

Report on the 6th ACP Conference

A report on the 6th ACP Conference held on February 12 at the University of Lampung (UNILA), Indonesia.



1. Time and date
9:30am - 3:30pm February 12, 2018
2. Venue
University of Lampung, Main Meeting Room, 2nd Floor Rectorate Building
3. Meeting contents
Upon the opening of the Conference, Prof. Dr. Hasriadi Mat Akin, Rector of University of Lampung (UNILA), made welcome remarks and ACP chairperson Dr. Atsushi Hamana, the President of Kansai University of International Studies (KUIS) made opening remarks.
Dr. Raditya Jati, from the National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB), was then invited as a special guest to give a keynote lecture. Dr. Jati described the current situation regarding natural disasters in Indonesia, the development of the country's disaster risk reduction organization, and BNPB initiatives.
Following the Keynote speech, ACP chairperson Dr. Hamana gave a presentation and reviewed the history to date of the ACP activities and achievements, which focuses on safety management. Dr. Hamana continuously explained further development of the ACP Certificate Program as the step towards Global Action Learning and the curriculum of KUIS and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM, Malaysia) certificate program, which is currently being planned.

Example of Certificate Program implemented by KUIS / to be transferred to UUM

		Subject	Hours	Materials	Credit Hours
Common Syllabus	Jointly Developed Common Curriculum	Safety Management Study	20	KUIS/UUM	3 Subjects for about 60 hours
		Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction	20	KUIS/UUM	
		Post Disaster Recovery	20	KUIS/UUM	
		...		Other Members	
Individual Syllabus	Individual Curriculum by each University	Corporate Disaster Reduction	20	KUIS	2 Subjects for about 40 hours
		International Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction	20		
		Service Learning (Off Campus)	20		
		Disaster Risk Reduction Study		UUM, Other Members	
		Disaster Response, Rescue and Relief			
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Off Campus Program	Global Study	20	Host University	1 Subject for about 20 hours	

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Dr. Hamana also introduced the results of the short-term off-campus programs, which are held alternately in South East Asia and Japan for students of ACP member universities. In this year's program, the participants from UUM, UP Diliman, UNILA and KUIS formed groups and went on field trips to Liwa city, West Lampung where the huge earthquake happened in 1994. They interviewed local people, exchanged opinions in their groups, and on the final day, at the ACP conference, gave a group presentation on the knowledge they have acquired.

Already about one hundred students have participated in the programs and deepened their knowledge of safety management.





Dr. Hamana's presentation also covered the Japanese school education reforms and the institutional reform of KUIS.

In the overall discussion which followed, the future progression of the points listed below was discussed.

1) In elementary and junior high schools in each country, disaster and evacuation drills are held. However, they are not implemented as "education". Therefore, the necessity of including disaster risk reduction in education was strongly recognized. Accordingly, it was acknowledged that the training of teachers who will advance disaster education is an urgent issue. In Japan teachers have the opportunity to be trained when they renew their teaching license, however, this chance is not available to teachers in some other countries. All the participants agreed to tackle the issue of teacher education as a research issue in the future.

2) It was decided that time would be set aside at the next ACP conference to present the research results regarding teacher training to promote school disaster risk reduction education. Extending future ACP conference to one and a half days to provide time not only for the conference but also for researchers to present their results will be considered.

3) The Mayor of Liwa City, which the students visited on the off-campus program at UNILA, expressed great interest in Japan's disaster risk reduction measures. Thus, it was decided to arrange for the representatives of UNILA and the Mayor of Liwa City to visit KUIS and observe the disaster risk reduction systems of Miki and Kobe. The visit is expected to take place around June of this year, and to last for three days.

4) It was decided to begin to consider sending teachers from Indonesia to Japan with a view to implementing a course certificate program.

The presentations by students who participated in the off-campus program followed, and a signing ceremony of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for joint course program promotion was held. Dr. Hamana, President of KUIS, and Dr. Mahatma Kufepaksi, Vice President of UNILA, signed the MOA. Unfortunately, the representatives of UUM and Management and Science University (MSU, Malaysia) were absent, so only two universities were signatories. However, agreement has already been reached among four institutions, KUIS, MSU, UUM, and UNILA, so it is expected that the MOA will come into effect soon.

Finally, it was confirmed that the 7th ACP conference will be held at KUIS in February, 2019.

