

API SEMINAR



Date & Time: January 18, 2013 16:00-18:00

**Venue: Small Meeting Room I (Room No. 330), Inamori Foundation Memorial Bldg.
CSEAS, Kyoto University**

Presentation 1:

By Benigno C. Balgos

Program Head

Research, Knowledge and Management, Center for Disaster Preparedness

“Philippines as the 7/11 (Convenience Store) of Disasters: Capacity Gaps and Prospects toward Risk Reduction”

Abstract

The Philippines is located in the Typhoon Belt. With that, 21 typhoons are annually passing through and hitting several parts of the country. In 2012, the Philippines' Capital Region was inundated to floodwaters due to the unnamed monsoon.

Concurrently, before 2012 ends, tropical storm Pablo devastated various parts of Southern Philippines. Both events left thousands of people homeless and hopeless.

The lecture showcases moving images of the two disasters. Also, drawing from research of 19 local government units all over the Philippines, the lecture highlights the capacity gaps and prospects for disaster risk reduction in the Philippines.

Brief Introduction of Benigno C. Balgos

Benigno C. Balgos is the Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CBDRRM) Specialist for the JICA Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Capacity Enhancement Project (DRRM-CEP) in partnership with the Government of the Philippines. Also, he is the Program Head of the Research, Knowledge Exchange and Management Unit of the Center for Disaster Preparedness –Philippines. He is likewise serving as a lecturer of Indonesian Language and Culture at the University of the Philippines - Diliman. Mr. Balgos has done various consultancy research projects on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation with UNESCAP, JICA, AusAID, UNDP, The Asia Foundation, Plan International, and the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Sussex among others. Finally, he belongs to the 10th Batch of The Nippon Foundation's Asian Public Intellectuals Fellowships Programme.

Presentation 2:

By Ekoningtyas Margu Wardani

PhD Researcher

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“Living in the 'borderland' : the dilemma of social dynamics and food security for forest-dependent people in Indonesia”

Abstract

The lecture will sharpen the view of the problems minority groups face and systematize how the global mega trend of rapid growth development process in Indonesia might impact these marginalized group. In light of that, I will endeavor to present the dilemma of the social dynamics of Orang Rimba (forest-dependent people) in Jambi Province (Indonesia), in which has a massive influences from the development process. The lecture intends to examine the extent to which indigenous knowledge has affected and influenced the wave of modernization and national development to their food security status.

Brief Introduction of Ekoningtyas Margu Wardani

Ekoningtyas Margu Wardani is a Researcher at the Center for Asia and Pacific Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Citizen of Indonesia and educated in Indonesia, Dani holds a master degree in economics from Gadjah Mada University and now she is pursuing PhD degree at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences-Leiden University (the Netherlands). She works in several research projects, including in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand. She is also the recipient of many awards, the most notable of which is the “Asian Public Intellectuals of the Year 2008-2009” Fellowship. Her focus of interest are in the area of rural development, food security, indigenous people, economic anthropology, environmental economics, internal trade and poverty related issues, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable livelihood.