IV. Activities to Promote International Research Exchanges

1. Hosting of Visiting Research Fellows (VRF)

In this program, academic and other related field specialists exclusively from developing countries are invited to conduct research in Japan as VRFs. This program offers VRFs opportunities to carry out research on developing economies and related issues, exchange

opinions and information on development affairs with IDE researchers, and learn about Japanese development experience through activities such as study tour program and seminars on Japan. In FY 2010, the IDE hosted and financially supported 8 VRFs (1 fellow as a Project-Linked VRF) and 1 self supporting fellow from abroad.

Visiting Research Fellows (VRF)

*IDE Supporting Fellows

Name Status/Institutions, Country		Research Topic	
Fang Yong	Associate Professor, Department of International Economics and Trade, Nanjing University, China	Affiliates and Technological Growth of Local Enterprises-The Example of Kunshan City, Jiangsu Province, China	
Cemal Atici	Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Adnan Menderes University, Turkey	Trade Liberalization and Environmental Interaction in Japan and ASEAN: An Extended Environmental Kuznets Curve with Panel Data	
Pravakar Sahoo	Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University, India	Addressing Challenges for Infrastructure Development in India: Lessons from Japan	
Zhang Hongwu	Professor, Tianjin University of Commerce, China	A Study on China's Shift to a Low-Carbon Economy- Based on the Perspective of Regional En- vironmental Governance	
Andrea Lopes	Ph.D. Professor, Gerontology Program, Science and Humanity, School of Arts, São Paulo University, Brazil	Volunteer Work and Aging: A Comparative Study among American, Brazilian and Japanese Seniors	
Eric Vincent Celestial Batalla	Chair, Political Science Department, De La Salle University, Philippines	Japan and the Philippines' Lost Decade	
Prapart Pintobtang	Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	People Movements in Rural Area after September 19th Coup in Thailand	
(Project Linked VRF Program) Rwei-Ren Wu	Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Taiwan History,	Research Project Topic: Comprehensive Study on Taiwan III: Centripetal and Centrifugal Power of Taiwanese Society	
	Academia Sinica	Research Topic: United in Public Interests?: Civil Society and the Revival of Civic Nationalism in Contemporary Taiwan	

*Self Supporting Fellow

Name	Status/Institutions, Country	Research Topic	
Sun Hyang	Director of Material & Nanotechnology Standards Division, Korean Agency for Technology and Standards	The Development of the Analytical Toolbox for an Economic Impact of Standards	

2. Dispatching of IDE Staff Abroad

The IDE dispatches researchers abroad on two-year assignments to have them build up their experience of conducting research in developing countries and regions. Through this program, researchers are expected

to improve their ability to make in-depth analyses of economic, political, and social phenomena in those countries and to build overseas institutional research networks. In FY2010, nine researchers were sent abroad to be affiliated with research institutes, universities, and international organizations.

(1) Senior Research Fellows Sent Abroad

	Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
1	Koichi Kitano	Santiago (Chile)	Pontifical Catolic University of Chile	The Corporate Strategy and Institutions in the Chilean Natural-Resource-Based Industries
2	Mayumi Murayama	New Delhi (India)	Institute of Economic Growth	Social changes in India under rapid economic growth: An analysis from gender and employment perspective
3	Ikuko Okamoto	Canberra (Austra- lia)	The Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program (RMAP), The Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (RSPAS), Australian National University	Environmental Conservation and Livelihood Strategy in Rural Areas in Developing Countries: Resource Utilization, Competition and Coor- dination in Rural Myanmar
4	Yoko lwasaki	Tehran (Iran)	Faculty of World Studies of University of Tehran	Transformation of production and distribution system in Iran's apparel industry
5	Aki Sakaguchi	Caracas (Venezu- ela)	Center for Development Studies, Venezuela Central University (CENDES-UCV)	Policy-Making and State-Society Relationship under Chavez's Venezuela
6	Takeo Donoue	Beijing (China)	China-Japan Long Term Trade Committee	Establishment and Operation of Economic Law in China and the Response of Japanese Business- es, Government and Economic Organizations
	Shuji Uchikawa	Bangkok (Thailand)	Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)	Comparative Study of Small and Medium Enterprises Development in India and Thailand
7		New Delhi (India)	Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)	
8	Yuka Kodama	Bath (England)	Department of Economics & International Development, University of Bath	Analysis for Network formation in the rural Ethiopia behind Economic Liberalization and "Democratization"
		Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)	Collage of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University	
9	Masahiro Kodama	Kuala Lumpur (Ma- laysia)	Malaysian Institute of Economic Research	Productivity and Production Cost of the Malaysian Industry

10 Hajime Sato		London (England)	School of Oriental And African Studies, University of London	Industrial Policy and Industrial
	New Delhi (India)	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sience, Jawaharlal Nehru Uni- versity	Development: the case of the steel industry in Asia	
11	Hiroshi Sato	Brighton (England)	Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex	Development and Business -how to combine public interest and private interest
12	Taeko Hoshino	Mexico City (Mexico)	Centro de Estudios Sociologi- cos, El Colegio de Mexico	Requisites of Entrance and Growth for the Local Firms in Export Industries -Case of the Mexican Automobile Industry after the Financial Crisis of 2008-
13	Norihiro Sasaki	Shanghai (China)	School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University	Development of political reform in China: Experiment in Shanghai and extension to all over the country
14	Kensuke Kubo	New Delhi (India)	Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute	Empirical Research on the Performance of the Indian Pharmaceutical Market
15	Yurika Suzuki	Manila (Philippines)	School of Economics, University of the Philippines	Investment Behavior of Firms in the Philippines

(2) Research Fellows Sent Abroad

	Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
1	Nanae Yamada	Beijing (China)	Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences	Public Goods Provision Systems in Rural China under Market Transi- tion
		Qingdao (China)	College of Economics, Qingdao Agricultural University	
2	Yuichi Watanabe	North Carolina (U.S.A)	University o North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Eco- nomics	Empirical Analysis on Economic Rationality of Taxation in Korea
3	Bo Meng	Paris (France)	Organisation for Economic Co- operation and Development	Regional Integration and Economic Growth in EU and East Asia: A Comparative Study Based on Inter- national Input-Output Table
4	Mami Yamaguchi	Beijing (China)	Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tsinghua University	Rural-Urban Migration and Social Mobility in China Under Industrial- ization
		Chengdu China	Sichunan Union University	
5	Shuji Kano	Yanbian (China)	Yanbian University, College of Economics Management	Bibliographical Study on China- North Korea Economic Relations
6	Nobuhiro Aizawa	Ithaca (U.S.A)	Cornell University Southeast Asia Program	Regionalizing Southeast Asia and Thailand's Strategies Immigration,
		Bangkok (Thailand)	Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University	Nationality and Foreign workers
7	Hitoshi Ota	New Delhi (India)	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Labor and Inclusion in India: the Challenge of Social India against Social Exclusion
8	Haruka Matsumoto	Taipei (Taiwan)	Academia Sinica, Institute of European and American Studies	Analyzing the Decision-Making Factors for China's Multilateral
		Beijing (China)	Peking University, School of International Studies	Diplomacy

9	Takayuki Higashi- kata	Jakarta (Indonesia)	Institute of Social and Economic Research, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia	Impact Evaluation of Decentralization in Indonesia
10	Hisaki Kono	Boston (U.S.A)	Department of Economics, Harvard University	Theory-based empirical analysis on antipoverty policies
11	Emi Kojin	Ho Chi Minh (Viet- nam)	Southern Institute of Sustainable Development	Changes of production and mar- keting system of agro-products in Vietnam
12	Kazushi Takahashi	Ithaca (U.S.A)	Cornell University Department of Applied Economics and Management	Towards the Improvement of Living Standards of the Rural Poor: Theory and Evidence
13	Toshitaka Gokan	Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)	The Center for Operations Research and Econometrics, University Catholic Louvain	Location choice of firms and regional integration

3. Networking Activities

The IDE conducted various international networking activities to serve as a centre of excellence for development studies. Activities in FY 2010 are summarized as follows.

- Invited 3 development experts and organized special seminars and discussion meetings.
- Received 100 overseas visitors and organized seminars and meetings.
- Delivered 43 researchers to present research outcomes at international conferences such as academic societies and international symposiums.
- Exchanged the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pontificia Universidad Católica, Chile to expand international research network.