

Report

Theme		Kyoto University International Symposium on Education and Research in Global Environmental Studies in Asia
Date		From: November 26, 2019 Until: November 28, 2019 (3 Days)
Organizing faculty/department		Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
Cooperating faculty/department(s)		Graduate School of Agriculture Graduate School of Engineering Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies Center for Southeast Asian Studies Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies
Place	Country	Japan
	City	Kyoto City
	Venue	Shiran Kaikan, Kyoto University Yoshida Campus
Co-organizers		MEXT supporting project: “Kyoto University Environmental Innovator Program—Cultivating Environmental Leaders across ASEAN Region”
Symposium summary		<p>The Kyoto University International Symposium on Education and Research in Global Environmental Studies in Asia was held on November 26–28, 2019, at the Shiran Kaikan on the university’s Yoshida Campus. The event was held in collaboration with the Kyoto University Environmental Innovator Program—Cultivating Environmental Leaders across ASEAN Region, which is supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). The event was attended by 269 participants from 17 different countries, comprising 244 representatives from 32 universities, and 25 representatives from 20 other organizations.</p> <p>On the morning of the first day, the symposium was opened with an address from Kyoto University’s president, Dr. Juichi Yamagiwa, followed by an address by Dr. Shinya Funakawa, dean of the university’s Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies. Keynote lectures were delivered by Mr. Istu Adachi, director general of the Infrastructure and Peacebuilding Department of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and Mr. Tomoyuki Kimura, director general of the Strategy, Policy and Partnerships Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). A panel discussion was organized with two keynote lectures, one by Dr. Le Van An, rector of Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry, and one by Executive Vice-President Masao Kitano of Kyoto University. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Takeshi Katsumi, vice-dean of the Kyoto University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies.</p> <p>In the afternoon of the first day, students and young researchers provided brief presentations on environmental studies topics, followed by poster presentations. Then, a special session on the Kyoto University On-site Laboratory initiative was held, with an introductory presentation by Dr.</p>

	<p>Yasuyuki Kono, Kyoto University's vice-president for international strategy and seven presentations by researchers working at on-site laboratories. A reception party was then held in the evening.</p> <p>Day two comprised four sub-sessions, each of which gave a report of its outcomes in a closing plenary session. The closing session also included a discussion on the symposium's achievements, including comments from participants on the achievement of this symposium, and a discussion on the future prospects for international collaboration in the field. Closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Shigeo Fujii, a professor at the KU Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies. The three-day event wrapped up on November 28 with a study tour of the Kyoto South Clean Center, Lake Biwa Arai Weir, Aqua Biwa Museum, and Lake Biwa Museum.</p>
Symposium URL	https://www2.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news/17291/
Total number of participants (including audience)	269