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In search of Wisdom toward Compatibility Growth and Community in the World

Report

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There were three objectives of the visit to Kyoto University during December 12-20, 2016. The first one was to attend the 2016 Kyoto Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers, organized by Kyoto University School of Public Health during December 14-15, 2016. The conference theme “Universal Health Coverage and Health Economics” was one of my interests and related to my background in the field of economics. During the conference, I had a great chance to discuss and exchange views on the issues related to the theme with researchers and experts from Japan, Thailand and other countries. The second objective was to attend an international workshop organized by Kyoto University on December 16, 2016 under “The Japan-ASEAN Collaborative Research Program on Innovative Humanosphere in Southeast Asia: In Search of Wisdom toward Compatibility Growth and Community in the World”. In this workshop, all presentations were given by young Japanese and ASEAN scholars– which all were followed by a fruitful discussion among the participants - under three sub-sessions namely “Hybrid Growth”, “Revitalizing Nature” and “Peaceful Society”. This workshop provided me an opportunity to extend academic network with many young scholars doing research on socio-economic, environmental and political issues in Japan and ASEAN countries. The third objective of the visit which was the primary one was to discuss and progress the ongoing collaborative research that I was working with Dr. Patou Musumari – currently, an Assistant Professor at Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology, Kyoto University School of Public Health - on the research article titled “Improving HIV Knowledge of Cross-border migrants through the HIV Prevention Program: A quasi-experimental evaluation study in Thailand”. The study is aimed to evaluate the impacts of communication campaign of the Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Workers (MWs) in Thailand Project (PHAMIT-2 Project) on the improvement of cross-border MWs’ HIV knowledge. It was designed as a quasi-experimental analysis with use of the Coarsened Exact Matching (CEM) technique. Data of total 3,430 MWs of the PHAMIT project’s Endline Survey in 2014 was used. This article is the second one that I worked with Dr. Patou. The first one is titled “Correlates of HIV testing experience among migrant workers from Myanmar residing in Thailand: a secondary analysis from a cross-sectional survey” which has been published in the PLOS ONE.

