

## ACP International field study

### The ACP International Field Study Was Implemented



In an effort to enhance the mutual understanding of students from different countries and areas regarding safety management, the ACP International Field Study, “The Japanese Safety Management and Japanese Culture,” was held at KUIS from February 21 to February 28, 2020. Participants in this program included 18 students from 5 consortium-member universities from 3 Southeast Asian countries and 6 students from KUIS.

The program contained many activities – apart from lectures at KUIS campus and fieldworks at various facilities in and around Kobe, the students also went one day trip to Kyoto to learn about Japanese traditional culture and furthermore they experienced staying with Japanese families. On the final day, the students made a presentation on what they had learned from the program.

In response to the occurrence of novel coronavirus infections, the program content was partially revised. The sending and hosting universities cooperated to ensure that all the latest recommended virus precautions were taken. For example, the participating students were made to wear masks and to diligently wash their hands with alcohol disinfectant. Thankfully, all the students were able to complete the program without incident and in good health.



President Dr. Hamana gave an address of welcome



Students in the class with masks on

## Program Details

### Dates

Feb. 21 (Fri), 2020-

Feb. 28 (Fri), 2020

### Participants

#### Indonesia

Gadjah Mada University (4 students)

University of Lampung (4)

#### Malaysia

Universiti Utara Malaysia (4)

Management and Science University (3)

#### Thailand

Thammasat University (3)

#### Japan

Kansai University of International  
Studies (6)

### Lecture

This program was led by Prof. Hiroshi Sato of the KUIS School of Human Sciences and Dr. Manpei Hayashi of the KUIS School of Management. Professor Sato was in charge of Japanese students, while Dr. Hayashi delivered lectures on campus. Dr. Hayashi's research interests and activities include economic reconstruction after major disaster, the formation of cities, the correlation of public security with social factors, and analysis of real estate prices.

### Field Researches

At the Hyogo Disaster Management Center, students were given an overview of the measures currently taken by the regional government to counter the threat of a Nankai megathrust earthquake (a quake along the fault under the Nankai Trough). Then, after studying an exhibition on the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and observing scenes of the tsunami damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake at the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, the students visited the Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research Institute to learn about the current state of disaster research.

DATE	ACTIVITY
2/20	Students Arrival
2/21	Orientation [Field Research 1] The Hyogo Disaster Management Center
2/22	[Lecture 1] Was it Emergency Response? What happened after 1995 Hanshin Awaji Great Earthquake? [Lecture 2] Call for Disaster Recovery in the context of Regional Development [Lecture 3] The importance of Social Vulnerability: Toward Disaster Resilient
2/23	One Day Trip to Kyoto
2/24	Stay with host families
2/25	[Lecture 4] Build Back Better? Evaluating the Long-term Recovery process of Kobe Kobe Shore Excursion
2/26	[Field Research 2] Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI) [Field Research 3] Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research Institute (Hem21)
2/27	[Group Work] Prepare for the final presentation [Workshop] held by Citizens towards Overseas Disaster Emergency (CODE)
2/28	The final presentation Certificate Award Ceremony

Mr. Masamichi Yoshitsubaki, Secretary General of CODE (Citizens towards Overseas Disaster Emergency), a Kobe-based international NGO dedicated to disaster recovery support, led a workshop for the students. He explained the concept of supporting disaster recovery from a citizen's perspective, and talked about initiatives to educate future generations, financed by the CODE Future Fund.

The students also spent a half-day walking around Sannomiya and Shin-Nagata to visit some earthquake-affected sites to understand the challenges and current state of disaster recovery efforts.



In the class with Dr. Hayashi (center) and Professor Sato (on Dr. Hayashi's right)



Field work at The Hyogo Disaster Management Center

## More Activities



Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto



Kyoto Imperial Palace



Takoyaki Party with a host family

Here we present the titles of each lecture and activities with the response given by students, based on questionnaires submitted after the end of the program.

ACTIVITY	STUDENT'S VOICE
Lecture 3: The importance of Social Vulnerability: Toward Disaster Resilient Society	Very good lecture as the effects of earthquake not just only monetary damage, but non-monetary damage such as social capital should be included
Field Research 3: Hyogo Earthquake Memorial 21st Century Research Institute (Hem21)	The museum is amazing, it can improve my disaster awareness by feeling someone's sadness, pain, through their stories and messages.
Workshop: Held by Citizens towards Overseas Disaster Emergency (CODE)	We need to apply the specific method on approaching people overseas because of their culture, so they can trust and cooperative with us, it makes the evacuation become effective and efficient.
Home Stay	I felt very happy that I got to experience living with a Japanese family and my host family is really nice and caring



## **Final presentations**

On the final day of the program, students were divided into groups by university to make presentations about what they learned during the program. In the morning, students who had prepared late into the previous night looked nervous. In addition to Prof. Sato and Dr. Hayashi, Prof. Murata (Director of the Safety Management Education and Research Center at KUIS), Prof. Kawawaki (Director of Global Education Center at KUIS), and Associate Prof. Ito (Department of International Communication), were also present for the presentation session. A rubric-based assessment of each presentation was performed. On the basis of the rigorous reviews, the Best Presentation Prize was won by the University of Lampung group.

After the Best Presentation Prize was awarded, Prof. Kawawaki, the Director of the Global Education Center, gave each student a certificate of program completion. Each student also received a commemorative gift from Dr. Hayashi.



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UGM Group



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The next ACP International Field Study will be held in August 2020 at Universiti Utara Malaysia.