

III. International Conferences, Symposia, Workshops

< International Symposia >

1. Global Value Chains: Quo Vadis?

July 5, 2013 (Friday)

Program:

Opening address

ISHIGE Hiroyuki (Chairman, JETRO)

Keynote speech 1

Richard BALDWIN (Professor of International Economics, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

Report 1

Hubert ESCAITH (Chief Statistician, World Trade Organization (WTO))

Report 2

Erik DIETZENBACHER (Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen, President of International Input-Output Association)

Report 3

INOMATA Satoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center)

Keynote speech 2

Robert KOOPMAN (Director of Operations, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC))

Panel Discussion

Moderator:

NAKATOMI Michitaka (Special Advisor to JETRO, Consulting Fellow of RIETI)

Panelist:

KANEKO Tomohiro (Principal Director, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan (METI))

Francisco MONGE (Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica (COMEX))

Andrew WYCKOFF (Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD))

Robert KOOPMAN

Patrick LOW (Chief Economist, WTO)

Closing remarks

SHIRAISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO)

Global Value Chains (GVC) is a relatively new concept which considers international trade as the flows of value-added in the manufacturing process, not as just the flows of products and services. In 2011, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and IDE-JETRO published “*Trade Patterns and Global Value Chains in East Asia*” as the results of our joint research. This stimulated increasing interests in GVC among international organizations and foreign governments, and promoted studies on GVC in various research organizations. As a result, a variety of research approaches to this concept has been proposed.

The goal of this international symposium was to review the importance of the concept of GVC by comparing these approaches, and to discuss its implication for trade policy.

Prof. Baldwin, one of the world’s foremost researchers on international trade, and Dr. Koopman, USITC’s Director of Operations who has an immense influence over trade policy decisions in the US, made keynote speeches and addressed the academic and policy implications of GVC. Following the speeches, a panel discussion was held with experts from the WTO and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and representatives from national trade-policy offices to discuss the impact of the concept on the front line of trade policy and its possible responses.

The symposium was an invaluable opportunity, as the world renowned researchers and the trade policymakers around the world got together to engage in international intellectual exchange and made great contributions to the advancement of research in this field.

Venue: Soukairou Hall, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

Hosts: IDE-JETRO, World Trade Organization (WTO)

2. “Meeting Standards, Winning Markets” – Opportunities and Challenges to East Asian Agri-food Trade towards Regional and Global Markets

September 19, 2013 (Thursday)

Program:

Opening Remarks

HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, JETRO)

FURUTANI Takeshi (Head, UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO), Tokyo)

Session 1

Address 1 "UNIDO's Trade Standards Compliance Activities: An Overview"

Steffen KAESER (Unit Chief, Quality, Standards and Conformity Unit, UNIDO)

Address 2 "Import Rejections of Agricultural and Food Products from East Asia: Issues and Future Challenges"

NABESHIMA Kaoru (Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

Address 3 "Ensuring the Security of Imported Foods"

IMAGAWA Masanori (Deputy Director, Office of Import Food Safety, Inspection and Safety Division, Department of Food Safety, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW))

Session 2

Panel session on “Standards Compliance as Business Opportunity”

Moderator:

NABESHIMA Kaoru

Panelist:

NGUYEN Hoai Nam (Deputy General Secretary, Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers)

TSUKAHARA Hiroki (Coordinator, Manager, Quality Management Department, AEON Co., Ltd.)

VU Hoang Nam (Lecturer of Economics, Manager of International Affairs, Foreign Trade University)

YAMADA Nanae (Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

Q&A, Discussion

Closing Remarks

Steffen KAESER

NABESHIMA Kaoru

Since 2012, IDE-JETRO, in cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), has conducted research on compliance with international trade standards in terms of agricultural and food product exports from developing countries in Asia, by analyzing data on rejection cases provided by the food safety regulatory authorities in developed countries. The results of this research were officially published in December 2013 under the title of “*Meeting Standards, Winning Markets, Regional Trade Standards Compliance Report – East Asia 2013*.” This symposium was held to disseminate the findings from the research prior to the publication.

A variety of stakeholders participated in the symposium, including regulatory authorities on food safety, exporters in developing countries, importers in Japan, and international organizations, and presented challenges from their own points of view. Based on the analysis of data from Asia and field surveys conducted in Vietnam and China, IDE-JETRO led discussions on what kinds of changes corporate efforts for compliance make on supply chains, what are the bottlenecks in each stage of supply chains, and its policy implications.

Mr. Kaeser from UNIDO presented the background and overall design of the global version of the Trade Standards Compliance Report (TSCR), followed by Mr. Nabeshima from IDE-JETRO, who introduced the contents of the East Asian version of the Trade Standards Compliance Report (ATSCR) and discussed its policy implications relevant to East Asian countries. Mr. Imagawa from the MHLW summarized the importance of the food safety standards for Japan and the systems to ensure food safety, from the viewpoint of Japan’s food safety regulatory authorities.

In the discussion in Session 2, a representative of fishery industry association in a developing country and a Japanese supplier importing food products from developing countries addressed the current situation, issues, and efforts to overcome food safety issues from their own perspectives. Following these, two case studies from ATSCR are introduced to examine issues associated with the supply chains in Vietnam (cultured shrimps and pangasius) and in China (frozen vegetables). Finally, the symposium was wrapped up by shedding light on challenges in each stage of progress towards compliance, along with their policy implications.

Venue: Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO),
5th Floor, Ark Mori Building

Hosts: IDE-JETRO, United Nations Industrial
Development Organization (UNIDO)

3. Seeking Compatibility between Economic Growth and Social Justice: Focusing on the Experiences of The New Brazil

November 18, 2013 (Monday)

Program:

Opening Remarks

MIYAMOTO Satoshi (President, JETRO)

TSUKAGOSHI Yasusuke (Special Representative,
Japan, the World Bank)

ICHIKAWA Hayami (General Manager and
Managing Editor of Tokyo Head Office, the Asahi
Shimbun)

Keynote Speech 1

Compatibility between Economic Growth and Social
Justice: Brazil's Recent Experience

Otaviano CANUTO (Senior Adviser on BRICS
Economies, the World Bank)

Keynote Speech 2

Recent Developments and Trends in the Brazilian
Economy

Paulo Mansur LEVY (Senior Researcher of IPEA
[Institute for Applied Economic Research],
ex-Director of Macroeconomic Study Department,
Brazil)

Keynote Speech 3

Silver Jubilee of the Citizen Constitution: Evidences
and Challenges of the Newer Brazil

Mauricio Soares BUGARIN (Professor of
Economics at the University of Brasilia)

Panel Discussion

Moderator:

HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President,
JETRO)

Panel 1: Brazilian Economy in the Adjustment
Phase: Corresponding to the Global Environment and
Institutional Reforms

HORISAKA Kotaro (Professor Emeritus, Sophia
University)

Panel 2: Brazil and Mexico Different Responses to
Globalizing Economy

HOSHINO Taeko (Latin American Studies Group,
Area Studies Center)

Area Studies Center)

Panel 3: Brazilian Social Security and the
Widespread Protests

KONTA Ryohei (Latin American Studies Group,
Area Studies Center)

Panelist:

Otaviano CANUTO, Paulo Mansur LEVY,
Mauricio Soares BUGARIN, HORISAKA Kotaro,
HOSHINO Taeko, KONTA Ryohei

Panel Summary – Closing Remarks

HIRATSUKA Daisuke

The compatibility between economic growth and social justice is an important but difficult challenge for every nation and society. In the capitalist economy generally speaking, the prioritization of economic growth leads widening income gaps and diminishing social justice, while an emphasis on welfare and other methods of improving social justice can result in stagnating economic growth.

Brazil, in the beginning of 21st century, economically accomplished its remarkable development, transforming from debtor to creditor country in 2007 and achieving 7.5% GDP growth in 2010. Over the same period, Brazil succeeded in enhancing the social justice like poverty alleviation by improvement of the social security institutions and implementation of the conditional cash transfer programs. In June 2013, Brazil experienced nationwide protest demonstrations; nonetheless, it is attempting to implement structural reform within the state, even drawing lessons from the demonstrations, with the aim of achieving both sustainable economic growth and social justice. Some renowned researchers in the field of Latin American studies have come to regard recent Brazil as "The New Brazil," taking into account stabilized democracy and increasing diplomatic presence as well.

This symposium dealt with the challenges to seek compatibility between economic growth and social justice, focusing on the experiences of The New Brazil, which had once accomplished them in the beginning of 21st century but has faced with its public dissatisfaction exploded in these days.

In the first half of the symposium, three speakers delivered the keynote addresses; Dr. Canuto surveyed the experiences of Brazil in terms of the compatibility

between economic growth and social justice, Prof. Levy talked mainly about recent economic trends in Brazil, and Prof. Bugarin argued the protest demonstrations suddenly occurred, in terms of the Citizen Constitution of Brazil in 1988, three years after the shift to civilian rule.

In the latter half, Prof. Horisaka dealt with the recent adjustment phase of Brazilian economy, Ms. Hoshino compared two different approaches to globalizing economy in Brazil and Mexico, and Mr. Konta introduced the social security system in Brazil and the nationwide protest demonstrations in 2013. Finally, all speakers got together to have a discussion about factors for success in the Conditional Cash Transfer program in Brazil, the need to improve industrial labor productivity for further economic growth, and the importance of the presidential and general elections in the next year in Brazil which may mark a turning point for the future.

Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University

Hosts: IDE-JETRO, the World Bank, the Asahi Shimbun Company

4. The EU Strategy on Global Migration Management: Implications to Asia and Japan

December 13 – 14, 2013 (Friday – Saturday)

Program:

DAY 1

Opening Address

TAKIZAWA Tadashi (President, Sophia University)

Keynote Speech 1: The Different Approaches to Migration

William BARRIGA (Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, Tokyo)

Keynote Speech 2: Governing Migration

James F. HOLLIFIELD (Ora Nixon Arnold Professor at the Southern Methodist University, Texas, U.S.A.)

Session 1:

The European Integration and the Movement of People: Reviewing the Policies on Immigration Control of the Skilled Persons and Ordinary Citizens (as Labourers and Consumers)

DAY2

Session 2:

The EU Diplomacy on Migration Management with Relevance of FTA/EPA Agreements

Session 3:

Regional Integration and International Migration in ASIA

Report 1:

Labour Migration in Asia: Can Laws and Regulations be harmonized?

YAMADA Miwa (Director, Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

Report 2:

Movement of People in the ASEAN Economic Community

UMEZAKI So (Director, Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

Report 3:

Immigration Control Policy in Japan for Receiving Manpower from Overseas Countries: Points-based Preferential Immigration System for Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals

KIMIZUKA Hiroshi (Deputy Director for General Affairs, Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice)

Report 4:

Promotion of Foreign Human Resources in Japan

NASUNO Futoshi (Director for Human Resources Policy Office, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan (METI))

Report 5:

Health-Caregivers on the Global Labor Market: A Comparative Study of Japan's EPA and Germany's Triple Win

Gabrielle VOGT (Professor, Asian and African Institute, Hamburg University)

Discussion

Moderator:

WATANABE Yorizumi (Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University)

This International Symposium was co-hosted by the Sophia University on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary Celebrations. It aimed at exploring the European Union (EU) and its global migration strategy, which has resumed acceptance of foreign workforces,

especially highly-skilled labors, and its implication for Asian countries. The symposium was two-day long and consisted of three sessions. IDE-JETRO researchers made presentations in Session 3 and had a discussion with experts from overseas on regional integration and migration in Asia.

On the Day 1, issues and challenges that EU is facing were discussed with the focus on the relation to migration. Questions addressed included: has the single European market policy failed, or is there still a chance for recovery; what does European integration mean to migrants; and can EU win the global competition for highly-skilled workforces?

On the Day 2, the relationship between European integration and migration was explored from the viewpoints of Asia, especially Japan. Questions included: what can Asian countries learn from the EU's experiences; how can Asian countries raise the global competitiveness in the highly-skilled labor market; what is the possible regional integration in Asia like? Reviewing the EU's implication, the impacts of introducing foreign workforces, especially highly-skilled labors, on Asian countries were investigated from the perspectives of economy and security.

Venue: Sophia University, Yotsuya Campus, 2-1702

Hosts: Sophia University, IDE-JETRO, JSPS Research Group on Japan-EU Relations

Supported by: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Immigration Bureau of Japan, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

< Sessions at International Organizations and Overseas Research Institutes >

1. Side Event at the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development

September 23, 2013 (Monday), 13:15-14:30

IDE-JETRO participated in a side-event held at the opportunity of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development at the UN Headquarters in New York. Mori reported on the need for statistics of economic and social conditions of people with disability in developing countries referring

to the survey that he conducted in the Philippines. Many delegates from the high-level meeting attended and discussed during this event.

Hosts: IDE-JETRO, the Royal Thai Government, the Government of Japan, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Venue: UN Headquarters, New York

Speaker: MORI Soya (Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center), Shybe CHALKLEN (UN Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development), Alana OFFICER (Coordinator, Disability and Rehabilitation Team (DAR), Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability (VIP), WHO), Monthian BUNTAN (Member of the Senate of Thailand, Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and APCD Foundation Committee Member Representative of DESA)

2. Session at WTO Public Forum 2013 on the Impacts of Doha Round to LDCs

October 3, 2013 (Thursday), 9:00-10:30

WTO Public Forum is the largest annual outreach event held by the organization, in which over 1,500 delegates from academia, business, media, and the government discuss developments of international trade system. In 2013, the forum had two themes, "Trade and Innovation" and "A Look into the Bali Ministerial Conference". IDE-JETRO hosted a session and presented findings of a research project "The Experience of WTO Doha Development Agenda and its Impact of LDCs: For the Future of Development Friendly Trade Rules". Many representatives from WTO, government of various countries, think tanks, and so on, attended this session.

Host: IDE-JETRO

Venue: WTO Headquarters, Geneva

Moderator: SATO Hiroshi (Director-General, Research Planning Department)

Speakers: ITO Tadashi (Director, Technological Innovation and Economic Growth Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), YANAI Akiko (Deputy Director, Law and Institution Studies Group,

Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), FUKUNISHI Takahiro (African Studies Group, Area Studies Center), ONO Atsushi (Associate Professor, College of Economics, Ritsumeikan University), Herinjatovo Aimé RAMIARISON (Professor, University of Antananarivo), UESU Sayoko (Special Researcher, Embassy of Japan in French Republic)

3-1. Workshop with Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

September 25, 2013 (Wednesday), 9:00-18:00

IDE-JETRO and SASS held a workshop on “Development and Governance of Mega Cities in Developing Countries” by focusing on urban problems such as urbanization, environmental pollution, and migration. Researchers from both institutes made presentations and discussed based on the following 3 sessions: “Phenomenon of Slum in Big Cities”, “Urban Governance and Community Development of Big Cities”, and “Searching for Research Perspectives of Urbanization –Urbanization of China”. Discussion for concluding MOU was also conducted.

Hosts: IDE-JETRO and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS)

Venue: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Room101, Shanghai

Speakers: ONISHI Yasuo (Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), OTSUKA Kenji (Deputy Director, Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), AIZAWA Nobuhiro (Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), REN Zhe (East Asian Studies Group, Area Studies Center), WANG Zhan (President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), WANG Zhen (Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), SHEN Kaiyan (Deputy Director, Institute of Economics, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), YU Hongsheng (Director of Institute of Urban and Demography Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), ZHOU Haiwang (Deputy Director of Institute of Urban and Demography Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), DESHUN Zang (Associate Research Professor, Institute of Sociology, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences)

3-2. Symposium Commemorating the Conclusion of MOU with Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

November 28, 2013 (Thursday), 9:00-11:30

IDE-JETRO and SASS held “Symposium on Development and International Economy” as a commemorating event of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two research institutes. The symposium was opened up with keynote speeches by IDE-JETRO President Shiraishi regarding international economic development of cities, followed by Dean Zhang of the Institute of World Economy, SASS, who introduced the current state and prospects of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Zone (CSPFZ). In the panel discussion chaired by IDE-JETRO Executive Vice President Hiratsuka, issues in development of high value-added industries as well as balanced development in a country under the globalized economy were discussed.

Hosts: IDE-JETRO and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS)

Venue: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (Annex), Shanghai

Speakers: SHIRAISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, JETRO), ONISHI Yasuo (Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), OTSUJI Yoshihiro (Adjunct Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), WANG Zhen (Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), ZHANG Youwen (Dean of the Institute of World Economy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), SHEN Kaiyan (Deputy Director, Institute of Economics, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences), YAO Weiqun (Research Fellow, the Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center)

4. Sessions at the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), the Side Event of the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference

Session 1: Standard Compliance Capacities and Trade

December 4, 2013 (Wednesday)

In the session, speakers reported and discussed the impact of trade standards, such as food safety and

environmental regulations, to supply chains. The session was based on two research projects; (1) a joint research with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and (2) a policy proposal research with Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and UNIDO. Participants from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Ministry of Commerce and Supply of Nepal, and Institute of International Trade of India, among others, engaged in a question-and-answer session, which contributed to deepen insights from the projects. In addition, research summaries in the form of IDE-JETRO Policy Briefs were distributed to reach out wider audience.

Venue: Bali International Convention Centre (BICC) at the Westin Resort, Nusa Dua, Bali

Speakers: NABESHIMA Kaoru (Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), MICHIDA Etsuyo (Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), John HUMPHREY (Professor, Sussex University), Aman WIRAKARTAKUSUMAH (Professor, Bogor Agricultural University), Nudjarin RAMUNGUL (National Metal and Materials Technology Centre)

Session 2:

Towards an Inclusive and a Little Bit Ethical Trading System: What do People in LDCs Need?

December 5, 2013 (Thursday)

This session focused on macro- and micro-level impact of Doha Round to LDCs, which was one of the IDE-JETRO research projects. At the macro-level, speakers revisited “Special and Differential Treatment” and discussed its implications to international trade as well as labor conditions in developing countries. At the micro-level, survey results in Cambodia were presented, which concerned the relationship between industrial development after joining WTO and attitude of the public to free trade. Participants from Ministry of Agriculture of Nepal, ERIA, a law firm in Jakarta, NPOs, and so on, discussed and exchanged questions and answers about inclusive and ethical international trade system that would contribute to the development of least developed countries.

Venue: Bali International Convention Centre (BICC) at the Westin Resort, Nusa Dua, Bali

Speakers: SATO Hiroshi (Director-General, Research Planning Department), YANAI Akiko (Deputy Director, Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), NAKAMURA Mari (Poverty Alleviation and Social Development Studies Group, Development Studies Center), HATSUKANO Naomi (Bangkok Research Center), Mel PHANNY (Monitoring Evaluation Assistant, Indradevi Association)

5. Collaborative Meeting with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) about the MENA Region

March 27, 2014 (Thursday), 8:30-17:30

This meeting was a new attempt for IDE-JETRO and Chatham House in which participants discussed perspectives on the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region in the East and West through one-day presentations and discussions. The discussions evolved around political, economic, and social aspects of various issues of the region, which occurred in the sessions about key regional themes that defined the region, international ramifications of regional problems, and cross-regional approaches to country-specific issues. The final session was brainstorming about significant research questions and policy agenda in future. In the meeting, contributions of think tanks were reaffirmed to provide in-depth analysis of regional situations for policy debates without oversimplifying assumptions and problems. In addition, participants were impressed that interactions between Eastern and Western perspectives inspired research and policy agenda from fresh angles and diversity of studies on Middle East in IDE-JETRO promoted approaches from the different angles.

Hosts: IDE-JETRO and Middle East and North Africa Programme of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)

Venue: Chatham House, London

Participants: 12 participants from IDE-JETRO and JETRO Overseas Offices, 11 from Middle East and North Africa Programme and Africa Programme of Chatham House, and one invitee by IDE-JETRO

< International Workshops >

1. Post-Symposium Workshop “Global Value Chains: Quo Vadis?”

July 8, 2013 (Monday)

On Monday July 8, 2013, a post-symposium workshop was held at the JETRO Headquarters, inviting guest speakers of the symposium as panelists. The purpose of the workshop was to have an in-depth and face-to-face discussion between the panelists and those in charge of making Japanese trade policies on the specific issue of Global Value Chains.

Venue: JETRO Headquarters

Participants: Richard E. BALDWIN (Professor of International Economics, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), Hubert ESCAITH (Chief Statistician, Economic Research and Statistics Division, Statistics Group, WTO), Robert KOOPMAN (Director of Operations, The United States International Trade Commission), John HUMPHREY (Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies), KAWAI Masahiro (Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute)

2. International Workshop “Power Shifts in the Middle East? Diplomatic Choices Facing Japan”

July 30, 2013 (Tuesday)

The workshop was organized by inviting three speakers from the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Lebanon. All of the presentations were conducted under the following titles:

1. “The Presidential Election in Iran: Its Outcome and Impact” by Ali Ferdowsi, Notre Dame de Namur University.
2. “Lebanon and the Syrian Conflict” by Massoud Daher, Lebanese University.
3. “Japan and the Middle East after the Arab Spring” by Yukiko Miyagi, University of St Andrews.

The final version of these presentations appeared in the first issue of *Middle East Review of the Institute of Developing Economies* in February 2014.

Venue: JETRO Headquarters

Participants: Ali FERDOWSI (Notre Dame de Namur

University), Massoud DAHER (Lebanese University), MIYAGI Yukiko (University of St Andrews), NAGASAWA Eiji (Professor, University of Tokyo), SHIMIZU Manabu (Executive Director, Eurasia Consultant Ltd.), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, JETRO), SATO Hiroshi (Director-General, Research Planning Department), SUZUKI Hitoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Area Studies Center), DARWISHEH Housam (Middle Eastern Studies Group, Area Studies Center), TSUCHIYA Ichiki (Middle Eastern Studies Group, Area Studies Center), FUKUDA Sadashi (Middle Eastern Studies Group, Area Studies Center), ISHIGURO Hirotake (Middle Eastern Studies Group, Area Studies Center)

3. International Workshop “Synthesizing the Impact of Thailand's Logistics Infrastructure Management and Supply Chain Redesign within the Context of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) through the Use of IDE-GSM Model”

August 19 – 20, 2013 (Monday – Tuesday)

As a part of the research funded by Thammasat University, inviting researchers from Thailand to IDE-JETRO, not only a workshop was held to explain the IDE-GSM model and to share the result of numerical analysis on the economic impact of improved infrastructure, but also Japanese companies were interviewed on the impact of transport infrastructure development plans on Japanese multinational's business to make a policy recommendation that contains the result of this research project and was submitted to the Thai government.

Venue: JETRO Headquarters, IDE-JETRO

Guests: Ruth Banomyong (Associate Professor, Thammasat University), Krit Pattamaroj (Lecturer, Thammasat University), Supakorn Limkhunthammo (Lecturer, Rajamankala University of Technology Suvarnabhumi), Narong Pomlaktong (Research Director for Transport and Logistics, Thailand Development Research Institute), Apichat Sopadang (Associate Professor, Chiang Mai University), Poon Thiengburanatham (Assistant Professor, Chiang Mai University), KUMAGAI Satoru (Kuala Lumpur, Senior Research Fellow Sent Abroad), HAYAKAWA

Kazunobu (Bangkok Research Center), GOKAN Toshitaka (Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), TSUBOTA Kenmei (Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), ISONO Ikumo (Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

4. International Workshop “Welfare and Employment during the Political Crisis in Madagascar”

October 2, 2013 (Wednesday)

The international workshop on “Welfare and Employment during the Political Crisis in Madagascar” is a part of the research project of “the Experience of WTO Doha Development Agenda and Its Impacts on LDCs: For the Future of Development-Friendly Trade Rules.” The primary objective of this project is to research free trade’s impact on local people who engage in economic activities and whose lives are/would be affected by trade policies.

At the workshop, speakers outlined that globalization improved the livelihood and welfare of the Malagasy people through more competition in urban areas and easy access to cheaper and higher quality clothes and medicines. On the other hand, globalization did not change the employment structure, since the informal sector has continued to be the largest employment provider.

Venue: JETRO Geneva

Participants: ONO Atsushi (Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University), UESU Sayoko (Special Researcher, Embassy of Japan in French Republic), Ramiarison Herinjatovo Aimé (Professor, University of Antananarivo), SATO Hiroshi (Director-General, Research Planning Department), YANAI Akiko (Deputy Director, Law and Institution Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), ITO Tadashi (Director, Technological Innovation and Economic Growth Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), FUKUNISHI Takahiro (African Studies Group, Area Studies Center), AOYAMA Yukiko (Planning and Coordination Division, Research Planning Department)

5. International Workshop “China’s Regional Economies and Global Supply Chains”

November 1, 2013 (Friday)

The participation in global supply chains has important implications for China’s prosperity, economic stability and the internationalization of production. The IDE/JETRO-SIC joint workshop focuses on the issues of: 1) how global supply chains are extended and fragmented in China’s domestic production networks? 2) Using Chinese firm-level data, could we understand the relationship between China’s manufacturing TFP growth and allocation efficiency against the background of globalization? 3) How trade and investment agreements impact on the Chinese economy by the way of global supply chains? During the workshop, following these issues, participants had very meaningful discussions, which helped us understand the relationship between Chinese regional economies and global supply chains in detail.

Venue: State Information Center (SIC), Beijing, China

Participants: DU Ping (Deputy Director General, SIC), ZHU Baoliang (Director of Economic Forecasting Department, SIC), ZHANG Yaxiong (Deputy-Director of Economic Forecasting Department, SIC), CAI Songfeng (Researcher, Economic Forecasting Department, SIC), WANG Fei (Researcher, SIC), CUI Songfeng (Researcher, SIC), ANDO Asao (Professor, Tohoku University), OKAMOTO Nobuhiro (Professor, Daito Bunka University), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, JETRO), TABATA Yoshihisa (JETRO Beijing), HAKOZAKI Dai (JETRO Beijing), MIN Zhang (JETRO Beijing), INOMATA Satoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center), MENG Bo (Deputy Director, International Input-Output Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center), HASHIGUCHI Yoshihiro (International Input-Output Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center), SHIBATA Tsubasa (International Input-Output Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center), MORINAGA Masahiro (Deputy Director, Research Coordination Office, Research Planning Department)

6. Workshop with Guangdong Provincial Government "Upgrade of Guangdong Economy and Agendas for China-Japan Economic Partnership"

(1) Globalization of Enterprises in Guangdong Province

November 5, 2013 (Tuesday)

Under the "memorandum on business cooperation" Guangdong Provincial Government and JETRO has concluded, with regard to a study group, "policy challenges for the advancement of the Guangdong economy and the possibility of Japan-China cooperation" and it is being conducted in collaboration with the Guangdong Provincial Government policy development research center and IDE-JETRO; in addition, a debriefing session was held. An employee in the Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of Guangdong Province explained about foreign investment of Guangdong, and the policy for promoting foreign investment in Japan and others was also reported by JETRO and IDE-JETRO.

Venue: The Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government

Participants: WANG Yiyang (Party secretary/Director, Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government), LI Xiaohui (Director, Department of Economy and Trade Research, Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government), WU Xujun (Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of Guangdong Province), LU Zan (Foreign Affairs Office of Guangdong Province), MARUYA Toyojiro (Professor, Research Institute for Regional Economics, Fukui Prefectural University), KUCHIKI Akifumi (Professor, College of Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University), IKEBE Ryo (Associate professor, Research Institute for Regional Economics, Fukui Prefectural University), TSUKADA Hiroyuki (JETRO Guangzhou), MORI Romio (JETRO Guangzhou), NAKAI Kunihisa (Overseas Research Department, JETRO), DING Ke (Nanjing, Research Fellow Sent Abroad), GOKAN Toshitaka (Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

(2) Debriefing Workshop for Guangdong Provincial Government

March 4, 2014 (Tuesday)

Under the "memorandum on business cooperation" the Guangdong Provincial Government and JETRO has concluded, with regarding to a study group, "policy challenges for the advancement of the Guangdong economy and the possibility of Japan-China cooperation", and it is being conducted in collaboration with the Guangdong Provincial Government policy development research center and IDE-JETRO; a debriefing session was held for reporting research results to the relevant departments of the Guangdong Provincial Government.

Venue: Guangdong Hotel

Participants: WANG Yiyang (Party secretary/Director, Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government), LI Xiaohui (Director, Department of Economy and Trade Research, Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government), CHEN Xin (Development and Reform Commission, Guangdong Provincial Government), HANG Panyan (Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation office of Guangdong Province), WANG Chengda (Foreign Affairs Office of Guangdong Province), HUANG Ni (Guangdong Academy of Social Science), LI Qing (Guangdong Research Institute for International Strategies), LI Huiwu (Deputy Director, Center for Development Research, Guangdong Provincial Government), SHIRAIISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, JETRO), TSUKADA Hiroyuki (JETRO Guangzhou), HAMADA Akikazu (JETRO Guangzhou), MARUYA Toyojiro (Professor, Research Institute for Regional Economics, Fukui Prefectural University), KUCHIKI Akifumi (Professor, College of Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University), SHIMIZU Kenji (Overseas Research Department, JETRO), DING Ke (Nanjing, Research Fellow Sent Abroad), GOKAN Toshitaka (Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

7. International Workshop “Globalization and the Growth of Firms in Developing Countries: Comparisons between East Asia and Latin America”

November 15 – 16, 2013 (Friday – Saturday)

The workshop was held as a session of the 2013 Meeting of Japan Society of Social Science on Latin America. Mr. Kitano, Prof. Rehner, and Mr. Baeza presented their papers. After each presentation, Mr. Kimura, Ms. Murase, and Mr. Ueki made comments, respectively. In particular, the relations between Kitano’s paper and the incomplete contract theory and between Rehner’s and Baeza’s papers and the studies of the Global Value Chain were intensively discussed.

Venue: IDE-JETRO

Participants: Johannes REHNER (Centro de Estudios Asiáticos, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (CEA-PUCC)), Sebastián Andrés BAEZA González (Centro de Estudios Asiáticos, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (CEA-PUCC)), MURASE Sachiyo (Associate Researcher, Iberoamerican Institute, Sophia University), UEKI Yasushi (Economist, ERIA), USAMI Koichi (Senior Researcher, Area Studies Center), KITANO Koichi (Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), KIMURA Koichiro (Business and Industry Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

8. International Workshop “BRICs Economy and Global Value (Supply) Chains: The Current Situation and Future Challenges”

January 19, 2014 (Sunday)

Given the increasing presence of the BRICs economy in the world market, this workshop focuses on discussing the relationship between the BRICs economy and global value chains (GVCs). The main topics include 1) how individual BRICs countries engage their domestic economy to be involved in GVCs; 2) how the trade-investment nexus among BRICs countries (South-South) contributed to the spread and development of GVCs; 3) how the United States, EU and Japan link the BRICs economy in GVCs to create value added through international fragmentation productions; and 4) how will the recently negotiated and ongoing trade and investment

agreements inside and outside the BRICs area impact the BRICs economy in the near future? During the workshop, surrounding these topics, very constructive and meaningful policy implications concerning the development of the BRICs economy were discussed.

Venue: Fudan University, Shanghai

Participants: FAN Yongming (Director, Center for BRICS Studies, Fudan University), WU Libo (Center for BRICS Studies, Fudan University), ZHANG Yaxiong (Deputy Director-General, Economic Forecasting Department, China State Information Center), KUBONIWA Masaaki (Professor by Special Appointment, Hitotsubashi University), XUE Jinjun (Professor, Nagoya University), Gabriele SUDER (Professor, SKEMA Business School, France), MENG Bo (Deputy Director, International Input-Output Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center), SATO Hajime (Deputy Director, South Asian Studies Group, Area Studies Center), HASHIGUCHI Yoshihiro (International Input-Output Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center)

9. International Workshop “Portrait of Factory Asia: Production Network in Asia and Its Implication for Growth – the ‘Smile Curve’ ”

February 4, 2014 (Tuesday)

Ito (IDE) and Richard E. Baldwin (CEPR) presented their paper. Using the Asian International Input-Output Database compiled by the IDE, it computed the value-added contained in the eight Asian countries’ gross export values by the primary (raw materials), secondary (manufacturing), and tertiary (service) sector, and found that the value-added generated in the tertiary sector has shown a substantial increase over time. Andreas Lendle (Sidley Austin) presented his comments on the paper. A question-and-answer session among the participants followed.

Venue: Villars-sur-Ollon, Hotel du Golf, Switzerland

Participants: Richard E. BALDWIN (Centre for Economic Policy Research, Professor of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), Theresa CARPENTER (Executive Director, Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), Marcelo

OLARREAGA (Professor, Department of Economics, University of Geneva), Andreas LENDLE (Sidley Austin, Geneva office), ITO Tadashi (Director, Technological Innovation and Economic Growth Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center)

10. International Workshop “Impact of Environmental/Health Related Product Regulations in Malaysia”

February 20, 2014 (Thursday)

Product-related environmental regulations have been introduced in developed countries, especially in EU. Product regulations require producers of parts or components of final goods exported to regulated jurisdiction to be compliant and possibly change market access and export competitiveness of supplier firms in developing countries of East Asia. To examine the impact, IDE-JETRO conducted a firm survey “Firm Survey on the Impact of Chemical Substance Management Requirements in Malaysia” in Penang, Malaysia from 2012 to 2013. The survey results show that supply chain management plays an important role in technology and information diffusion in order that firms comply with product regulations. To disseminate the results, IDE-JETRO conducted a seminar in Penang, Malaysia with participation of Malaysian national government, Penang government, as well as firms and

students. The seminar panelists held discussion over policy suggestions how firms improve competitiveness in changing regulatory environment.

Venue: The Penang Skills Development Centre Auditorium, Penang Malaysia

Participants: Yii Tan Chang (Managing Director, Penang Research), Nudjarin Ramungul (National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC), National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Ministry of Science and Technology Thailand), Chen Sau Soon (Senior Director, Energy and Environment Flagship, Research and Technology Innovation Division, Standards and Industrial Research of Malaysia (SIRIM), Malaysia), Sri Ram A/L Letchimanan (Senior Principal Assistant Director, Sectoral Policy II, MITI), Yoon Chon Leong (CEO, BizWise Consult), NABESHIMA Kaoru (Chief Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), MICHIDA Etsuyo (Environment and Natural Resource Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), UEKI Yasushi (Economist, ERIA), KUBOTA Satoshi (Director, ERIA Support Office), IKESHITA Joji (Managing Director, JETRO Kuala Lumpur)

Guests: YB PHEE Boon Poh (Penang Executive Councilor for Health, Welfare & Caring Society), NODA Ryoji (Consul General of Japan in Penang, Malaysia), and others