

III. 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 the Japanese development experience through activities such as a study tour program and seminars on Japan. In FY2011, the IDE hosted and financially supported seven VRFs and two self-supporting fellows from abroad.

Visiting Research Fellows (VRF)

Table1: IDE Supporting Fellows

Name	Status/Institutions, Country	Research Topic
Pavel Vidal Alejandro	Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Havana, Cuba	Monetary Policy Strategy in Vietnam and Japan: Lessons for Cuba
Kumudinei Dissanayake	Senior Lecturer / Head, Department of Management and Organization Studies, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka	Non-conventional Model of Career: Implications for Human Resource Strategies and Organizational Reforms in Post-war Sri Lanka
Nay Myo Aung	Lecturer, Yezin Agriculture University, Myanmar	Market-related Reforms and its Impact on Rice Industry
Ho Yeon Kim	Professor, Department of Economics, Sungkyu n kwan University, Korea	Shrinking Population and the Urban Hierarchy
Ronald E. D. Holmes	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, De La Salle University, Philippines	Assessing the Progress of Reforms in the Aquino Administration
Mauricio Soares Bugarin	Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Brasilia, Brasil	The Effect of Inequality on the Cost of Electoral Campaigns: A Comparative Dynamic Analysis for Brazil and Japan
Xue Fu	Associate Professor, State Innovative Institute for Public Management, Fudan University, China	Reconfiguration of Industry Structure to Reduce GHG Emissions

Table2: Self Supporting Fellow

Name	Status/Institutions, Country	Research Topic
Sun Hyang	Director of Material & Nanotechnology Standards Division, Korean Agency for Technology and Standard, Ministry of Knowledge and Economy, Korea	The Development of the Analytical Toolbox for an Economic Impact of Standards
Jung Sung Chun	Head of Japan Team, Center for Regional Economics Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Korea	Why did Korea – Japan FTA Negotiation Fail to Reach Agreement ? : A Study on Some Barriers to Korea – Japan FTA Negotiation

(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 FY2011, ten researchers were sent abroad to be affiliated with research institutes, universities, and international organizations.

Research Fellows Sent Abroad during Fiscal Year 2012

(1) Senior Research Fellows Sent Abroad

	Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
1	Taeko Hoshino	Mexico City (Mexico)	Centro de Estudios Sociologicos, 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-
2	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
		Beijing (China)	Institute of Political Science, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	
3	Kensuke Kubo	New Delhi (India)	Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute	Empirical Research on the Performance of the Indian Pharmaceutical Market
4	Yurika Suzuki	Manila (Philippines)	School of Economics, University of the Philippines	Investment Behavior of Firms in the Philippines
5	Makoto Abe	Seoul(Korea)	Korea Institute for International Economic Policy	Fostering Engineers in Korean Industrial Development
6	Sou Umezaki	Singapore	Institute of Southeast Asian Studies	Building the ASEAN Economic Community: Perspectives and Strategies of Archipelagic ASEAN
7	Tatsuya Shimizu	Lima(Peru)	Peruvian Center for Social Studies	Structural Changes of Agricultural Marketing in the Andean region
8	Akihiko Tamura	Beijing (China)	China-Japan Long Term Trade Committee	Analysis on China's future direction on exchange rate adjustment and globalization of RMB

9	Momoko Kawakami	Taipei (Taiwan)	Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica	Inter-firm Dynamics and Innovation by Latecomer firms: the case of the Taiwanese Electronics Industry
		Berkeley (U.S.A)	The Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy	

(2) Research Fellows Sent Abroad

	Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
1	Emi Kojin	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)	Southern Institute of Sustainable Development	Changes of production and marketing system of agro-products in Vietnam
2	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
3	Toshitaka Gokan	Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)	The Center for Operations Research and Econometrics, University Catholic Louvain	Location choice of firms and regional integration
4	Yoshihiro Nakanishi	Washington D.C(U.S.A)	The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	The Study of Security Politics in Pakistan
5	Keola Souknilanh	Lund(Sweden)	Lunds University, Centre for East Asia and South-East Asian Studies	Economic Integration, Transport Cost and Industrial Location in Laos
6	Kazuki Minato	New Delhi (India)	Institute of Economic Growth	Political Awareness and Voting Behavior in Uttar Pradesh
7	Mayumi Kishi	Nairobi(Kenya)	Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library, University of Nairobi	A Bibliographical Research on International Migration in East Africa

(3) Networking Activities

The IDE conducted various international networking activities to serve as a center of excellence for development studies. Activities in FY2011 are summarized as follow.

- Invited four development experts and organized special seminars and discussion meetings.
- Received 32 overseas visitors and organized meetings and seminars.
- Dispatched 30 researchers abroad for annual conventions of academic associations and international conferences.
- Exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the following three prominent overseas academic institutions to expand our international research network.

- Center for Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Havana (Cuba)
- Murdoch University (Australia)
- Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica (Taiwan)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan held a conference entitled ‘The Second Round of the Dialogue for the Future between Japan and the Islamic World’ from 29th February to 1st March in Amman, Jordan. At the conference, IDE organized a session entitled ‘The Arab Spring and the Role of the Media’, and it facilitated international research exchange and contributed to the development of effective policies in the Middle East. For the conference, IDE dispatched four researchers and invited three specialists from Indonesia, Malaysia and Iran.

In March 2012, to build a research network and improve the curriculum of IDEAS, a field trip to Switzerland and the United Kingdom was completed.