

## Report

Theme	Kyoto University and University of Yangon International Symposium: Asian Multilateral Research Network for Vertebrate Species Diversity	
Date	December. 5, 2017 (1 Day)	
Organizing faculty/department	The Kyoto University Museum	
Cooperating faculty/department(s)	Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Agriculture, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Primate Research Institute	
Place	Country	Myanmar
	City	Yangon
	Venue	University of Yangon
Co-organizers	University of Yangon	
Symposium summary	<p>The symposium focused on the formation of higher education and scientific research collaboration in the fields of biodiversity and museum science between Kyoto University and the University of Yangon, and also on the development of a multilateral research network spanning the whole of Asia. Researchers and graduate students from Japan and Myanmar (mainly from Kyoto University and the University of Yangon) participated, together with speakers from leading East and South-East Asian universities, including institutions in Korea, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The symposium's presentations and lively discussion sessions focused on the topic of research into Asian vertebrate species diversity (a field which has a long history at Kyoto University and which remains highly relevant) and the related topic of maintaining a museum science and collection network.</p> <p>A total of twenty-one presentations were delivered by researchers from ten different countries, including eleven presentations by Kyoto University researchers. In accordance with two of the keywords from Kyoto University's WINDOW Concept: "Wild and Wise," the symposium provided a platform for researchers from Japan, Myanmar, and other Asian countries to promote research collaboration beyond national and generational borders. The participants acknowledged that the "passion" of researchers is indispensable in maintaining a network for leading research collaboration in Asia.</p> <p>A large number of graduate students from several different countries, including six students from Kyoto University, also participated and made significant contributions, providing the perspective of Asia's next generation of researchers. The symposium included passionate and enthusiastic participation by not only young researchers and students, but also by an older generation of established scholars.</p> <p>The symposium served to highlight the presence and enterprise of Kyoto University within the scientific community in Asia. It underscored the university's efforts for the advancement of research collaboration and network-building in the Asian region, and its dedication to fostering the next generation of young scholars.</p>	
Total number of participants (including audience)	150	