

III. RESEARCH NETWORK

1. Hosting of Visiting Research Fellows (VRFs)

In this program, scholars and specialists not only from developing countries but also from developed countries are invited to conduct research in Japan. 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 FY2015, IDE hosted and financially supported five VRFs from abroad. In addition, IDE accepted two VRFs from a domestic institute and one JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) research fellow.

Table 1. IDE Supporting Fellows

Name	Country	Affiliation	Research Topic
Hao Xiao	China	Associate Head, Department of International Trade, School of Economics and Trade, Hunan University	Carbon Emission Reduction Responsibility and Global Value Chain: From the Perspective of Carbon Intensity
Chih-Hai Yang	Taiwan	Professor, Department of Economics, National Central University	Stability of Complementarity between Japanese FDI and Import of Intermediate Goods: Agglomeration Effects and Parent-Firm Heterogeneity
Ning Wang	China	Senior Fellows, Ronald Coase Institute /International Director, Ronald Coase Center for the Study of the Economy at Zhejiang University	The Market for Ideas and China's Market Transformation
Pablo Lucas dos Anjos	Poland	Lecturer, Faculty of Social Science, University of Essex	Structural Analysis of Student Networks in India
Sonam Tobgyal	Bhutan	Senior Research Officer, Head of Poverty and Evaluation Section, Research and Evaluation Division, Gross National Happiness Commission	Japanese Development Cooperation Policy: Examining Its Relevance to Bhutan's Development Policy

Table 2. Japanese Fellows

Name	Status/Institute	Research Topic
OKUDA Satoru	Professor, Institute of Asian Studies, Asia University	A Current Affairs Study on Korean Economy and Politics

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MATSUURA Hisatoshi	Associate Professor, Keio Economic Observatory, Keio University	The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Product Quality and Markup: Evidence from Indonesian Plant-level Data
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Table 3. JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Research Fellow

Name	Research Topic
SAKAMOTO Takuto	Sustainability of Mobile Pastoralism and International Cooperation in North-East Africa: Wide-Regional Analysis with the Application of Information Technology

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 FY2015, nine researchers were sent abroad to be affiliated with research institutes, universities, and international organizations.

Table 1. Senior Overseas Research Fellows (as of March 31, 2016)

Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
YANAI Akiko	Stellenbosch (South Africa)	Department of Political Science, Stellenbosch University	Integration Process of Least Developed Countries into the Multilateral Trading System
SHINODA Kunihiko	Beijing (China)	Japan-China Long-Term Trade Committee	China's Domestic and Overseas Economic Policies and Policy Implications for Japan
KIMURA Koichiro	Waltham (U.S.A.)	Department of Economics, Brandeis University	A Relation between Growth Patterns of Chinese Firms and Innovation
	Hong Kong (China)	Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong	
MICHIDA Etsuyo	Berkeley (U.S.A.)	Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley	Product-Related Environmental Regulations and International Trade: Impacts on Policies and Firms
SUZUKI Hitoshi	London (U.K.)	SOAS University of London, Faculty of Law & Social Sciences	Promotion of Cooperation in the Field of MENA Studies with Britain and Other European Countries
YAMADA Norihiko	Vientiane (Laos)	Public Administrative Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Home Affairs	Survival and Stability of Lao People's Revolutionary Party Regime

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Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
IKEGAMI Hiroshi	Taipei (Taiwan)	Commerce Development Research Institute	Changes of Taiwanese International Physical Distribution after the Lifting of Three Links against China

Table 2. Overseas Research Fellows (as of March 31, 2016)

Name	Place (Country)	Host Institution	Research Topic
HISASUE Ryoichi	Hong Kong (China)	Global Creative Industries Program, School of Modern Language and Cultures, University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong: Past, Present and Future as the “Gateway”
TSUBOTA Kenmei	London (U.K.)	King’s India Institute, King’s College London	Economic Division and Integration in South Asia
	Amsterdam (Netherland)	Department of Spatial Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	
REN Zhe	Berkeley (U.S.A.)	Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley	Tension between Township Governor and Elected Street Leader in Contemporary China
UETANI Naokatsu	Quito (Ecuador)	Center for Development and Research on Social Movements	The Cross-national and Cross-communal Comparative Analyses of Anti-Mega Mining Movements
DARWISHEH Housam	Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.)	Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University	The State and Social Movements in Egypt: Phases of Contentious Activism
HASHIGUCHI Yoshihiro	Paris (France)	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	Econometric Analysis on the Productivity and Resilience of Global Value Chains (GVC)
TANAKA Kiyoyasu	Phnom Penh (Cambodia)	Faculty of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh	An Empirical Analysis of Tourism Industry in Cambodia
SHONCHOY Abu	New York (U.S.A.)	School of Public Service, New York University	Banking with the Unbanked: The Impact of Mobile-based Banking Service on Financial Behavior and Welfare of Migrants in Bangladesh
KOBAYASHI Marie	Bangkok (Thailand)	Thammasat University Libraries	Bibliographical Study on Periodicals in Thailand

3. Sessions at International Organizations and Overseas Research Institutes

(1) WTO Public Forum 2015--“Plugging into the Global Agricultural Value Chain: A Perspective from Developing Countries in Asia”

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Venue: WTO Headquarters, Geneva

IDE-JETRO held a working session titled “Plugging into the global agricultural value chain—A perspective from developing countries in Asia” at the WTO Public Forum 2015. Addressing the key question of “How can trade help integrate the agricultural sector in developing countries into global value chains (GVCs)?” panelists from academia, industry, and government discussed current problems as well as future prospects.

Agricultural trade is essential for developing economies to realize economic growth and create employment in rural areas. To participate and then ascend agricultural GVCs, developing countries need certain measures to address issues such as capacity building, effective policies, and efficient implementation of regulations. The Chair concluded that a concerted effort to implement such measures is necessary to improve agricultural trade in Asia to enable developing economies to enjoy greater benefits from global trade.

Speakers: NABESHIMA Kaoru (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University), John HUMPHREY (Former Professor, University of Sussex), LEI Lei (Research Fellow, Business and Industry Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO), MICHIDA Etsuyo (Senior Research Fellow (sent to Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley), IDE-JETRO), SASAKI Akiko (Institutional Cooperation and Networking Division, IDE-JETRO) / (Approx. 35 participants)

4. International Workshops

(1) Global Value-Chain Training and Research Workshop

Dates: July 12-18, 2015

Venue: UIBE, Beijing

IDE-JETRO organized a workshop with the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Stanford University, and Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the theme “Global Value-Chains (GVCs).”

Leading institutes on GVC research gathered to discuss various topics, including industrial networks in northeast Asia, GVCs, and CO2 emissions.

Participants: ZHAO Zhongxiu (Vice President of UIBE), ZHANG Xiangchen (Vice Minister, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China), Nicholas C. HOP (Director of China Program, Stanford Center of International Development), Anabel GONZALEZ (Senior Director, World Bank Group Global Practice on Trade and Competitiveness), Robert KOOPMAN (Chief Economist, WTO), Richard BALDWIN (Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva & CEPR & Oxford University), Andrew B. BERNARD (Jack Byrne Professor of International Economics Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth), WANG Zhi (Lead International Economist, US International Trade Commission), Justin LIN (Former Chief Economist, the World Bank and Honorary Dean and Professor National School of Development, Peking University), Laura AAFARO (Warren Alpert Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, IDE-JETRO), INOMATA Satoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO), Bo MENG (Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO) etc. / (25 participants)

(2) Joint Workshop on “How to Perceive the ‘One Belt One Road’ Initiative and AIIB”

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Venue: Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo

IDE-JETRO and the Institute of Social Science, together with the University of Tokyo, organized a

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workshop on the “One Belt One Road” (OBOR) initiative by China and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Drawing together the perspectives from researchers on Africa and Southeast Asia, participants discussed how to explain OBOR and prospects of the AIIB.

Participants: SUEHIRO Akira (Professor, Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo), KAWASHIMA Shin (Professor, Graduated school of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo), ITO Asei (Lecturer, Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo), KITANO Naohiro (Deputy Director, JICA Research Institute), SHIRAIISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO), HIRANO Katsumi (Chief Senior Researcher, Area Studies Center, IDE-JETRO), UMEZAKI So (Director, Economic Integration Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO) / (Approx. 40 participants)

(3) Policy Recommendation Seminar in Vientiane

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Venue: Plaza Hall, Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane

This seminar was organized by IDE-JETRO, the JETRO Vientiane Office, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), and the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Lao PDR, in accordance with a request by Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Lao PDR. Based on a policy recommendation report submitted in advance to the government of Lao PDR, the first half of the seminar comprised presentations detailing the business environment in Lao PDR, such as services liberalization, procedures to promote FDI, expansion of metropolitan and city zones, and human resource development. The second half of the seminar comprised a closed session between Lao officials and researchers.

Participants: Bounthavy SISOUPHANTHONG (Vice-Minister, MPI), HIRATSUKA Daisuke (Executive Vice President, IDE-JETRO), YAMADA Yasuhiro (Special Assistant to the President of ERIA on CLMV issues), ISHIDA Masami (Director General, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO), IKEBE Ryo (Director, Asia and Oceania Division, Overseas Research Department, JETRO), SHIBATA Tetsuo (Chief Representative, JETRO Vientiane Office), ISONO Ikumo (Deputy Director, Economic Geography Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), Souknilanh KEOLA (Economic Geography Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center), Kiyoyasu TANAKA (Technological Innovation and Economic Growth Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center) / (72 participants)

(4) International Conference on Services Liberalization and Economic Development in Manila

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015

Venue: Development Academy of the Philippines, Manila

IDE-JETRO held an international conference on services liberalization together with the Development Academy of the Philippines in Manila. Forty-two participants, including high-level government officials and economists in the field of trade and economic issues, discussed problems of services liberalization in the Philippines. Researchers from IDE-JETRO addressed services liberalization from two distinct but inter-related perspectives: (1) the effects of services liberalization, referring to an example from a Chinese special economic zone and (2) roles of services in international production networks in East Asia by decomposing global value chains. The conference ended with evidence-based policy implications and recommendations for policymakers in the Philippines.

Participants: Cayetano W. PADERANGA (Chair, Board of Trustees, DAP and former Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority), Emmanuel F. ESGUERRA (Deputy Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority), SHIRAIISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO), ANDO Tomohiro (President, JETRO Manila, JETRO), SATO Hitoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO), ISONO Ikumo (Deputy Director, Economic Geography Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center) / (42 participants)

(5) Joint Seminar with Commerce Development Research Institute in Taipei

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Venue: Howard Civil Service International House, Taipei

IDE-JETRO co-organized a seminar with the Commerce Development Research Institute (CDRI), a

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government-funded research institute in Taipei, on service industry development. This seminar was accompanied by a signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between IDE-JETRO and CDRI concerning institutional cooperation for research. In the seminar, 42 participants discussed the current situation and future expectations regarding the service industries in Japan and Taiwan.

Participants: Hsu, Chung-Jen (Chairman, CDRI), Hsieh Lung-Fa (President, CDRI), Huang, Chao-Jen (Director General, Commerce Development and Policy Research, Division, CDRI), SHIRAISHI Takashi (President, IDE-JETRO), IKEGAMI Hiroshi (Deputy Director, Business and Industry Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center) / (42 participants)

(6) Joint Workshop with Economic Research Center, Graduate School of Economics, Nagoya University, and Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo (CICERO)

Date: Friday, October 30, 2015

Venue: Conference Hall, 7th Flore, Bunkeisogokan, Nagoya University

While the Chinese economy is growing remarkably, carbon emissions have become a pressing environmental issue. This workshop was organized to discuss policies for transforming China's industrial structures.

Participants: XUE Jinjun (JSPS Project Leader, Professor of Graduate School of Economics, Nagoya University), LI Shantong (Senior Researcher, Development Research Center, State Council of China), WU Harry X. (Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University), ZHANG Qiang (Professor, Center for Earth System Science, Tsinghua University), LIU Yu (Associate Professor, Institute of Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Science), PEI Jiansuo (Associate Professor, School of International Trade and Economics, University of International Business and Economics), GAO Yuning (Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University), GUO Lin (Assistant Professor, School of International Trade and Economics University of International Business and Economics), QI Shaozhou (Professor, Economics and Management School, Wuhan University; Director, European Studies Center, Wuhan University), ZHANG Juwei (Director-General, Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Science), WEI Zhong (Professor, Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Science), CHEN Shaohua (Lead Statistician, Development Research Group, World Bank), MIYAZAKI Takeshi (Associate Professor, Kyushu University), ZHANG Dandan (Assistant Professor, National School of Development, Beijing University), MANGYO Eiji (Professor, School of Economics, Nagoya University), GAO Wenshu (Professor, Institute of Population and Labor Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Science), DAI Erbiao (Research Director and Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute), YAN Shanping (Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University; Chairman, Japan Association for Chinese Economy and Management Studies), HONDAI Susumu (Emeritus Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University), INOMATA Satoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center, IDE), LEI Lei (Research Fellow, Business and Industry Studies Group, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE)

(7) Special Session on “Input-Output Analyses for Low-carbon Societies”

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015

Venue: Surugadai Campus, Meiji University

IDE-JETRO co-organized this special session with the Pan Pacific Association of Input-Output Studies (PAPAIOS) and Economic Research Center, Nagoya University, at the PAPAIOS 2015 Conference. The session covered a wide range of topics from Carbon Footprint Profiles in US households to impacts of firm heterogeneity in measuring China's carbon emissions.

Participants: Klaus HUBACEK (Professor, Department of Geographical Sciences, University of Maryland, USA), LIU Yu (Associate Professor, Institute of Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Sciences, PRC), PEI Jiansuo (Associate Professor, School of International Trade and Economics, University of International Business and Economics, PRC), INOMATA Satoshi (Chief Senior Researcher, Development Studies Center, IDE-JETRO)

(8) Joint Workshop “Learning from Research Management Professional from Europe: Roles and Skills for International Collaborative Research”

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Venue: Seihoku Gallery, Yayoi Auditorium, University of Tokyo

“How can we deal with international collaborative research?” The increasing importance of global research collaboration has boosted demand among researchers and research administrators for insights about the challenges and prospects of collaboration. Responding to the demand, IDE-JETRO and the Policy Alternative Research Institute (PARI), University of Tokyo, organized a workshop featuring expertise from an invited specialist on global collaborative research, funding, and research strategy from the EU. Workshop participants discussed various issues about research development in Japan and the EU, including competitive advantage for obtaining research funds and difficulties in designing multilateral collaborations.

Participants: Marjolein van GRIETHUYSEN (Director, Global Scientific Business Innovations), ITO Masami (Professor, Center for Innovation, Gunma University), Tom KUCZYNSKI (Science Advisor, S&T Section of the EU Delegation to Japan), Matthieu PY (Country Representative, EURAXESS Links Japan), SAKATA Ichiro (Director, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, University of Tokyo), NISHIMURA Kaoru (URA, Senior Project Specialist), Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo), MURAKAMI Toshie (Project Specialist, Project Management, University Research Administrator, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, University of Tokyo), SHIMAZOE Junko (Director, Institutional Cooperation and Networking Division (ICoN), IDE-JETRO), KATAOKA Masaki (Research Management Officer, ICoN, IDE-JETRO), SASAKI Akiko (Research Management Officer, ICoN, IDE-JETRO) (Approx. 15 participants)

(9) Joint Workshop on “China’s Urbanization Policy and Its Current Situation: Prospects of the Future of ‘Beautiful Village Construction’”

Dates: Wednesday and Thursday, March 16-17, 2016

Venue: Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA), Niigata, Japan

IDE-JETRO and the Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA) jointly organized a workshop on urbanization policy in China and its prospects. Culminating in keynote presentations about the development of China’s urbanization policies and examples of rural development in Guizhou Province, the workshop offered participants opportunities to discuss problems and expectations of urbanization by comparing the experiences of Japan and China.

Participants: MA Zhongyu (Vice President, State Information Center), NIU Li (Senior Economist, Division Chief, Economic Forecasting Department, State Information Center), LIU Jichao (Researcher, Economic Forecasting Department, State Information Center), CHAI Honghui (Director, Bureau of Economic Development in New Gui’an District), ZHANG Yaxiong (Deputy Director, Economic Forecasting Department, State Information Center), MU Yaoqian (Associate Senior Research Fellow, Research Division, ERINA), MINAMIKAWA Takanori (Senior Research Fellow, Research Division), Cai Shengxi (Business Support Promotion Officer, Business Support Division), YAMAGUCHI Mami (East Asian Studies Group, Area Studies Center), HOKEN Hisatoshi (Microeconomic Analysis Studies Group, Development Studies Center), OKAMOTO Nobuhiro (Professor, Faculty of International Relations Department of International Relations, Daito Bunka University) (14 participants)

5. Networking Activities

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

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Table 1. Special Visiting Professors

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Activities
Sonia Maria Rodrigues da Rocha	Brazil / France	Researcher, Instituto de Estudos do Trabalho e Sociedade	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	Research Topic
Chenggang Xu	China	Quoin Professor in Economic Development, University of Hong Kong	Participation in research meetings and research interaction with IDE's researchers as a development expert
Pramod Nagorao Junankar	Australia	Emeritus Professor, University of Western Sydney; Honorary Professor, University of New South Wales; Research Fellow, Institut Zur Zukunft der Arbeit (IZA)	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	Status/Institutions	Research Topic
Cheng Wang	China	Associate Researcher, Center of Hubei Cooperative Innovation for Emissions Trading System, Hubei University of Economics	Impacts of China's Environmental Policies on Its Domestic Value Chains: Based on the MRIO CGE Model
Weiqi Tang	China	Director for Policy Simulation and Analysis Lab; Post-Doctorate Research Fellow, Center for BRICS Country Studies, Fudan University	Firm Heterogeneity and Its Implication on Chinese Climate Policies--A CGE Model Based on China's National IO with Firm Heterogeneity Information
Ya-Yen Sun	Taiwan	Associate Professor, Department of Transportation & Communication Management Science, National Cheng Kung University	Tourism Carbon-Efficiency Comparison of Taiwan and Japan

Table 4. Intern

Name	Countries	Status/Institutions	Research Topic
Abeer Salih Mohamed	Sudan	Master Student, International Relations Dept., Ritsumeikan University	Recent Trends and Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment Inflows to Sub-Saharan Africa