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1. Hosting of Visiting Research Fellows (VRFs)

In this program, scholars and specialists from both developed and developing countries are invited to conduct research in Japan. This program offers VRFs opportunities to carry out research on developing economies and related issues, as well as exchange opinions and information on development affairs with IDE researchers. In FY2017, IDE hosted three VRFs that it financially supported, as well as three self-supporting fellows from abroad. In addition, IDE accepted one VRF from a domestic institute.

Table 1. IDE Supporting Fellows

Name	Country	Affiliation	Research Topic
Hong Zhao	China	Professor, Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University	China and Japan compete for Infrastructure Investment in Southeast Asia -Balancing powers, balancing interests, or a healthy competition?
Lham Dorji	Bhutan	Head & Chief Research Officer, Socio-Economic Research & Analysis Division (SERAD), National Statistics Bureau of Bhutan	The Challenges of Promoting Micro and Small Entrepreneurships(MSEs) among the Registered Women Entrepreneurs in Bhutan
Md.Reazul Haque	Bangladesh	Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhakav	Love and Hate Relationship, Role of Army at Chittagong Hill Tracts: A Case Study on Bandarban District, Bangladesh

Table 2. Self-Supporting Fellows

Name	Country	Affiliation	Research Topic
Kumudinei Dissanayake	Sri Lanka	Senior Lecturer, Department of Management & Organization Studies, Faculty of Management & Finance, University of Colombo	The Perceived Institutional Support of Women Micro-entrepreneurs and Firm Growth: The Case of Sri Lanka and an Exploratory Study in Japan
Taeik Kim	Korea	Director General for Economic Planning Office, Daegu Metropolitan City Government	In-depth research on the determinants of Japanese and Korean SMEs' overseas investment: Economic cooperation promotional plan for Japan and Korea
Hui Zhang	China	Associate Professor, College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Forestry University	Impact of Land Lease on Investment on Cultivated Land : a case study of adoption of formula fertilization

Table 3. Japanese Fellows

Name	Status/Institute	Research Topic
Atsushi Hamamoto	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagoya City University	Towards a Sociology of Development in Post-war Japan: Refining the analytical frame-work and clarifying the findings of case studies

2. Research Fellow Emeritus of IDE

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The title of Research Fellow Emeritus of the IDE was awarded to former IDE researchers who have made outstanding achievements.

(As of October 2017)

Name	Area of Specialization
Katsumi Ando	International law, international economic law, international relations
Kunio Igusa	Southeast Asian economies
Minoru Ouchi	Sociology of law, political economy in South Asia
Keiji Omura	Regional economics, development economics
Minoru Kiryu	Development economics, area studies (Myanmar, Bangladesh)
Akifumi Kuchiki	Agricultural economics, Asian economies
Yoichi Koike	Development studies, area studies (Latin America)
Teruo Komaki	Area studies (South Korea, Korean peninsula)
Hideyoshi Sakai	Development economics (macro and micro), econometrics, game theory
Masao Sakurai	International economic law
Tamio Shimakura	China, Sino-Japanese relations
Katsumi Nozawa	Political Economy of Modern Philippines
Shinichi Nozoe	Political Economy of Korea
Takahiko Haseyama	Agricultural economics, development economics
Katsuhiko Hama	Chinese modern history, china's current affairs
Koji Hayashi	History
Shigemochi Hirashima	Agricultural economics (land economics), economic development, south Asia
Sadashi Fukuda	Modern History of Arabia
Shunichi Furukawa	Agricultural economics
Shigekazu Matsumoto	International Political Economy (Japan's China and Asia Policies)
Nobuo Maruyama	Chinese economy
Kazuo Miyaji	International relations, area studies (Maghreb)
Hirokazu Yamaguchi	Area Studies (India), History of Japan-Asia Relations
Kazumi Yamoamoto	Development economics
Hiromi Yamamoto	Development Economics, Chinese Economy (incl. Hong Kong & Taiwan)
Masao Yoshida	History of Modern Africa, Land System in East Africa, History of Agricultural Product Distribution in East Africa, Rural Development, Food Security
Takao Sano	Statistics, Statistical information processing
Manabu Shimizu	Area studies (South Asia, Middle East, Central Asia), comparative economic system
Takeshi Mori	International economics (FDI, Australian economy)
Akifumi Ikeda	International politics, politics of modern Middle East
Yukio Ikemoto	Development economics
Kyoichi Ishihara	China's Economy and society, Asian economies, international political economy
Takeji Ino	Middle East, comparative politics
Hiromitsu Umehara	Human geography
Hiroshi Osada	International economics, economic development
Fumiko Oshikawa	Society of modern India
Shigeo Osonoi	Latin American politics, area studies (Latin America)
Mitsuyuki Kagami	Politics of Modern China, East Asian Diplomacy

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Motohisa Kaneko	Higher education, educational economics
Hiroyoshi Kano	Economic history, Southeast Asia
Akira Kosaka	International economics, development economics, Asian economies
Shuhei Shimada	Area studies (Africa)
Akira Suehiro	Asian economies and societies, area studies
Yoshifumi Nakai	Chinese politics, international relations in East Asia
Katsuji Nakagane	Development economics, transitional economies, Chinese economy
Eiji Nagasawa	Socioeconomic history of modern Egypt
Yasuko Hayase	Demography
Fujio Hara	Modern history of Malaysia
Takehiko Haragauchi	Area studies (French-speaking West Africa)
Hiroki Fukamachi	Area studies (Southwest Asia)
Shigeaki Fujisaki	Economic development, energy and environment policies
Akio Hosono	International cooperation, area studies (Latin America)
Toyojiro Maruya	Chinese economy, Hong Kong's economy
Junko Mizuno	Labor economics, Asian economies
Nobuyuki Yasuda	Asian law, development law
Ippei Yamawaza	International economics
Hisashi Yokoyama	Development economics
Hitoshi Yonekura	Agricultural economics, development economics, area studies (Indonesia)
Reiitsu Kojima	Chinese economy
Shiro Kodamaya	International development economics
Eiji Tajika	Public Finance
Kousuke Mizuno	Area studies (Indonesia)
Toru Yanagihara	International Economics (East Asia, Latin America)

3. Dispatching IDE Staff Abroad

The IDE dispatches researchers abroad on two-year assignments to have them gain experience 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 FY2017, 10 researchers were sent abroad to cooperate with research institutes, universities, and international organizations.

Table 1. Senior Overseas Research Fellows (as of March 31, 2017)

Name	Place	Host Institution	Research Topic
Norihiko Yamada	Vientiane (Laos)	Public Administrative Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Home Affairs	Survival and stability of Lao People's Revolutionary Party regime
Sanae Suzuki	Copenhagen (Denmark)	Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen	Regional security and conflict management of regional organizations: A comparative analysis of Asia and Africa
Masahiko Nakagawa	Seoul (South Korea)	Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University	Enterprise management in D.P.R.K.
Hiroyuki Nikai	Seoul (South Korea)		Research Evaluations with Journal Article Database in South Korea

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Bo Meng	New York (USA)	Columbia University, Business School	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Value Chains: Smile Curves, Network Productivity, and Green Growth
Koji Kubo	Bangkok (Thailand)	Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University	Empirical analysis of the impacts of China's growing demand for fresh fruits imports from Indochina countries on their rural economy
Soya Mori	Barkley (USA)	University of California, Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society	Positive Analysis on Disability and Poverty in developing countries
Masashi Iwanaga	Beijing (China)	China-Japan Long Term Trade Committee	Case studies of Chinese economic and industrial policies and their decision processes, and their implications for Japanese companies and the industrial policy makers.
Masahiro Oakada	Canberra (Australia)	Australia Japan Research Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU	Future Direction of Research Communication: Academic Publishing, Open Access, and Research Impacts
Ryohei Konta	São Paulo (Federative Republic of Brazil)	University of São Paulo School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities	A New Policy for Public Security in Brazil: Impacts of KOBAN in São Paulo City
Hitoshi Sato	Stanford (USA)	Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University	The Internationalization of Firms and Its Labor Market

Table 2. Overseas Research Fellows (as of March 31, 2018)

Name	Place	Host Institution	Research Topic
Kazunobu Hayakawa	Singapore (Singapore)	Institute of Southeast Asian Studies - Yusof Ishak Institute	Impacts of services reform on manufacturing firms' performance
Masayoshi Okabe	Manila (Philippines)	School of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, University of the Philippines, Diliman (UP-SOLAIR)	A development economics and socioeconomic study on "reversed gender differentiations" in education attainment and demand from development perspectives: A puzzle from the Philippines
Ikumo Isono	Seville (Spain)	Joint Research Centre, European Commission	Upgrading of the IDE-Geographical Simulation Model (IDE-GSM)
Shoko Watanabe	Rabat (Morocco)	Centre Jacques Berque pour les études en sciences humaines et sociales	Integration of Islamic education within state formation: Case studies on Tunisia and Morocco
Minami Tosa	Yogyakarta (Indonesia)	Center for Asia and Pacific Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada	Bibliographical research on adat in Indonesia

4. Seminars and Events with International Organizations and Overseas Research Institutes

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(1) IDE-JETRO/CDRI Seminar on “the Past, Present, and Future of Service Industry of Japan and Taiwan”

Date: September 20, 2017

Venue: Taipei International Conference Center, Taipei, Taiwan

Organizers: IDE, Commerce Development Research Institute (CDRI)

Participants: Yuri Sato (Executive Vice President, JETRO), Tain-Tsair Hsu (Chairman of the Board, CDRI), Lung-Fa Hsieh (President, CDRI), Haw Ju (Deputy Director General, Commerce Development and Policy Research Division, CDRI), Mi-Shun Chen (Deputy Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Economic Affairs), Lin Ching-hung (Deputy Secretary-General, Taiwan-Japan Relations Association), Mitsuhiro Yokota (Deputy Director, Taipei Office, Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association), Hiroshi Ikegami (IDE), Kunihisa Nakai (Deputy Director General, JETRO Hong Kong), Li Xuzhen (General Manager, Xinyi Housing), Takashi Fujino (Senior Manager, Mitsui Fudosan) / (approx. 60 participants)

The IDE and the Commerce Development Research Institute (CDRI), Taiwan, the parties to a memorandum of understanding, co-organized a seminar for Taiwanese and Japanese companies in Taiwan. The seminar was intended to clarify the status and problems in the service industry of Japan and Taiwan, for which IDE presented its research, and JETRO explained its support of Taiwanese companies. A Taiwanese and a Japanese company each presented their experiences concerning investing in Japan. This seminar is expected to contribute to the advancement of Japan-Taiwan relations in the service industry.

(2) Workshop at WTO Public Forum 2017: “Technological Innovation, Trade, and Workers in a Globalized World”

Date: September 27, 2017

Venue: WTO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers: World Bank, IDE

Speakers: Yi XIAOZHUN (Deputy Director General, WTO), Anabel GONZALEZ (Senior Director of the Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, World Bank), Satoshi INOMATA (IDE), Magnus RENTZHOG (Senior Adviser, Swedish National Board of Trade), Mary HALLWARD-DRIEMEIER (Senior Advisor, Trade and Competitiveness GP, World Bank), David DOLLAR (Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution) / (approx. 60 participants)

The IDE jointly organized a workshop with the World Bank at the WTO Public Forum 2017. Technological change and globalization appear to be raising challenges for some firms, workers, and countries concerning inclusiveness. The rise of global value chains (GVCs) over the last 30 years has helped increase global inclusiveness in trade, and the multilateral trading system has, in turn, helped facilitate rapid economic growth and poverty reduction. The workshop was organized to discuss the technological innovation and GVCs based on the themes of the GVC Development Report, jointly produced by IDE-JETRO, the WTO, the OECD, the World Bank Group, the Research Center for GVCs, and the China Development Research Foundation.

(3) Working Session at WTO Public Forum 2017: “Regulation and Policy Diffusion of Environmental/Food Safety Standards in Asia: Challenges for Inclusive Trade”

Date: September 28, 2017

Venue: WTO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers: IDE, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers: Kaoru NABESHIMA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University), Etsuyo MICHIDA (IDE), Lei LEI (IDE), Ralf PETERS (Chief, Trade Information

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Section, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD) / (approx. 35 participants)

Together with UNCTAD, the IDE organized a working session at WTO Public Forum 2017. Many Asian countries have adopted regulations similar to the European Union's Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS) and the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) chemical regulations in an effort to help domestic small and medium enterprises adopt export market regulations. Policy adoption leads to policy diffusion. Policy diffusion is voluntary regulatory adoption from other jurisdictions without negotiations or international treaties. It occurs as a result of effort to make trade inclusive for both firms and consumers especially in developing countries. This time, two questions were discussed during the session: (1) whether diffused policy has been successful in making trade inclusive in developing countries, and (2) how to coordinate diffused policies so that heterogeneous policy diffusion will not create trade obstacles for firms and not create pollution havens in countries without regulations.

(4) Official Side Event “What You Eat Matters: Climate Change, Food Security, and Public Health” at Japan Pavilion of COP23 in Bonn

Date: November 17, 2017

Venue: Japan Pavilion at COP23, Bonn, Germany

Organizers: IDE, Nagoya University

Speakers: Yukari Takamura (Professor, Applied Social System Institute of Asia (ASSIA)/Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University), Jinjun Xue (Professor, Applied Social System Institute of Asia/Graduate School of Economics, Nagoya University), Lei Lei (IDE), Nicola Cantore (Industrial Development Officer, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)), Zhu Liu (Research Associate, Harvard University) / (approx. 40 participants)

The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the supreme decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is one of the largest international conferences on climate change. Following COP22 in 2016, the IDE jointly organized a session with Nagoya University in the Japan Pavilion at COP23, which was held in Bonn, Germany. This session focused on the interrelations between climate change, food security, and public health. Following three reports by presenters, the panelists and the audience discussed the topic from the perspectives of development studies and international trade. As policy implications, utilization of organic agriculture and shortening of the supply chain were presented.

(5) Joint Seminar on IDE-GSM in Mongolia

Date: November 15, 2017

Venue: UN office in Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Organizers: IDE, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries (ITT for LLDCs)

Participants: E.Odbayar (Interim Director, Ambassador-at-Large ITTLLDC), G.Zorigt (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), B.Badral (Ministry of Road and Transport Development), Satoru Kumagai (IDE), Toshitaka Gokan (IDE), Keola Souknilanh (Bangkok Research Center, IDE-JETRO), Hiromu Fukai (IDE) / (approx. 60 participants)

IDE-JETRO organized a workshop with the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries (ITTLLDC) and the National Statistics Office of Mongolia to introduce Geographical Simulation Models (IDE-GSM) to experts and government officials in Mongolia. After speakers from the Mongolian ministries introduced the road infrastructure plan with three corridors connecting China,

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Russia, and Mongolia, IDE researchers presented the simulation of its economic impact by using IDE-GSM (Geographical Simulation Model). Around 60 participants joined the seminar, including Mongolian government officials, researchers, and students.

(6) Policy Recommendation Seminar “Lessons Learned on Socio-Economic Development Issues of Japan and Lao PDR”

Date: February 14, 2018

Venue: Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Laos

Organizers: IDE, National Institute for Economic Research (NIER)

Participants: Bouasone Boupavanh (President, National Institute for Economic Research, NIER), Takashi Shiraiishi (President, IDE-JETRO), Hiroshi Sato (Chief Senior Researcher, IDE-JETRO), Sthabandith Insisienmay (Director General of Center for Macroeconomic Policy and Economic Restructuring, NIER), Leebor Leebouapao (Vice President, NIER), Syviengxay Oraboune (Acting Director General of Center for Socio-Economic Science and Policy Research), Souknilanh Keola (Researcher, JETRO Bangkok Office) / (45 participants)

The seminar followed the signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding between IDE-JETRO and the National Institute for Economic Research (NIER). The seminar compared the Japanese experiences of a rapid economic growth with the socioeconomic development that Laos is currently undertaking. Participants included senior government officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning and Investment, and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, who were particularly interested in the Japanese case of rural development during the era of rapid economic growth. In a panel discussion, participants also paid attention to the movement of surplus labor forces produced by rural development and enhanced productivity to other sectors or urban areas.

(7) Colombo Conference on “the Challenges for Plugging into Asian Value Chains: East Asian Experiences”

Date: March 29, 2018

Venue: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Organizers: IDE, Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade (MODSIT) of Sri Lanka

Participants: Mangala P. B. Yapa (Technical Advisor to Hon Minister of Development Strategies & International Trade and Member of the Board of Investment, Sri Lanka), Shinya Imaizumi (IDE), Ikuo Kuroiwa (IDE), Etsuyo Arai (IDE), Etsuyo Michida (IDE), Hettige Don Karunaratne (Professor, University of Colombo), Jairo Andrés Villamil-Díaz (International Technical Specialist, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)), Janaka Wijayasiri (Research Fellow and Head of International Economic Policy Research, IPS), Dilhan C. Fernando (CEO, Dilmah Ceylon Tea Co.), Kazuhiko Obama (Resident Representative, JETRO Colombo) / (70 participants)

The IDE co-organized a seminar with the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade (MODSIT). The seminar highlighted the topics on global value chains (GVCs) oriented growth strategy and trade standard. Speakers from academics and business sectors from both the IDE and distinguished institutes and companies in Sri Lanka shared the research findings and experiences with the Sri Lankan governmental officials.

5. International Workshops

(1) Joint Workshop with Tohoku University on “Do firms compete in organizational forms across space? --The role of communication costs”

Date: April 24, 2017

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Venue: Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

Participants: Jacques Thisse (IDE), Toshitaka Gokan (IDE), Kenmei Tsubota (IDE), Dao-Zhi Zeng (Tohoku University), Asao Ando (Tohoku University) / (approx. 20 participants)

The IDE and Tohoku University organized a workshop on spatial economics. Dr. Thisse gave a presentation on his joint research with Dr. Gokan. The presentation focused on how communication costs influence the way firms organize their activities across geographical space. Participants, including researchers and graduate students from Tohoku University, discussed the presented research.

(2) Joint Workshop with Hitotsubashi University and Keio University on “Urban Economics and Trade”

Date: May 12, 2017

Venue: Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO, Chiba, Japan

Participants: Jacques Thisse (IDE), Takahiro Fukunishi (IDE), Tomohiro Machikita (IDE), Toshitaka Gokan (IDE), Kenmei Tsubota (IDE), Hans R.A. Koster (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Xiwei Zhu (Zhejiang University, Hangzhou), Taiji Furusawa (Hitotsubashi University), Mari Tanaka (Hitotsubashi University), Yoichi Sugita (Hitotsubashi University), Katsumi Tanabe (Keio University), Yukako Ono (Keio University), Hayato Kato (Keio University) (approx. 30 participants)

The IDE held a joint workshop with Hitotsubashi University and Keio University on “Urban Economics and Trade.” Dr. Koster and other experts presented their research. Participants shared their research agendas, as well as research trends and methodologies in the relevant research areas.

(3) Joint Workshop with Nagoya University

Date: October 18-19, 2017

Venue: Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan

Participants: Jacques Thisse (IDE), Toshitaka Gokan (IDE), Makoto Hanazono (Nagoya University), Tatsuaki Kuroda (Nagoya University), Dao-Zhi Zeng (Tohoku University) (approx. 20 participants)

The IDE and Nagoya University jointly held a workshop on spatial economics. Following the presentations by Dr. Zeng and Dr. Thisse on their recent research, participants, including researchers from Nagoya University, discussed the presented research.

(4) Workshop with Development Research Center, the People’s Government of Guangdong Province

Date: March 22, 2018

Venue: Guangdong Hotel, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China

Organizers: IDE

Participants: Koichiro Kimura (IDE), Zhou Shaodan (Fellow, Center for Research and Development Strategy Japan Science and Technology Agency), Mitsuhiro Kawano (JETRO Guangzhou), LI Huiwu (Deputy Director, Development Research Center, the People’s Government of Guangdong Province), MAO Yanhua (Professor, Institute of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Development Studies, Sun Yat-sen University) / (approx. 25 participants)

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The IDE and the Development Research Center of the People's Government of Guangdong Province have developed an academic network since 2010 through research collaborations. This time the workshop was held under the theme of entrepreneurship and innovation in Guangdong Province.

6. Networking Activities

The IDE conducted various international networking activities to serve as a center of excellence for development studies. One special visiting professor, two development experts, three visiting researchers, and one intern were invited to promote academic exchanges, including special lectures, public seminars, workshops, and research meetings (see the tables below).

Table 1. Special Visiting Professors

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Activities
David Altman	Chile	Full Professor, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Pontifical Catholic University of Chile)	Participation in meetings of the IDE research groups; Advices and assistances to IDE's activities

Table 2. Development Experts (short-term visiting professors)

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Activities
Arshin Adib-Moghaddam	UK	Professor in Global Thought and Comparative Philosophies, Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of	Participation in research meetings and research interaction with IDE's researchers as a development expert
Jonathan London	Netherlands	Lecturer, Leiden Institute of Area Studies (LIAS), Leiden University	Participation in research meetings and research interaction with IDE's researchers as a development expert

Table 3. Visiting Researchers (short-term, self-financing scholars)

Name	Countries/ Regions	Status/Institutions	Research Topics
Chun-Hao Yueh	Taiwan	Senior Researcher, Industrial Economics and Knowledge Center (IEK) of Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI)	Analysis of Taiwan's Current Status and Opportunity toward ASEAN Market from Global Industry Linkage

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Li-Ting Yen	Taiwan	Senior Project Manager, ISC for Consumer Goods Section, Market Development Department, Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA)	Exploring Business Opportunities between Taiwan and Japan in an Aging Japanese Society
Che-Hsien Lee	Taiwan	Project Manager, Market Development Department, Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA)	The Study of Japanese Developing Industries and the Feasibility of Cooperation with Taiwan

Table 4. Intern

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Research Topic
Jillian Lee Correia	United States of America	2017-2018 Henry Luce Scholar	Agriculture and Sustainable Development Pertaining to the Asia-Pacific Region