

Report on the 7th ACP Conference

A report on the 7th ACP Conference held on February 28 at Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS), Japan



1. Time and date
9:00am-14:30pm, 28 February 2019
2. Venue
Kansai University of International Studies (Amagasaki Campus)
3. Meeting contents

Mr. Kanazawa, Vice Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, and Ms. Nishino, Director General of JICA Kansai were received as the guests of honor at the conference, with the participants present from the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), the Management & Science University (MSU), the Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), as well as the host university for this conference, the Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS). The Universitas Lampung (UNILA) delegates, who had to cancel their physical participation at the last moment, participated remotely through Skype. Delegates from Hokuriku Gakuin University and Miyazaki International College also participated as observers.

The meeting began with an opening address by ACP Chairperson Dr. Hamana, followed by a few words from Mr. Kanazawa as a representative of the Hyogo, and a few words from Ms. Nishino as the guest of honor.

After this, each of the participating universities gave a status report of their recent ACP activities (the Joint Certificate Program). UUM reported that 20 of its students would receive ACP joint certificates for the first time in February 2020. KUIS reported that it had trained 522 Disaster Management Instructors (“BOSAISHI”) in the 2.5 years since the course began in September of 2016, and its two students will be given the ACP joint

certificates at the end of this semester. MSU reported on its plans to launch a project in September this year to reduce the damage to homes in southern Sri Lanka, which suffered damage from floods. UNILA, which participated remotely, reported on having hosted the 6th ACP Conference and the ACP Off-Campus Program in February 2018 and expressed its intent to remain actively involved in ACP activities going forward.

Following activity reports from all the universities, Dr. Ikaputra of UGM, the university that will host the next ACP Off-Campus Program, provided an overview of the ACP Off-Campus Program implemented by UGM in 2016 and 2018, and presented a development model for future collaborative programs.

In the discussion session that followed, all the participating universities agreed to unify the name as “ACP International Field Study” for the student program. They also agreed to allow host universities of future conferences and ACP International Field Study to use their own judgment in calling for the participation of other universities in various events.



Next, presentations were given by the 20 students from five different countries and areas, as well as by the 17 students of KUIS, who participated in the ACP International Field Study, highlighting their academic achievements. Finally, Dr. Ikaputra from UGM, which will host the 8th ACP Conference, gave a welcoming address, bringing the 7th ACP Conference to a conclusion

Details of the Meeting Contents

(1) Activity Report by Each University

All the universities gave status reports on their recent ACP activities (Joint Certificate Program). Dr. Faizatul from UUM reported that 20 UUM students, in addition to taking the current three-module course (Post-disaster Recovery, Community Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and DRR study), would also take the new two-module course (Cooperate DRR, and Safety Management Study), as well as participate in Global Study, which will be implemented in February 2020, and to which UUM intends to invite other ACP universities. These are expected to enable UUM students to receive their first batch of ACP joint certificates.

Professor Murata from KUIS reported that the university had trained a total of 522 BOSAISHI (Disaster Management Instructors) in the 2.5 years since September 2016, when the course was first started. He also mentioned that, even excluding Global Study and DDR Study, the KUIS's curriculum had spanned a total of 120 hours. Further, Professor Murata reported that two students from KUIS BOSAISHI had already completed Global Study and 120 hours of coursework, passed the criteria of the KUIS Rubric, and will be given ACP joint certificates.

MSU Vice-President Dr. Ali reported that two Safety Management course activities had successfully been completed last year in Malaysia's Kelantan state, which had suffered damage from flooding. He further explained that activities for three more modules are planned for the current year, and that other ACP member university students are also welcome to participate in these activities. Additionally, Dr. Ali reported that MSU planned to launch a project in September this year to reduce the damage to homes in southern Sri Lanka, which suffered flood-related damage.

Ms. Dara from UNILA, who participated remotely, reported on the university having hosted the 6th ACP Conference and the ACP Off-Campus Program in 2018, and expressed its intent to actively participate in the next Off-Campus Program and ACP Conference too. She also mentioned that, following last year's tsunami, the importance of safety management was reaffirmed and the university also realized that there was a great deal to learn from other ACP member universities in further developing its own programs. UNILA's intent to remain actively involved in ACP activities going forward was indicated.

(2) ACP Developments Going Forward

During the discussion session, ACP Chairperson Dr. Hamana asked what the unified name for the students' off campus program would be. As for the future perspective of ACP, proposals were made to establish a master's degree program in safety management, to expand ACP to include food safety, crime prevention, environmental problems, etc., and to invite universities in Taiwan, South Korea, China, etc., as well as other Japanese universities to join the consortium. All participating universities actively exchanged opinions regarding these various proposals, and an agreement was reached on naming the students program "ACP International Field Study." It was also confirmed that each university would independently decide whether or not to offer credits for the ACP International Field Study program. With regard to deepening and broadening the details of the ACP program, it was decided to formulate a framework for evaluating academic performance, which forms the foundation of the program. Meanwhile, taking into account that despite already having 15 member universities, the number of actively participating universities were very few, it was opined that calling for the inactive members to participate more actively should take precedence over expanding the membership. It was also proposed that it was important to develop the program's website as part of the efforts to enliven activities. In conclusion, it was agreed not to expand membership at this moment, but to allow host universities of conferences and ACP International Field Study to use their own judgment in calling for the participation of other universities in various events.

The ACP International Expert Session was Convened

Before the ACP Conference, on February 27, KUIS held a research-based presentation meeting of safety management experts led by ACP member universities, as a first-of-its-kind initiative.



ACP International Expert Session

Theme	Future Perspective of Safety Management in Asia
Date & Time	27 February 2019, 13:30 p.m. - 17:00 p.m.
Venue	Room 301, Amagasaki Campus, Kansai University of International Studies
Organizer	Asian Cooperative Program (ACP)
The guest of honor	Kazumi Shindo (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
Presenter	H. Bujang Rahman (UNILA), Ikaputra (UGM) , Chong Khai Lin (UUM) , Faizatul Akmar Abdul Nifa (UUM), Gerald Ejem Potutan (International Recovery Platform), Hiroshi Inoue (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience), Seiji Suwa (University of Hyogo), Miki Kodama (Asian Disaster Reduction Center), Masahiko Murata (Kansai University of International Studies), Yasuo Kawawaki (KUIS)

The ACP Off-Campus Program was Implemented

In an effort to enhance the mutual understanding of students from different countries and areas regarding safety management, the ACP Off-Campus Program, “The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture,” was held at KUIS from February 21 to February 28, 2019. Participants in this program included 18 students from 6 consortium-member universities from 4 Southeast Asian countries, two students from Taiwan, and 17 students from KUIS. The program schedule was quite packed – apart from attending lectures at KUIS, the students also did a range of fieldwork at various facilities in and around Kobe, and experienced Japanese culture and others. On the final day, at the 7th ACP Conference, the students made a presentation on what they had learned from the program.

ACP Off-Campus Program: “The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture”

Dates: Feb. 20 (Wed), 2019- Mar. 1 (Fri), 2019

Participants: Universiti Utara Malaysia(5), Management and Science University (5), Gadjah Mada University (2), Thammasat University (2), Asia University (1), Shih Hsin University (1), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (3), The University of Danang (1), Kansai University of International University (17)

Time Table

DATE	ACTIVITY	
20-Feb	Arrival	
21-Feb	Orientation [Lecture 1] Japan’ s Disaster Risk Reduction System	[Lecture 2] "Great East Japan Earthquake andTsunami" and post-earthquake town reconstruction
22-Feb	[Lecture 3] Japan's International cooperation for disaster prevention	Experiencing Japanese Culture
23-Feb	[Field Research 1] AED training, Introduction to the survival kit for disaster	[Field Research 2] Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation institution
24-Feb	One Day Trip to Kyoto	
25-Feb	[Field Research 3] NPO "Machi Communication"	[Lecture 4] Japan’ s Safety Management Education
26-Feb	Group Research	
27-Feb	Prepare for the presentation	International Expert Session
28-Feb	The 7th ACP Conference	Certificate Award Ceremony Farewell Lunch
1-Mar	Departure	

