate Professor (1993 - 2000)
Department of Earth Sciences, Nara University of Education, Research Associate (1988 - 1990)

[Highest Degrees]
D.Sc (The University of Tsukuba, 1987)
M.Sc. (The University of Tsukuba, 1984)

[Fields of Specialization]
Environmental dynamic analysis
Hydrology/Weather/Oceanic physics

[Academic Society Memberships]
American Geophysical Union
International Association of Hydrological Sciences
International Association of Hydrogeology
Japanese Association of Groundwater Hydrology
Japanese Association of Hydrological Science
Japan Society of Engineering Geology
The Japan Society of Hydrology and Water Resources
The Association of Japanese Geographers
The Japanese Society of Limnology

[Awards]
Award of 7th Japanese Association of Limnology (Yoshimura Prize, 2005)
Research award from the Association of Japanese Geographers (1987)

—Achievements—

[Books]
[Authored/Co-authored]
・Taniguchi, M. and Shiraiwa, T. 2012 The Dilemma of Boundaries - Toward a New Concept of Catchment-. Global Environmental Studies, No.2. Springer, 288pp

[Chapters/Sections]
Individual Achievements

[Editing]

[Editing / Co-editing]


[Papers]

[Original Articles]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

- Taniguchi, M. Groundwater and climate change: Problems and ideas for the better management as the water resources. The 3rd GELK International Symposium, 2013,03,05, Kumamoto University, Kumamoto.
- Taniguchi, M. "Coastal vulnerability under global environmental change”. RCC4, 2012,10,06, RHN, Kyoto.
- Taniguchi, M. "Coastal groundwater vulnerability due to global environmental change”. 39th International Association of hydrogeologists Congress, 2012,09,18, Niagara Falls, Canada.
TERADA Masahiro

[Higher Degrees]
M.Lit (Osaka University, 1998)

[Fields of Specialization]
History
Museum Anthropology
Academic Communication

-Achievements-

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]
- Masahiro Terada "On Invisible Catastrophes: Fukushima-Tokyo/ Auschwitz-Berlin”. 209th RIHN lunch seminar (Danwakai seminar); 2013, 02, 12, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto. (in Japanese)

[Invited Lecture / Honoronary Lecture / Panelist]
- Masahiro Terada "Globalization of the memory as cultural praxis: A comparison between Germany, Indonesia, and Japan”. SPA Bhopal Knowledge Exchange Series, 2013, 02, 26, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, India.
- Masahiro Terada "Invisibility of the disaster: Auschwitz-Berlin / Fukushima-Tokyo”. Palimpsest of memories: Our new narratives after the civil war, the terrorism, the earthquake, and the atomic catastrophe, 2012, 12, 22, Kyoto. (in Japanese) Sponsored by Center for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University.

UMETSU Chieko

[Academic Career]

[Professional Career]
Science & Math Teacher(O level), Kiriani High School, Meru, Kenya, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, JICA (1979)
Assistant Professor, The Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kobe University, Japan (1997)
Associate Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, National Institutes for the Humanities, Kyoto, Japan (2002)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (University of Hawaii, 1995)
M.A. (International University of Japan, 1989)

[Fields of Specialization]
Environmental and Resource Economics
Development Economics
Agricultural and Rural Development
Applied Microeconomics

[Academic Society Memberships]
International Association of Agricultural Economists,
American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA),
International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE),
Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (AESJ), 1998-2009,
Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies (SEEPS),
Japanese Society for International Development (JASID),
Japanese Society of Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Engineering (JSIDRE)

[Awards]
IAAE-JB Research Award (2001)
Best Article Award from the Agricultural Economics Society of Japan (2003)

---Achievements---

[Research Presentations]

[Invited Lecture / Honorary Lecture / Panelist]

UYAR, Aysun

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[Academic Career]
B.Sc., Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (2001)
M.Sc., Institute of Social Sciences, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey (2004)
Ph.D., Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Yamaguchi University, Yamaguchi, Japan (2008)

[Professional Career]
Research assistant, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey (2001-2005)
Project assistant, Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Yamaguchi University, Japan (2005-2008)
Post-doc research fellow, Afrasian Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan (2008-2010)
Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Intercultural Communication, Ryukoku University (2009–)
Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Social Studies, Doshisha University (2010–)
Part-time lecturer, Institute for International Education, Doshisha University (2011–)

[Higher Degrees]
Ph.D. (Yamaguchi University, 2008), Yamaguchi, Japan
M.Sc. (Middle East Technical University, 2004), Ankara, Turkey
B.Sc. (Middle East Technical University, 2001), Ankara, Turkey

[Fields of Specialization]
International Relations
International Political Economy,
Regionalism, Regional Integration

[Academic Society Memberships]
International Studies Association (ISA)
International Political Science Association (IPSA)
The Japan Association of International Relations (JAIR)
Japan Association for Asian Studies (JAAS)
European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)
Association for the Study of Political Society (ASPOS)
Japan–Turkey Friendship Association

[Awards]
The First Prize (Paper Contest), Institute for International Monetary Affairs (2005)
Yamaguchi University President Award (2008)

--- Achievements ---

[Editing]

[Editing / Co-editing]
・Pauline Kent, Ma. Reinaruth D. Carlos, Aysun Uyar and Shincha Park (ed.) 2012 "Policy Dialogue and Governance of Migration: Comparative Cases from Europe and Asia–Pacific”. Research Series, 1. Ryukoku University Afrasia Centre,

[Papers]

[Original Articles]

[Review Articles]
・(Media) Aysun Uyar, 2012,10 “Torukono sakanashoku jijyou (Turkish Fish Cuisine)”. VESTA 88 :21–24. (in Japanese)
Individual Achievements

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]
- Aysun Uyar, (Seminar) Future Direction of Environmental Policy Studies at RIHN. 20th EPM Study Group, 2013, 02, 26, RIHN, Kyoto.
- Joerg Balsiger and Aysun Uyar, (Organization, Chair, Wrap-up) Comparing Regional Environmental Governance in East Asia and Europe (EE-REG) Workshop. , 2013, 01, 24–2013, 01, 25, RIHN, Kyoto.
- Aysun Uyar, (Seminar) International Environmental Politics of Rio+20: Where are we heading from now on?. 16th EPM Study Group, 2012, 07, 06, RIHN, Kyoto. (in Japanese)

[Invited Lecture / Honoronary Lecture / Panelist]
- (Commentator) Governance of International Migration: Perspectives of Sending Countries. University of Philippines Third World Studies Center – Afrasia Center Joint Seminar, 2013, 02, 04, Manila, Philippines.
- (Lecturer) “International Cooperation on Environment and Disaster Prevention: Examples from Tohoku Disasters”. Doshisha University JENESYS Program, 2012, 05, 14, Kyoto.
- (Research project member) Research into the Possibilities of Establishing Multicultural Societies in the Asia Pacific Region: Conflict, Negotiation, and Migration. Afrasia Research Center, Ryukoku University, 2011, 07, 15–2014, 03, 31, .
WATANABE Tsugihiro

Born in 1953.

[Academic Career]
Department of Agricultural Engineering, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, D. Course (1983)
Department of Agricultural Engineering, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, M. Course (1979)
Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (1977)

[Professional Career]
Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2003)
Associate Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2001)
Associate Professor, Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University (2001)
Associate Professor, College of Agriculture and Bioscience, Osaka Prefecture University (1995)
Associate Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (1989)
Research Assistant, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University (1984)
Research Fellow, Japan Society for Promotion of Science (1983)

[Higher Degrees]
D.Agr. (Kyoto University, 1989)
M.Sc. (Kyoto University, 1979)

[Fields of Specialization]
Irrigation and Drainage Engineering

[Academic Society Memberships]
Japanese Society of Irrigation Drainage and Reclamation Engineering
Japan Society of Hydrology and Water Resources
Japanese Association for Water Resources and Environment
Japan Society of Civil Engineers
The Japanese Society for Arid Land Studies
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
International Water Resources Association
The Association of Rural Planning

―Achievements―

[Books]

[Chapters/Sections]
YAP, Minlee

[Academic Career]
Department of Marine Biosciences, Tokyo University of Fisheries (2006)
Graduate school of Marine System Engineering, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (2008)
Graduate school of Applied Marine Environment Studies, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (2012)

[Professional Career]
Project Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2012.04-)

[Higher Degrees]
M.Sc. (Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, 2008)
PhD (Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, 2012)

[Fields of Specialization]
Coral Reef Ecology

[Academic Society Memberships]
The Japanese Society of Fisheries Science
The Japanese Coral reef Society

---Achievements---

[Papers]

[Original Articles]


• Midori Kawabe, Hiroshi Kohno, Reiko Ikeda, Takashi Ishimaru, Osamu Baba, Naho Horimoto, Jota Kanda, Masaji Matsuyma, Masato Moteki, Yayoi Oshima, Tsuyoshi Sasaki, Minlee Yap 2013,02 Developing partnerships with the community for coastal ESD. International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education Volume 14(Issue 2) :122-132.


YAMAMURA Norio

[Academic Career]
Faculty of Science, Kyoto University, B. Course (Graduated, 1969)
Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University, M. Course (Graduated, 1971)
Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University, D. Course (Accomplised credits for doctoral program, 1975)
[Professional Career]
Associate Professor, Saga Medical School, Faculty of Medicine, Saga University (1978)
Professor, Saga Medical School, Faculty of Medicine, Saga University (1995)
Professor, Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University (1996)
Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2007)

[Higher Degrees]
D.Sc (Kyoto University, 1977)
M.Sc. (Kyoto University, 1971)

[Fields of Specialization]
Mathematical Ecology
Evolutionary biology

[Academic Society Memberships]
Ecological Society of Japan
The Society of Population Ecology
Society of Evolutionary Studies Japan
Japanese Society for Mathematical Biology
International Union for the Study of Social Insects
Japan Ethological Society

[Awards]
Ecological Society of Japan Award (2007)

—Achievements—

[Books]
[Authored/Co-authored]

[Chapters/Sections]
YAOTA Kiyoyuki

Born in 1970.

Achievements

[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]

YASUTOMI Natsuko


[Academic Career]
Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo, D.Course(2003)
Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo, M.Course(1998)
Faculty of Science, Kyoto University (1997)

[Professional Career]
Assistant Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2010)
Senior Project Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2010)
Project Researcher, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (2009)
Researcher, Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology (CREST), Japan Science and Technology Agency (2003)

[Higher Degrees]
D. Sc. (The University of Tokyo, 2003)
M. Sc. (The University of Tokyo, 1998)

[Fields of Specialization]
Meteorology
Climatology

[Academic Society Memberships]
Meteorological Society of Japan
Japan Geoscience Union
American Geophysical Union
American Meteorological Society
Achievements

[Original Articles]


[Research Presentations]

[Oral Presentation]


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C-17 Creation and Sustainable Governance of New Commons through Formation of Integrated Local Environmental Knowledge (ILEK project)
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