

The 20th ACP International Field Study Program in Kobe was Successfully Completed

Kansai University of International Studies (KUISs) recently hosted the ACP International Field Study Program in Kobe, Japan, with the topic of "The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture" Program. The ACP International Field Study Program has been continuously conducted by the ACP Consortium since 2016 with the aim of developing human resources capable of managing the development of a "safe and secure" Asia. This program in Kobe was the 20th anniversary of the ACP International Field Study Program.



A Group photo at World Heritage "Byodoin," Kyoto

Sixteen students from five universities in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan participated in this program and received intensive training for 12 days from February 29 to March 11. The students attended lectures by experts, conducted fieldwork at many locations including Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution and the earthquake restoration area in Nagata-ku, Kobe, and also experienced Japanese culture through visits to World Heritage sites in Kyoto and homestays with volunteer families. President Hamana of KUISs attended the program's debriefing session and witnessed the results of the students' studies.

Participated Universities

[Indonesia]

- Universitas Gadjah Mada
- Universitas Lampung
- Universitas Atma Jaya Yogyakarta

[Malaysia]

- Management and Science University

[Japan]

- Kansai University of International Studies

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Dr. Hayashi (left) and Dr. Tachibana in charge of the program



Field work at Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation

What they did

DAY	DATE		AM	PM
1	29-Feb	Thu	Airport pick up	Program Guidance
2	1-Mar	Fri	Opening Ceremony (Welcome speech by Vice President Ashizawa)	[Field Research] Sannomiya-Motomach walkthrough
3	2-Mar	Sat	[Lecture] The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and Emergency Response: Disaster Legislation in	[Movie] "The Sound of the Waves"
4	3-Mar	Sun	[Lecture] Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Reconstruction Plan and Community Reconstruction	[Field Research] Long-term Recovery of Residence area in Kobe : walk through [Okamoto-
5	4-Mar	Mon	One Day Trip to Kyoto [Byodoin Temple (world heritage), Kinkakuji (world heritage)]	
6	5-Mar	Tue	[Lecture] Japan's Agriculture [Lecture] HANSHIN-KAN modernism culture and natural disaster: focusing on the Hanshin Great Flood Disaster of 1938	[Field Research] Tour: HAT Kobe - Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution - Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art - Reconstruction Houses
7	6-Mar	Wed	[Lecture] Kobe's Reconstruction from a Long-Term Perspective	[Field Research] Tour: Higashi Yuenchi - Monument to the Victims of the Earthquake - Remains of the Earthquake (Expressway) - Minato no Mori Park - Daiichi Jetty [Night View Tour] Mt. Rokko
8	7-Mar	Thu	[Lecture] by Citizens towards Overseas Disaster Emergency (CODE)	[Group Work] Prepare for the final presentation
9	8-Mar	Fri	[The final presentation]	[Completion Ceremony] [Farewell Lunch]
10	9-Mar	Sat	Home Stay	
11	10-Mar	Sun	Home Stay	
12	11-Mar	Mon	Airport send off	

Program Introduction by Dr. Mampei Hayashi

The program was designed to study the policy response in Japan at each stage of the crisis management cycle during a large-scale disaster: emergency response, recovery and reconstruction, and mitigation, with a focus on the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.



Field work in Kobe Kitano area

The program consisted of two parts. In the first part, I delivered comprehensive lectures on policy issues related to the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. In addition, Dr. Tachibana gave lecture about the Hanshinkan Modernism and 1938 Hanshin Flood based on the novel “The Makioka Sisters” to clarify the historic background of the Kobe city and its neighboring areas. Furthermore, Dr. Kitamura provided a lecture about the Japanese Agricultural Policy and its challenges. The agriculture industry today has assumed to be a promising industry in Kobe city. Also, Masamichi Yoshitsubaki, the Secretary General of the NGO CODE, presented the today’s situation about the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake and the role of the NGO in regard with relief activities.

In the second part, a field study was conducted in the disaster-stricken areas, including Nagata ward, Higashinada ward and Sannomiya area, to observe the current situation of the long-term recovery.

One of the highlights of the program was to watch a documentary film “The Sound of Waves,” directed by the Oscar winning director Ryusuke Hamaguchi and Ko Sakai. Through the conversations of the victims of 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, participants learned the reality of the disaster victims.



Towards Reconstruction: Hope Beyond the Disaster

- Japan Reconstruction Design Council, 2011
- UU 24 year 2007 concerning Disaster Management



Final presentation by Group 1

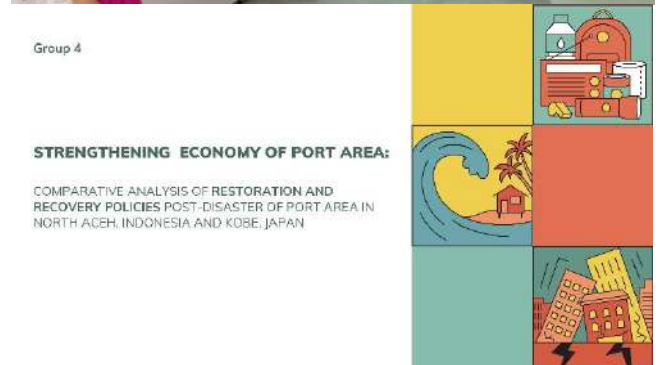


Final presentation by Group 2

The Best Presentation Award Winner



Final presentation by Group 3



Final presentation by Group 4

Words from participants

- This program is amazing! Learning about disaster risk management in super fun and exciting way! Hopefully the future students also can enjoy the program as well.
- My impression is that this program truly broadens our knowledge especially regarding how Japan handles the regulation and mitigation about the natural disaster. I truly learn a lot from this program. I hope that this program could continue to give positive impact and knowledge to the future students who participate in this program as well.



A Group photo with President Hamana