

IV. International Research Exchange Activities

1. Hosting of Visiting Research Fellows (VRF)

In this program, academic and other related field specialists not only from developing countries but also from developed 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 and other countries. In FY2013, the IDE hosted and financially supported nine VRFs and two self-supporting fellows from abroad. In addition, IDE accepted three VRFs from domestic institutes and one JSPS Research Fellow.

Visiting Research Fellows (VRF)

Table 1. IDE Supporting Fellows

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Research Topic
Wang Jian	China	Chief Secretary, Taiwan History Research Center, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)	The Development of Japan-Taiwan Economic Relations after the Signature of Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA)
Nguyen Duy Can	Vietnam	Associate Professor and Dean, College of Rural Development, Cantho University	Understanding 'Linking Together the Four Houses' in Rice Production and Commerce: A Case Study of An Giang Province, Vietnam
Phuntsho Rapten	Bhutan	Chief Planning Officer, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Labor and Human Resources	Understanding the Dynamics of Labour Market and Youth Unemployment in Bhutan: A Study for Policy and Strategic Responses
Yohannes Aberra Ayele	Ethiopia	Associate Professor of Water and Environment, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Development Studies / Addis Ababa University	Rainwater Harvesting for Climate Change Adaptation in Ethiopia: Policy and Institutional Analysis
Wang Zhao Hua	China	Professor and Associate Dean, School of Management and Economics, Beijing Institute of Technology	Inter-firm Cooperation on Carbon Emission Reduction in China
Rafael Meinardo Hernandez Rodriguez	Cuba	Chief Editor, Temas Magazine	Vietnam, China and Cuba Foreign Policies towards the United States: A Comparative Analysis in Conflict / Cooperation

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Dennis Dado Trinidad	Philippines	Associate Professor and Chair, International Studies Department, De La Salle University	South-South Cooperation in Southeast Asia and the Role of Japan
Nasim Fathi	Iran	Researcher, Behravesh Aspian Sharq Co.	Identifying the Key Sector and Analyzing the Sector Linkage with Special Reference to Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Their Related Industries: A Study in the Input-Output Framework
Bhavna Dave	United Kingdom	Chair, Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus / Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London	The Informalisation of Labour Migration in Kazakhstan

Table 2. Self Supporting Fellow

Name	Countries	Status/Institute	Research Topic
Imiya Mudiyansele Kamala Liyanage	Sri Lanka	Senior Professor, Department of Political Sciences, University of Peradeniya	Technical and Vocational Education and Training System in Sri Lanka and Possible Japanese Assistance to Develop the Sector
Wang Muchun	Taiwan	Associate Research Fellow, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research	The Opportunities and Cooperative Strategy for Taiwan and Japan Industries in Emerging Economies

Table 3. Japanese Fellows

Name	Status/Institute	Research Topic
ODA Hisaya	Professor, Department of Policy Science, Ritsumeikan University	Disparity in Rural Electrification and Labor Migration: The Case of Bihar, India
OKUDA Satoru	Professor, Institute of Asian Studies, Asia University	A Current Affairs Study on Northeast Asian Economies with Special Emphasis on Korean Economy and Regional Trade Agreements
TAJIMA Yoichi	Associate Professor, School of International and Area Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	Post-Neoliberalism and Foreign Direct Investment: ISDS (Investor-State Dispute Settlement) on Argentina

Table 4. JSPS Research Fellow

Name	Research Topic
ABE Naofumi	A Comparative Study of the Family Structure of Iranian Notables and the Modern Concept of 'Family'

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 FY2013, six researchers were sent abroad to be affiliated with research institutes, universities, and international organizations.

Research Fellows Sent Abroad at the date of March 31, 2014

Table 1. Senior Research Fellows Sent Abroad

Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
TAMURA Akihiko	Beijing (China)	China-Japan Long Term Trade Committee	Analysis on China's Future Direction on Exchange Rate Adjustment and Globalization of RMB
TERAMOTO Minoru	Ha Noi (Vietnam)	Institute of Sociology	Constructing the Welfare Regime in Vietnam under Doi Moi Period
	Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)	Southern Institute of Sustainable Development	
KUMAGAI Satoru	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	Malaysian Institute of Economic Research	Avoiding the Middle-Income Trap: The Case of Malaysia
MITSUO Hisayuki	San Jose (Costa Rica)	Research Institute of Economic Sciences of the University of Costa Rica	Economic Modelling of Monetary Policy in Costa Rica
	Cambridge (United Kingdom)	Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge	
HOKEN Hisatoshi	Toronto (Canada)	Department of Economics, University of Toronto	Risk Management and Risk-coping Behaviors of Household against Natural Disasters in Rural China
	Hangzhou (China)	Collage of Public Administration, Zhejiang University	

Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
ITO Seiro	London (United Kingdom)	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Microeconomic Analysis of Policy Interventions
	Stellenbosch (South Africa)	Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University	

Table 2. Research Fellows Sent Abroad

Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
MACHIKITA Tomohiro	Copenhagen (Denmark)	Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen Business School	Empirical Analysis of Designing Organizations that Support Innovation
	Stanford (U.S.A)	Department of Economics, Stanford University	
TAKEUCHI Takayuki	Taipei (Taiwan)	Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica	Cause and Convergence of Partisan Conflict in Taiwan on the International Status
TSUKADA Kazunari	Bangkok (Thailand)	Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University	An Empirical Study on Rural Land Markets in Thailand
DING Ke	Nanjing (China)	Department of International Economics and Trade, Nanjing University	The Role of Japanese Small and Medium Enterprises in China's Industrial Upgrading
SATO Chizuko	Cape Town (South Africa)	The Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape	Black Economic Empowerment in the South African Agricultural Sector: Case Studies of Wine and Sugar Industries
SAITO Jun	Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)	United Arab Emirates University, College of Business and Economic	Efficiency of Financial Institutions in Gulf Arab Countries
YOSHIDA Noburu	Brighton (United Kingdom)	Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex	Analysis on Firm Level Challenges for meeting Private Standards Compliance on Trade
SAKAI Kanako	Delhi (India)	Institute of Economic Growth	Distribution System of the Indian Government Information and its Accessibility in the Digital Network Era

3. Networking Activities

The IDE conducted various international networking activities to serve as a center of excellence for development studies. Activities in FY2013 are summarized as follows:

- Invited four development experts (U.S.A, Thailand, UK, India), a special visiting professor (UK) and a visiting researcher (Korea) to promote academic exchanges including special lectures, public seminars, workshop and research meetings.
- Build a research network with the following universities abroad:
 - University of Costa Rica (San Pedro, Costa Rica)
 - Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (Shanghai, China)