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Japan-ASEAN Collaboration Research Program on Innovative Humanosphere in Southeast Asia:  
In search of Wisdom toward Compatibility Growth and Community in the World

Report

Period of inviting: 5 days

Place of accepted: ASAFAS, Kyoto University

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**Purposes of the visit** To discuss with Japanese and international academics on the issues of the future of Thai politics and give a presentation on Thailand's two draft constitutions. I also hope to explore a possibility of research collaboration and get acquaintance with the academic environment at Kyoto University.

**The achievements** During my five days of the academic visit at ASAFAS, Kyoto University, I gain the main achievements as follows: **1)** Have a dialogue with Prof. Yoshifumi Tamada. I have exchanged the ideas of what would be the factors that impact political situation in Thailand. Prof. Tamada's in-depth and comprehensive knowledge about Thai politics and society allowed me to rethink more carefully on the possibility of democratic transformation and the country's direction in the future. This information helped facilitate my ongoing research and paper preparation. **2)** Give a presentation entitled "Crisis of Thailand's Constitution(S)". It was part of the panel "Problems of Democracy in Thailand", headed by Professor Tamada, with Assistant Prof. Viengrat Nethipoh as another presenter, and Dr. Yukti Mukdawijitra acted as a discussant. The debate was very stimulating with a lot of good questions from the participants **3)** After the session, I had an opportunity to exchange ideas with Assistant Professor Saya Kiba from Doshisha University, Faculty of Policy Studies, Dr. Adam Simpson from University of South Australia and Professor Yoko Yoshikawa, former professor of Nanzan University **4)** Additionally, I had a chance to meet with ASAFAS's Ph.D. students who are currently writing dissertations on different issues about Thailand.

This academic trip was very beneficial and motivating. I have learned so much that I would like to express my sincere thanks to Professor Yoshifumi Tamada, ASAFAS's staffs and Japan-ASEAN Collaborative Research Program on Innovative Humanosphere in Southeast Asia: in Search for the Wisdom for Compatibility between Growth and Community in the World for providing me this invaluable funding.



Prof. Siripan presenting at the seminar on March 4, 2016



Speakers and audience at the seminar on March 4, 2016