

IDE Advanced School (IDEAS)

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IDEAS was established as an education arm of the IDE. Since its inauguration in 1990, IDEAS has offered post-graduate-level programs in development studies with the objective of producing experts who are able to deal with the development issues that developing countries face today.

The school organizes two types of programs in parallel: a one-year program for Japanese students (September–June) and a six-month overseas fellows program for young government officials of Asian countries (October–March). During the first six months (October–March), many courses are offered in English jointly in the two groups, which enables development of close interactions between them. Through the program, students are expected to develop a comprehensive understanding of national development policies and be able to propose solutions to existing development issues, while they acquire practical knowledge to implement specific projects.

The main feature of the curriculum is the introduction of structured cluster courses. In particular, the program provides four core courses in the first semester, in which both Japanese students and overseas fellows can learn together about the socioeconomic development experiences of Japan and the Asian NIEs as well as contemporary issues of development and so on. Through this curriculum enhancement, the school should acquire a higher capacity in training experts in economic and social development for developing countries. This modification may enable IDEAS to offer diplomas based on a balanced and accountable credit system.

Japanese students who successfully complete the program can then proceed to a graduate school in development studies at an appropriate university abroad.

Training Program for Fellows from Asian Countries

(October 2002–March 2003)

The training program for overseas fellows was initiated in 1991. The objective of the program is to enhance the absorption capacity of foreign aid in developing countries. This objective can be achieved by training officials from governmental organizations in the developing regions who are in charge of the planning and implementation of socioeconomic development policies. The program provides opportunities to become acquainted with the aid administration policies of Japan and other developed countries as well as to study the economic development of Japan and Asian NIEs. In the current academic year, we invited fifteen government officials from fifteen Asian countries. The curriculum covered the following subjects.

A	The Japanese Economy—Development Mechanism and Policies: Economic Development (Yutaka Harada, Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office), Development in Agriculture (Akimi Fujimoto, Tokyo University of Agriculture), Financial System and Monetary Policies (Yoshitaka Kurosawa, Nihon University), Politics and Economy in Postwar Japan (Minoru O'uchi, Shumei University)
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B	East Asian Economic Development: Introduction (Mitsuru Toida), Korea (Yukiko Fukagawa, Aoyama Gakuin University), Taiwan (Momoko Kawakami), Hong Kong (Mariko Watanabe), The Development of Southeast Asian Economies (Raul V. Fabella, University of the Philippines)
C	Contemporary Issues of Development: Project Planning and Management (Le Thanh Nghiep Kuriki, Josai International University), Human Resources Development in Developing Countries (Francis Lethem, Duke University)
D	International Trade and Policies: Theories on International Trade and Investment (Ippei Yamazawa), Economic Integration in the Asia-Pacific (Ippei Yamazawa), WTO and the Developing Countries (Zdenek Drabek, WTO), Japan's International Trade and Policies (Ichirō Araki, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry)
E	Japanese Industries and Management: Japanese Management (Hideaki Miyajima, Waseda University), History of Japanese Industrial Policy (Yoshiki Mikami, Nagaoka University of Technology)
F	Japan's ODA: Japan's ODA (Hiroyuki Yushita, Former Ambassador to the Philippines), Japanese Yen Loan and Role of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (Tetsuo Konaka, JBIC), Japanese Technical Cooperation and Role of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Masaei Matsunaga, JICA), Japanese Foreign Direct Investment to Asia (Atsushi Suzuki, JETRO)
G	Development Economics (Kazumi Yamamoto, Aichi University)
H	Japanese Language (Overseas Vocational Training Association)
I	Special Lecture (Michael M. Cernea, World Bank; Tatsuo Fujimura, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Asako Ōsaki, UNDP; Sylvano D. Mahiwo, University of the Philippines; Ho-Chul Lee, World Bank; Naris Chaiyasoot, Thammasat University)
J	Field Trips to Chiba, Tochigi, Hiroshima, and Kyoto Prefectures

Follow-Up Program

IDEAS conducted a short-term training program for the graduate IDEAS overseas fellows. It aimed to provide practical skills to cope with development issues, which they would face in their work after returning from the IDEAS six-month program.

The follow-up program was started in 1995 and carried out in Asian countries from 2001. The follow-up program for the 2002/2003 academic year was held in Indonesia in January 2003 with the theme of "Industrial Restructuring and Enhancement of International Competitiveness" with the cooperation of the National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) and the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT).

Training Program for Japanese Students

(September 2002–June 2003)

In the thirteenth academic year we have been training ten Japanese students selected from forty-nine applicants. The subjects covered in this academic year were as follows:

A	The Japanese Economy—Development Mechanism and Policies: Joint course
B	East Asian Economic Development: Joint course
C	Contemporary Issues of Development: Joint course
D	International Trade and Policies: Joint course
E	Mathematics for Economics: Mathematics for Economics (Hiroki Nogami; Jinichi Uemura; Hisaya Oda; Hisayuki Mitsuo)
F	Statistical Methods for Development Studies: Economic Statistics (Hisayuki Mitsuo)
G	Economic Theory: Microeconomics (Kōji Nishikimi; Seirō Itō), Macroeconomics (Hikari Ishido), Econometrics (Hisayuki Mitsuo)
H	Social Development: Social Development (Hiroshi K. Satō; Shōzō Sakata; Hiroki Nogami; Yūko Tsujita; Yasushi Katsuma, United Nations Children’s Fund; Masafumi Ikeno, KRI International Corporation; Kazuko Oguni, Chiba University; Keiko Yamamoto, JICA; Atsuko Aoyama, Nagoya University of International Health; Kazunori Akaishi, Towa University), Development and Environment (Michikazu Kojima; Kenji Ōtsuka; Tadayoshi Terao), Population and Development (Yasuko Hayase; Hideyuki Takahashi, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning), Economic Theories of Development Assistance (Ikuo Kuroiwa)
I	Area Studies: Introduction (Mitsuo Fukushima), China (Norihiro Sasaki; Moriki Ōhara), Korea (Masahiko Nakagawa), South Asia (Norio Kondō; Hisaya Oda), Southeast Asia (Mitsuo Fukushima; Kazuhisa Matsui; Shigeki Higashi; Chalong Soontravanich, Chulalongkorn University), Middle East (Sadashi Fukuda; Yasushi Hazama; Yōko Iwasaki), Latin America (Akio Yonemura; Taeko Hoshino; Kōichi Usami), Africa (Katsumi Hirano; Shin’ichi Takeuchi)
J	English Language (Paul Stacey, Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin; Mark Haber, Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin)
K	Seminar (Tatsufumi Yamagata)
L	Special Lecture: Joint course
M	Field Trips to Chiba and Tochigi Prefectures