

Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate the Circulation of Talented Researchers
Japan-ASEAN Collaboration Research Program on Innovative Humanosphere in Southeast Asia:
In search of Wisdom toward Compatibility Growth and Community in the World

Report

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Place of Accepted: Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology
Kyoto University School of Public Health

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During the period of March 16 to 18, 2015, Assoc. Prof. Sureeporn Punpuing was invited at Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH), Department of Global Health and Socio-epidemiology (GLOSE), and the summary of activities included the following:

On March 16: Preparation of documents and issues to discuss with faculty members and students of GLOSE Department.

On March 17: Prof. Sureeporn had a meeting with Professor Masahino Kihara, head of the GLOSE Department, Patou Musumari, MD, PhD and Dr Teeranee Techasrivichien. Dr Patou is a post-doc. and currently working under supervision of Prof. Masahino Kihara and Prof. Aphichat Chamrattrirong, Assist. Prof. Chalernpol Chamchan and Assoc. Prof. Sureeporn Punpuing. Dr Patou has presented his research progression on **“Correlates of uptake of voluntary HIV counseling and testing among migrant workers in Thailand”** based on a primary data that was collected by IPSR. We gave comments and suggestions on conceptual framework and statistical methods to deal with small sample sizes.

Afterwards, Prof. Kihara presented about the Kyoto University (KU) and the KUSPH. He particularly outlined the KU's new international strategy 2x by 2020, and the mission and scope of New Public Health, education programs and students, research and international activities of the KUSPH. Discussions on our collaboration, particularly development of the double degree programs (Public Health from Kyoto University, and Population and Reproductive Health Research from Mahidol University) emerged during the meeting.

Prof. Kihara and Assist. Prof. Masako Ono-Kihara also introduced their research on ***“Well-being of Youth in Social Happiness (The WYSH project)”*** which was very informative, stimulating, and interesting, and inspired ideas for application in Thailand.

On March 18, Prof. Sureeporn introduced the Mahidol University including brief history, fact and figures, education programs and facilities at the university level, and then presented a short video about research and training programs of the IPSR, which has inspired both the faculty members and graduated students to visit Mahidol University.

Afterwards, Master and PhD students presented their current thesis topics, which varied in areas and scope

including HIV among migrants in Afghanistan, HIV disclosure in Uganda, Infectious disease control in Yemen, and Non communicable diseases in Zambia. Prof. Sureeporn gave comments and suggestions to students to help improve their research.

This visit has strengthened a collaboration between Kyoto and Mahidol Universities. We committed to develop the double degree program and publish articles in international journals. It is such a useful and successful visit.

