

Overseas Training Program: Preliminary Field Survey Joint Report Meeting for AY 2013

Date & time: May 28, 2014 (Wed.)

Venue: Lecture Hall, Building of Environmental Studies

Preliminary field surveys of the overseas training program were conducted in February and March 2014, and the joint report meeting was held on 28th May 2014.

In the first part, students, the research assistants in our program, reported about the field survey in Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, and, Indonesia. The details are as follows.

Philippines (February 20-23, 2014)

The objectives of this training program for students were to improve their communication skills in a foreign language, to foster correspondence to a different culture, to recognize their specialties through activities with students from other graduate schools, and to identify issues related to health to achieve well-being. They visited the University of St. La Salle, Philippine General Hospital, the University of the Philippines Manila (6 departments), San Augustine Chin Church, Mother Teresa's House (Missionaries of Charity, Manila), and, San Andres Market. At each place, students exchanged opinions with healthcare professionals and university students on health issues, hygiene environment and gender equality.

Cambodia (March 2-8, 2014)

The objectives of this training program were to understand what are the issues regarding agriculture in Asia and how to solve these compound problems using interdisciplinary methods. The students of Nagoya University and the Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia, visited Tamao Farm, two farming villages, Cambodia Agricultural Research and Development Institute, the Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia,

and held interviews at agricultural extension agencies, farming villages, and institutes for breeding. After the interview research, the students gave presentations about the results at the Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia and had a discussion.

Vietnam (March 12-16, 2014)

The objective of this training program was to consider the possibility of our contribution to serious problems such as poverty, medical care, and gender gaps at societies in various stages of development. The students visited the Ministry of Public Health in Ben-Tre province, markets, a seed center, several farms including a pig farm, the obstetrics and gynecology department, emergency department, observation room, and delivery room of Tu Du hospital, Mekong OBGYN hospital, and French Vietnam hospital. They conducted interview research on maternal and child health at medical agencies. They also conducted interview research at farming villages and a seed center.

Indonesia (March 13-21, 2014)

The objective of this training program was to establish foundations to improve the skills necessary for women leaders who can act globally to realize well-being in Asia, by mainly focusing on education. The students visited the Faculty of Medicine, Sultan Agung University, Diponegoro University, Islamic schools, a plantation farm, Airlangga University, Pucukan village (located in East Java Province), Bank Indonesia East Java Office, the Education Bureau of local government. They observed the actual state of Islamic education in local society, and conducted interview research on education in rural areas, on the relation between financial administration and education, and, on the current situation of education in the community.

Philippines (March 17-22, 2014)

The objectives of this training program were to learn basic of fieldwork skills through studying the issues needed to be resolved to achieve well-being and to learn team building through activity with students from different

graduate schools. The students visited JICA Philippines Office, a health center and a farming village in a disaster-affected area, and, the University of the Philippines, Los Baños. They attend a lecture about the actual damage by the earthquake at JICA Philippines Office, interviewed the victims of the disaster, and conducted interview research on current status of women in disaster-affected area. They also conducted interview research on health services in the community. In the end, they gave a debrief session at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños.

In the second part, the students discussed in groups what is well-being by reflecting on each report. The purpose of this group discussion was to share the findings of these training programs, to foster better understanding of well-being, to activate networking among students working as research assistants, and to collect the outcomes of these trial training programs to prepare the full-scale overseas training program starting next year. In the end, students presented what they discussed in each group to exchange their ideas. This debriefing session was held in English from beginning to end. The number of participants was about 100, and the joint report meeting was in a success.

