
III. International Conferences, Symposia, Workshops

1. Symposium commemorating the opening of the digital archives “the Japanese Experience”

May 28, 2007

This symposium was held to commemorate the opening of the digital archives named “Passing on the Japanese Experience: Technology Transfer, Transformation, and Development.” The originals are about 150 volumes of papers generated from a five-year commissioned research from the United Nations University from 1978 through 1982 entitled “Project on Technology Transfer, Transformation, and Development: the Japanese Experience.” For the purpose of deepening the understanding of Japanese technology development processes, 120 experts and scholars conducted case studies on a wide range of fields including the iron industry, transportation and railways, garment industry, mining industry, financial systems, rural and urban society, grocery industry, women’s labor, vocational education, technology policy and so forth. Considering its important practical implications toward the development of developing countries, IDE Library started digitizing the papers with the permission of the United Nations University and the archives were completed in May of 2007. Dr. Mushanokoji who organized the various research programmes as the UNU’s Vice Rector and Dr. Hirashima, who participated in the projects as coordinator, were invited as keynote speakers. Kato gave a visual introduction to the archives, and Sato, Murayama, and Kunimune gave presentations on rural development, women’s labor and financial systems of Japan, respectively. Dr. Nakamura and Dr. Kato joined the following discussions on how to apply the experience of Japan to contemporary development projects.

Participants: Kinhide Mushanokoji (Director, Centre for Asia Pacific Partnership, Osaka University of Economics and Law), Shigemochi Hirashima (Emeritus Professor, Meiji Gakuin University), Yasuhide Nakamura (Professor, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University), Hiroshi Kato (Director General, Institute for International Cooperation, Japan International Cooperation Agency), Takashi Shiraiishi (President, Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO),

Maho Kato, Hiroshi Sato, Mayumi Murayama, Kozo Kunimune

2. International Workshop and Open Seminar on “Perspective on Growing Africa: From China and Japan”

September 11-13, 2007

These international workshops and open seminars were organized as part of the spot research project “Perspective on Growing Africa: From Japan and China.”

In the workshop, a pair of Chinese and Japanese scholars presented papers in five sessions. In the first session entitled “Perspective on actual African economies,” Katsumi Hirano and Yao Guimei presented their views on recent trends of the African economy. In the second session, Zhang Hongming and Shinichi Takeuchi introduced the development of African studies in each country. In the third session, Makoto Sato and Zeng Qiang analyzed diplomatic policy of Japan and China towards Africa. In the fourth session, policies and practices of development corporation of the two countries were discussed by Xu Weizhong and Katsuya Mochizuki. In the fifth session, Shigeoki Okada and Song Zhiyong presented their studies on the two countries’ trade and investment towards Africa. Each topic was discussed by the commentators. Although the audience of the workshop was limited to specialists in universities, ministries and development agencies, each topic was actively debated among the participants and audience.

In the open seminar, Yao Guimei, Xu Weizhong and Song Zhiyong gave lectures under the following titles: “FOCAC (Forum on China-Africa Cooperation) and its Influences on Sino-African Economic and Trade Cooperation,” “Chinese Diplomacy and Aid for Africa,” and “Trade and Investment between China and Africa.” After the lectures, a panel discussion was held among lecturers and other Chinese and Japanese scholars who had participated in the workshop on 11th. Many questions and comments came from audience, which amounted to around 100.

Participants: Yao Guimei (Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sci-

ences), Zhang Hongming (Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), Zeng Qiang (Institute of Asian and African Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations), Xu Weizhong (Institute of Asian and African Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations), Song Zhiyong (Department of Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce), Makoto Sato (Ritsumeikan University), Katsuhiko Kitagawa (Kansai University), Masatsugu Naya (Aoyama Gakuin University), Motoki Takahashi (Professor, Kobe University), Katsumi Hirano Shigeki Okada, Katsuya Mochizuki, Shinichi Takeuchi

3. International Seminar on “Productivity and Growth in Africa and Asia”

October 9-11, 2007

This is a three day long international seminar jointly organized with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The opening ceremony for the seminar was held on the first day. The Director-General of UNIDO, Kandeh K. Yumkella, and Executive Vice President Akifumi Kuchiki, delivered welcome addresses, which were followed by the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding on mutual cooperation exchanged between the Director-General of UNIDO and the President of the IDE, Takashi Shiraishi. Then, Shujiro Urata of Waseda University gave a keynote speech entitled “Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Asia.”

Closed sessions took place for the remaining two days in order to intensively discuss the prospects for productivity and growth in Africa and Asia. The first day was spent discussing the African economy in the context of international comparison, and measurement issues of productivity and national income. The effect of intangible investment, cross-border flows of people, infrastructure, foreign direct investment and globalization on productivity and growth in Africa were discussed in turn. Then, theoretical and practical difficulties and counter-measures against them were analyzed.

Determinants and prospects for productivity and growth in Asia were the main issues on the second day. The growth of China and India, impacts of market imperfections on the Asian economy, the effects of integration on growth in East Asia, relations between

growth and pollution, and impacts of export-led industrialization in Vietnam and Bangladesh, were scrutinized through lively discussions.

A panel discussion among the participants summarized the two day discussions and closed the seminar.

Welcome Address: Kandeh K. Yumkella (Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization), Akifumi Kuchiki

Keynote Speaker: Shujiro Urata (Professor, Waseda University)

Speakers: Tsutomu Miyagawa (Gakushuin University), Carl-Johan Dalgaard (University of Copenhagen), Anders Isaksson (UNIDO), Frank Bartels (UNIDO), Thiam Hee Ng (UNIDO), Kevin Fox (University of New South Wales), Tetsuo Yamada (UNIDO), Barry Bosworth (Brookings Institution), John G. Fernald (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco), Sanghoon Ahn (Korea Development Institute), Nobuya Haraguchi (UNIDO), Etsuyo Michida, Takahiro Fukunishi, Tatsufumi Yamagata

Panelists: Katsumi HIRANO and the speakers

4. International Workshop on “Promoting 3R in Developing Countries :What can be learned from the experience in Japan?”

December 4, 2007

This international workshop is conducted under the research project on “Promoting 3R in Developing Countries :What can be learned from the experience in Japan?” The objective of the workshop is to exchange views on the experience in Japan in the field of 3R and learn lessons for developing countries. Limitations of the experience are also discussed.

Each contributor of the report makes a presentation on each chapter. The topics covered in the workshop were segregation at sources of municipal solid waste, pollution control in the recycling industry, shipbreaking and metal recycling in Taiwan, stakeholder relationship for recycling, automotive recycling system, recycling of e-waste in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, and managing transboundary movement of recyclable waste.

A day after the workshop, some participants visited Tokyo Super Eco-Town, where recycling industries have been established. Through the workshop and site-visit, participants shared views on the Japanese experience in the field of 3R, what lessons can be

learned for developing countries and the limitations.

Participants: Yoshifumi Fujii (Bunkyo University), Ken'ichi Togawa (Kumamoto University), Aya Yoshida (National Institute for Environmental Science), Rie Murakami-Suzuki (National Institute for Environmental Science), Chung Sung Woo (Hokkaido University), Ma Lourdes G. Rebullida (University of the Philippines), Amit Jain (IRG Systems South Asia Inc, India), Michikazu Kojima, Tadayoshi Terao, Shozo Sakata, Hajime Sato, Etsuyo Michida

5. 120th Anniversary of Japan-Thailand Diplomatic Relations, 2007 “Japan - Thailand Relations: Toward a True Partnership?”

November 30, 2007

The seminar was held at Thammasat University, on 30th November 2007. IDE was one of the sponsors together with the Thailand Research Fund, “Japan Watch Project (network of Japanologists in Thailand), the Faculty of Political Science in Thammasat University, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thailand, and the Japan Foundation. Panelists and discussants were invited among Japanese and Thai scholars, officials and businessmen and international organizations aiming at to discuss and exchange their knowledge and views on Japanese-Thai relations. The seminar consisted of three panels. In panels, the Thai-Japanese “partnership” was examined from a political/historical perspective (Panel I), business perspective (Panel II) and from the perspective of transnational issues (Panel III). From IDE, Maki AOKI (research fellow sent to Thailand) presented a paper dealing with the Japan-Thailand Economic Partnership Agreement. The topic provoked discussion among the audience and panelists regarding the political/economic merits and demerits of trade liberalization precisely because JTEPA was enacted right before the seminar and was the hottest issue in society at that time. Meanwhile, a presentation on transnational issues such as human trafficking and migration pointed out the need for collective action to combat such problems. It was impressive that the panel called attention to the further potential for Japan and Thailand to cooperate together.

In conclusion, the seminar succeeded in summarizing the main points of the “special relationship” built so far, and depicted a vision for how to upgrade it in the coming century. The papers presented in this seminar will be published in Thailand in 2008.

6. International Workshop on “Industrial Upgrading in China”

November 25, 2007

The project on “Chinese Enterprises: The Quest for Industrial Upgrading amid Transition” focuses on a survey of recent developments in representative sectors, with a special emphasis on industrial upgrading and the building up of production networks. As part of this project, we conducted a joint study with the Center for Research of Private Enterprise, Zhejiang University. In November, 2006, we invited Jin Xiangrong, the executive director of CRPE to IDE, holding the International Workshop on “Industrial Upgrading in China.”

In this workshop, Mr. Jin Xiangrong made a report on “The trends and obstacles in China’s industrial clusters’ upgrading: a case study of Zhejiang’s manufacturing sector.” He distinguished the upgrading of Zhejiang’s industrial clusters into two patterns: a spontaneous one and an outward one. Mr. Shigeki Higashi made a report on “The moulds and auto parts industrial clusters in Zhejiang.” He introduced many cases of China’s moulds and auto parts industrial clusters. The main actors of these clusters are the local SMEs. Dr. Yuan Gangming made a report on “The development of China’s steel industry and the effect of the steel industrial policy.” He reviewed the development trajectory of China’s steel industry, pointing out that the policy for industrial steel has completely failed. Mr. Ken-ichi Imai made a report on “China’s economic growth and industrial upgrading.” He analyzed the determining factors for the industrial upgrading in China, such as the interaction between the domestic market and the industrial organization, the heritage of China’s full-set industrialization, the industrial policy and the industrial cluster policy, the FDI and so forth. During the question period, the participants discussed how to edit the final outcome of this research project.

Participants: JIN Xiangrong Center for Research of Private Enterprise, Zhejiang University, Yuan Gangming Research Center of Less-developed Economy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, IDE VRF, Geng Mingzhai Henan University, Chen Zhuoyong Renmin University, IDE VRF, Jozen Takeuchi (Faculty of Economics, Zhejiang University), Nobuhiko Nakaya (Economic Research Center, School of Economics, Nagoya University), Shigeki Higashi (Department of

Economics, Seinangakuin University), SHIU Jing-Ming (School of Economics, the University of Tokyo), Tomoo Marukawa (Institute of Social Sciences, the University of Tokyo), Huang Xiaochun (Faculty of Humanities, Hirosaki University), Ken-inchi Imai, Ding Ke, Meng Bo

7. International Workshop on Compilation and Use of the 2005 Asian International Input-Output Table

December 18-19, 2007

This workshop was held as part of the research project on “Compilation and Use of the 2005 Asian International Input-Output Table.” The research project aims to construct the 2005 Asian International Input-Output Table in collaboration with prominent academic / statistical institutions of Asian countries. The workshop was organized to accommodate heated discussions among representative participants on issues related to the data collection and estimation of foreign trade statistics, in order to further improve estimation accuracy and working efficiency.

The contents of this workshop were published as Inomata and Kuwamori (eds.) *Compilation and Use of the 2005 Asian International Input-Output Table* (Asian International Input-Output Series No.70).

Participants: Zhang Yaxiong (State Information Center CHINA), Budi Cahyono (Badan Pusat Statistik - Statistics Indonesia INDONESIA), Zarinah Mahari (Department of Statistics MALAYSIA), Fauzana Haji Ismail (Department of Statistics MALAYSIA), Julieta P. Soliven (National Statistics Office PHILIPPINES), Chow Kit Boey (Business Research Consultants LLP SINGAPORE), Pi Chen (Taiwan Research Institute TAIWAN), Prapasri Pongwattana (National Economic and Social Development Board THAILAND), Aki-fumi Kuchiki, Chiharu Tamamura, Daisuke Hiratsuka, Satoshi Inomata, Yosuke Noda, Hiroshi Kuwamori, Hajime Sato, Yoko Uchida, Bo Meng

8. International Workshop on the Use and Preservation of the South Manchuria Railway Materials in Japan, China and the United States

March 8, 2008.

This workshop was held as the seventh meeting to

study issues related to materials that have been left in a former Japanese colonial area focusing on its use and preservation. It was co-hosted by Kojima Tomoyuki (Professor, Keio University), and more than 40 people including librarians and researchers participated.

In the lecture session of the workshop, six library-related speakers talked on various issues related to preserving the colonial materials from Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula, and China that are held at their institutions. The lecture themes included “The cataloging and preservation of the South Manchuria Railway (SMR) materials in the Library of Congress (Eiichi Ito), “Combined catalogue for SMR materials in China : the significance of its compilation, issues, and future” (Wei Haisheng), “Digital archives ‘Japan in Modern Asia’ : the role as portal for the Japanese materials on East Asia published before World War II” (Kumiko Izumisawa), “The collection of the Toa Dobunshoin University Memorial Center” (Sayoko Naruse), “The educational and research activities in the Otaru College of Commerce; and the Japanese publications on East Asia before 1945” (Takanori Hirai), “The collection and use of SMR materials at the National Diet Library” (Kazuhiko Shiraiwa). In the discussion session, three researchers commented on these talks adding their academic perspectives.

In the workshop, all participants explored issues related to how to organize, utilize, and preserve colonial materials, including the South Manchuria Railways documents, held in three countries, China, the US, and Japan. It was a meaningful opportunity that enabled all of us to clarify the current conditions and issues related to such materials; and to share information on the field.

Lectors: Eiichi Ito (Reference Librarian, Asia Division, the Library of Congress), Haisheng Wei (Deputy Director, Central Compilation & Translation Bureau), Kumiko Izumisawa (Deputy Director-General, IDE Library), Sayoko Naruse (Researcher, Toa Dobunshoin University Memorial Center), Takanori Hirai (Researcher, Otaru University of Commerce Archives), Kazuhiko Shiraiwa (National Diet Library)

Commentator: Tetsuo Imura (Professor, Niigata University), Shin Kawashima (Associate Professor, Tokyo University), Hiroyuki Kojima (Tokyo University)

9. International Workshop on the Central-Local Relationship in Thailand

January 12-13, 2008

This international workshop was organized as part of a joint research project on the Central-Local Relationship in Thailand conducted jointly with the IDE and the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University.

Since the 1990's, Thailand has established a more decentralized local administration system in accordance with the democratization process. The central-local relationship in Thailand underwent huge changes, especially after introducing the direct election system of Mayor/ President of local administrative organizations throughout the country. However, the decentralization process in Thailand is still characterized as "guided-decentralization" under the supervision of the central government over local administration organizations. In fact, the autonomy and efficiency of the local administrative organizations are still in question in terms of fiscal autonomy as well as functions delegated by the central authorities. In this context, we conducted a survey of the Local Administrative Organizations in Thailand by focusing on the questions of local autonomy, relations with local residents, and relationship of the local administrative organizations with the central authorities.

The workshop was held on January 12-13, 2009 at the International House of Japan. It was attended by Japanese and Thai counterpart researchers, as well as by distinguished professors on local government in Japan. In the workshop, we discussed issues related to (1) Democratization and local governance in Thailand, (2) Performance of local government, (3) Characteristics of president/mayors of Thai local governments and their performance, (4) Regional differences in local politics and local governance, (5) Decentralization policy under the Thaksin administration. The outcome and preliminary results of the survey data of this workshop are reported in *Local Government in Thailand—Analysis of the Local Administrative Organization Survey* (JRP Series No.147).

Participants: Tsuruyo Funatsu, Fumio Nagai (Osaka City University), Kazuhiro Kagoya (Kanto Gakuin University), Nakharin Mektrairat (Thammasat University), Supasawad Chardchawarn (Thammasat University), Toshio Kamo (Ritsumeikan University), Kengo Akizuki (Kyoto University), Shin'ichi Shigetomi, Hiroko Uchimura

duction and Beyond: Development Strategies for Low-Income Countries"

November 29, 2007

This is an international symposium jointly organized with Asahi Shimbun and the World Bank. The aim and results are as follows.

The efforts underway to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have been only partially successful thus far. East and South Asia have reduced poverty by significant margins, however, many countries in Sub Saharan Africa are still far from achieving the goals and their future progress in reducing poverty is likely to depend upon continuing external assistance. The purpose of this symposium was to promote discussion and debate so as to help improve the tools of international cooperation now in use.

Internationally renowned scholars in the field of international development as well as a few IDE researchers were invited as speakers. First, Takashi Shiraiishi performed a stocktaking of the performance of poverty reduction in the world, and demonstrated the daunting challenges to be addressed. The first keynote speaker, William Easterly, emphasized the role of the free market over foreign aid in poverty reduction. The second keynote speaker, Shahid Yusuf, proposed prioritizing sectors to be assisted from the viewpoint of contribution to sustainable growth. Tatsufumi Yamagata introduced cases of market-led industrialization and poverty reduction taking place in the export-oriented garment industry in Bangladesh and Cambodia. Si-meen Mahmud warned that excessive dependence on results-based management in implementing foreign aid may cause a bias in helping beneficiaries who can easily attain the goal and neglecting the most destitute people. Katsumi Hirano reviewed contemporary economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa and pointed out the prospects for contribution of the private sector to poverty reduction in the continent.

The panel discussion began with a short speech by Hiroshi Kato who indicated the importance of the viewpoint of human security. Discussion was heated concerning the prospects for foreign aid for poverty reduction. All the participants agreed that the current approaches of international cooperation should be reviewed. Possible directions of change may be related to: (1) free market; (2) prioritizing issues to be addressed; (3) careful application of result-based management; and (4) involvement of the private sector in

10. International Symposium on "Poverty Re-

international cooperation.

Keynote speakers: Takashi Shiraishi, William Easterly (New York University), Shahid Yusuf (World Bank)
Speakers: Tatsufumi Yamagata, Simeen Mahmud (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies), Katsumi Hirano

Panelists: Hiroshi Kato (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and all the speakers

Moderator: Hiroshi Kan Sato



Speakers of the symposium "Poverty Reduction and Beyond." From left, Shiraishi, Easterly, Yusuf, Yamagata, Simeen and Hirano

11. International Workshop for the Study of the Relationship between Innovation and Industrial Clusters

January 15, 2008

Policymakers require us to show how to extend our approach to characterizing counterfactual evidence using the estimated model to estimate the impacts of local public policy relates to fostering industrial agglomeration on the emergence of innovation. This enables us to have comparable characteristics of each industrial cluster and formulate alternative policy recommendations. The aim of this workshop was two-fold. First, we developed and applied a simple flowchart model with R&D in each industrial cluster or establishment to estimate the conditions of the formation of new industrial clusters with endogenous innovation using case studies of Malaysia and Brazil. Second, using the case studies of India, Japan, and Singapore, we analyzed the following specific issues: (1) the effects of industrial development on the competition in industrial agglomeration; (2) the effects of adoption of new technology on the emergence of product and process

innovation in each industrial cluster or establishment. This enabled us to identify comparable characteristics for the respective industrial clusters and to formulate alternative policy recommendations. Finally, we attempt to explore ways fostering innovation systems can be tightened using evidence-based policy-making motivated by economic theory and convincing fact-finding.

Participants: Masatsugu Tsuji (Professor, University of Hyogo), Aya Okada (Professor, Nagoya University), Shoichi Miyahara (Associate Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University), Antonio Botelho (Assistant Professor, PUC-RIO), Wong Poh Kam (Associate Professor, NUS), Akifumi Kuchiki, Hisaki Kono, Kazuki Minato, Ikumo Isono, Toshitaka Gokan, Souknilanh Keora, Kazunari Tsukada, Hitoshi Sato, Kazushi Takahashi, Ding Ke, Keshab Das (Visiting Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO), Tomohiro Machikita