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The primary objective of my visit to Kyoto University was to discuss and progress the ongoing collaborative research that I started with Dr. Patou Musumari – currently, an Assistant Professor at Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology, Kyoto University School of Public Health - when he was a visiting fellow at IPSR in 2015. I and Dr. Musumari are working together on a research article titled “Correlates of HIV testing experience among migrant workers from Myanmar residing in Thailand: a secondary analysis from a cross-sectional survey”. The article has been submitted and under review process to be published with PLOS ONE. Apart from this, the visit was also aimed to be as a platform of meeting to deepen research discussions and strengthen collaboration between IPSR, Mahidol University and Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology, Kyoto University. In this visit, there were two faculties from IPSR which were I and Associate Professor Dr. Sureeporn Punpuing.

During the visit, I and Dr. Sureeporn had fruitfully discussed with Dr. Musurami about his present work on a book chapter regarding “E-Health”, about the possibility of our collaborative research article on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) of HIV/AIDS prevention among migrant workers in Thailand and the HIV/AIDS risks behavior among inmates in Thai prisons. We shared comments and suggestions for each other’s work, and would continue our conversation through electronic mail. We had a meeting with Professor Masahiro Kihara, head of the Department of Global Health and Socio-epidemiology, and his colleagues – including Prof. Masako Ono-Kihara, Dr Teeranee Techasrivichien and Dr. Patou Musumari – to discuss about further collaboration and the next exchange visit between Kyoto and Mahidol Universities. We had a chance to attend four Master Degree and Ph.D. students’ presentations of their current thesis topics and progress, which we also provided comments and suggestions for the improvements. In exchange, I made a presentation of my recent study on “Evaluation of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Program under the GF’s Support in Thailand (2003-2014)” to faculties and students of the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology. The presentation had led to a number of discussion points and questions from the audiences which all were interesting and helpful for the improvement of the study in order to make its arguments more concrete and academically sound.