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### **Report on the 12th ACP Conference**

The 12th ACP Conference was held on September 19, 2023 at The University of Da Nang (UD) in Da Nang, Vietnam. In the morning, there was the ACP Expert Session, and in the afternoon, there were presentations by students participating in The 19th ACP International Field Study Program, the ACP Meeting, and the ACP Gala Dinner. The day was a very exciting one.

### **ACP Expert Session**

The theme of this ACP Expert Session was "Safety Management for Sustainable Development in Asia". The session started with Opening Remarks by Prof. Le Quang Son, Vice President of UD, followed by a keynote speech by Dr. Hamana Atsushi, ACP Chair and President of Kansai University of International Studies (KUISs), and presentations by researchers from UD, KUISs, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Management and Science University (MSU), and Atma Jaya Yogyakarta University (UAJY) followed. This session was conducted in a hybrid format, with two researchers from UUM presenting online. We were also pleased to have online participants from University of the Philippines Diliman.

#### Presentations

- The Challenges Facing Japanese Higher Education: Inter-University Partnerships & Collaborations (Prof. Dr. Hamana Atsushi, ACP Chairperson, President of KUISs)
- Empowering refugees during relocation period: The case of the 2010 eruption of Mount Merapi (Dr. Yosef Daryanto, Vice Rector for Student, Alumni and Partnership Affairs, UAJY)
- Challenges of Heritage Buildings in Preventing Mosquito-borne Infectious Diseases: The Case of George Town, Penang, Malaysia (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faizatul Akmar Abdul Nifa, UUM) [On Line]
- DRR in Da Nang (Dr. Hoang Hai, UD)
- Development of medical containers Standardization efforts for use during disasters – (Assoc. Prof. Tanaka Ayako, KUISs)
- Well-being Cost of Behavioral Restrictions by COVID-19 (Prof. Dr. Kawawaki Yasuo, KUISs)
- Climate change in Vietnam (Dr. Nguyen Duong Quang Chanh, UD)
- An Interdisciplinary Approach in Improving Preparedness for Post-Disaster Dengue in George Town, Penang, Malaysia (Dr. Khai Lin Chong, UUM)
  [On Line]
- The Role of Safety Law and Risk Assessment in Preventing Accidents in the Workplace: Malaysia







An Interdisciplinary Approach in Improving Preparedness for Post-Disaster Dengue in George Town, Penang, Malaysia

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**ACP Expert Session Participants** 

# The 19th ACP International Field Study Program

The 19th ACP International Field Study Program was held from September 10th to 19th under the theme of "Climate Change and Practice: Disaster Risk Reduction in Vietnam." A total of 19 students participated in the program: 8 students from KUISs, 5 from UAJY, and 6 from UD. The students were divided into four multinational groups and worked autonomously on DRR education at an elementary school, fieldworks in areas affected by natural disasters, and so on.



DRR education at Tiểu La elementary School in Da Nang

the 19th ACP International Field Study Program Schedule				
Date	Event			
Sep. 10 (Sun)	13:00- Orientation			
	Excursion in Da Nang City			
(Suii)	Opening Ceremony			
	Activity 1 – Preparation for DRR Education			
Sep. 11	Opening Ceremony			
(Mon)	Lecture 1 – DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) in Da Nang			
	Lecture 2 – Climate Change in Vietnam			
Sep. 12	Activity 2 – DRR Education @ Tiểu La elementary School in			
(Tue)	Da Nang City			
Sep. 13	Fieldtrip 1 (Huyện Hoa Vang; Flood and Agricultural			
(Wed)	Production and Land Slide)			
Sep. 14	Fieldtrip 2 (Da Nang City, water shortage and Dam Facility)			
(Thu)	Prelating 2 (Da Nang City, water shortage and Dam Pacinty)			
Sep. 15	Activity 4 - Meeting on "DRR Education in Each Countries"			
(Fri)	with students of University of Education, Da Nang University			
Sep. 16	Activity 5 – Field Data Analysis			
(Sat)	Activity 6 – Preparation for Student Presentation			
Sep. 17	Excursion at historical site in Hue City			
(Sun)				
Sep. 18	Student Presentation (best two teams will be selected)			
(Mon)				
	Presentation by selected two student teams			
Sep. 19	ACP Expert Session			
(Tue)	ACP Meeting			
	ACP Gala Dinner			



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Field Research in Hòa Vang District



Gala Dinner wearing ethnic costumes

### **The Student Presentation**

On the 18th, the day before the ACP Conference, each student group gave a presentation reporting what they learned from the program, and two excellent presentation groups were selected. They also presented at the 12th ACP Conference.



Students preparing for their presentation



Group 3, winner of the Best Presentation Award



Group 2, the second place winner

### **The 12th ACP Meeting**

The student presentations were followed by the 12th ACP meeting. The following were discussed at the meeting.

• Prof. Kawawaki at KUISs announced that the collaborative program with ACP member universities has been selected by the Toyota Foundation for its international grant program. The project aims to raise the disaster risk reduction awareness in local communities by establishing ACDRI (Asian Citizens Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative) among four universities in three countries: Japan (KUISs), Malaysia (UUM), and Indonesia (UGM and UAJY). The project period is from November 2023 to October 2025. The project aims to involve other ACP member universities in the project in the future.

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- ACP Chair Dr. Hamana proposed to start offering micro-credentials among ACP member universities. By adopting micro-credentials, which divide learning content into more detailed units and certify them individually, it will be possible to offer common courses without being affected by national differences in degree systems. Micro-credentialing is also effective in the education of adults with time constraints, and its introduction is desirable for the training of local disaster prevention leaders.
- It was decided that the 13th Conference and ACP International Field Study Program will be hosted by UAJY and will take place in mid-August 2024

Meeting Attendants

	Institution	Name	Department	Affiliation (Job Title)
	UAJY	Dr. Yosef Daryanto	Departement of Industrial Engineering	Vice Rector for Student, Alumni and Partnership Affairs
	MSU	Dr. Nurul Asyikeen Abdul Jabar	Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies	Associate Professor
	MSU	Dr. Nor' Ain Abdullah	Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies	Faculty Research Coordinator and Senor lecturer
ON LINE	UUM	Dr. Khai Lin Chong	Disaster Management Institute (DMI)	Director
ON LINE	UUM	Dr. Faizatul Akmar Abdul Nifa	Disaster Management Institute (DMI)	Research Fellow
	UD	Prof. Le Quang Son		Vice president
	UD	Dr. Hoang Hai	Japan Center / Environmental Research & Protection Center (EPRC)	Director
	KUISs	Dr. Hamana Atsushi		President
	KUISs	Dr. Kawawaki Yasuo	School of Psychology	Professor
	KUISs	Ms. Tanaka Ayako	School of Management	Associate professor



ACP Meeting

