ACP Online International Symposium

"How has COVID-19 impacted society? How will our society be changed?" was held



26 million people were infected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) worldwide, killing more than 800 thousand people. Each country made great efforts to avoid the spread of the COVID-19, including lock down of towns, closing shops and business. Our everyday life has completely changed, and when we look at the education, universities are in difficulties with limited learning opportunities at classes and local communities, besides, all of the overseas programs are cancelled. Thus, students tend to become isolated.

Under these circumstances, Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS) together with Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) organized "Asian Cooperative Program (ACP) Online International Symposium."

The symposium was held utilizing the know-how of distance education system to bring together students from different countries in various situations. The number of participated faculty members, staffs and students through ZOOM system reached over 70 from UUM, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta (UAJY), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Universitas Lampung (UNILA), and KUIS. In addition to ZOOM system, the symposium was also live streamed through UUM Face Book and the number of its registered viewer reached 250, from UAJY, UNILA, Management and Science University (MSU), Islamic University of Raden Intan Lampung, University of Tsukuba and so on.

The symposium was started by an opening speech of Dr. Atsushi HAMANA, the president of KUIS, ACP Chairperson. Dr. HAMANA's opening speech was followed by "Report of COVID-19 Impact and Future of Higher Education" from four Specialists represented UUM, UGM, UAJY and KUIS.

Next, "Special Report: How Kobe City is corresponding to the COVID-19 crisis and its future strategy" was made by Mr. Masumi Taniguchi, Director General, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Kobe City Government. Kobe is the city where one of KUIS's campuses, Kobeyamate Campus, is located.

ACP Online International Symposium

[Date & Time]

- September 22 (Tuesday), 2020
- 15: 30 ~ 18:10 (Japan time)

[Organizer]

- Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS)
- Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)

[Co-organizer]

• Asian Cooperative Program (ACP) Consortium

[Number of Attendants]

- ZOOM: 74
 UUM, UGM, UAJY, UTAR, UNILA, Kobe
 City Government and KUIS
- UUM FB Live Streaming: 250 UAJY, UNILA, MSU, Islamic University

15:30-15:35	Opening Remarks and Stating the Issues
	Dr. Atsushi Hamana (ACP Chair, President, KUIS)
15:35-16:15	Report of COVID-19 Impact and Future of Higher
	Education
	1. Dr. Atsushi Hamana (President, KUIS)
	2. Dr. Suria Musa (Director of Disaster Management
	Institute, STML, UUM)
	3. Dr. Agung Harijoko (Head, Center for Disaster Studies
	(PSBA), Universitas Gadjah Mada)
	4. Dr. Desideria Cempaka Wijaya Murti (The Covid-19 Task
	Force Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta)
16:15-16:25	Special Report: How Kobe City is corresponding to the
	COVID-19 crisis and its future strategy
	Mr. Masumi Taniguchi (Director General, Planning and
	Coordination Bureau, Kobe City Government)
16:25-16:40	Break
16:40-18:00	Student Presentations
	1. Kansai University of International Studies
	2. Universiti Utara Malaysia
	3. Universitas Gadjah Mada
	4. Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta
18:00-18:10	Summary and Closing
	Prof. Dr. Ayoib Che Ahmad (UUM Deputy Vice Chancellor,
	Research and Innovation)

Dr. Hamana- KUIS



Dr. Harijoko - UGM







Dr. Desideria – UAJY



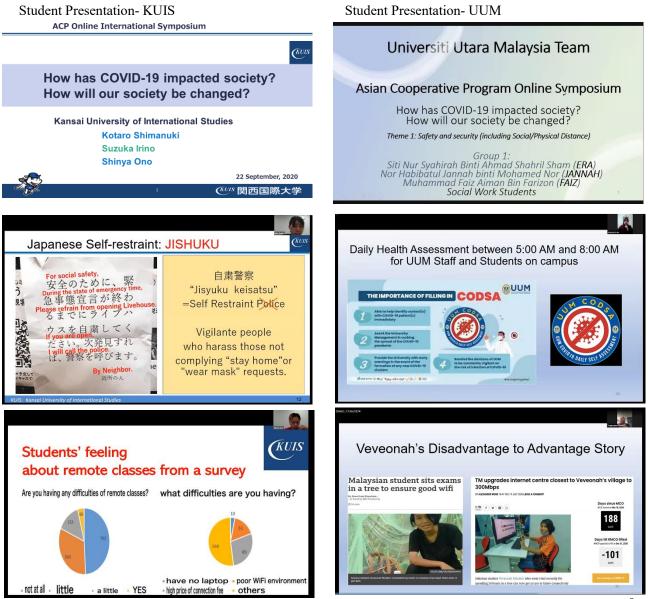
Mr. Taniguchi - Kobe City Government



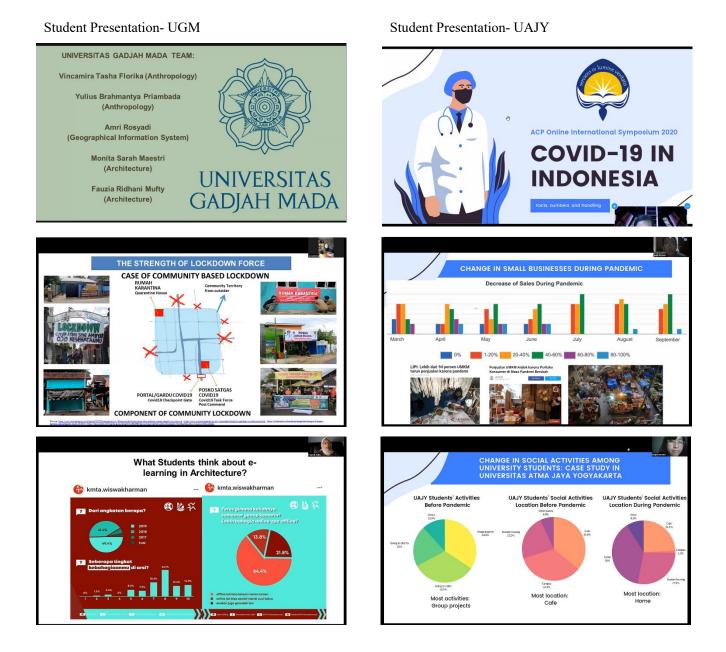
After an intermission, the second half of the symposium was started. Here student representative groups from each universities, UUM, UGM, UAJY and KUIS, made presentation. The presentation theme was "University education and student's lives in the eyes of university students Under COVID-19 Crisis."

At Questions and Answer Section, lots of questions were raised by participated faculty members such as "How do your university's

who needs laboratory practical work cope with the online learning? Does the university allow them to come to the University for their lab work? If so.. what is the SOP for the students who wish to come to university for lab work?," "As university students, how can you help the community specifically the small business owners to survive in current situation?," and so on. Participants made lively discussion and exchanged views based on their national circumstances and everyday lives.



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The symposium ended with summary and closing address by Prof. Dr. Ayoib Che Ahmad, UUM Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation. Prof. Dr. Ahmad remarked the significance to provide students with opportunities to build new relationships and think about their own values and ways of life.

The symposium ended successfully. The next ACP meeting is planned to be held in February 2021.

Prof. Dr. Ayoib - UUM

