

JSPS-Asian Core Program

“Research and Education Center for the Risk Based Asian Oriented Integrated Watershed Management”

1st Comprehensive Symposium

Representative: Yoshihisa SHIMIZU

Date: February 28th, 2012

Place: Jinyu-Hall (Bldg. C1-311), Kyoto University at Katsura, Japan

Organized by Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University

Co-organized by Kyoto University Global COE Program “Global Center for Education and Research on Human Security Engineering for Asian Megacities”, and Kyoto University EML Program “International Center for Human Resource Development in Environmental Management”

Number of Participants: More than 120

Participants from Japan: Yoshihisa Shimizu, Minoru Yoneda, Hiroshi Tsuno, Yuzuru Matsuoka, Hiroaki Tanaka, Sadahiko Itoh, Hirohisa Takano, and Masaki Takaoka (Prof., Dept. of Environ. Eng., Kyoto Univ.); Shigeo Fujii (Prof., GSGES, Kyoto Univ.); Masahisa Nakamura (Prof., Shiga Univ.); Fumiaki Taniguchi (Prof., Konan Univ.); Shinji Ide (Prof., Univ. of Shiga Pref.); Hiroshi Yamamoto (Assoc. Prof., Univ. of Tokushima); Keisuke Sato (Lecturer, Ritsumeikan Univ.); Hidetaka Takigami (Natl. Inst. for Env. Studies)

Participants from Malaysia: Nik Meriam Binti Nik Sulaiman, Mohd Jamil Bin Maah, Md Ghazaly Bin Shaaban, Mustafa Bin Ali Mohd, and Hilmi Bin Mahmud (Prof., Univ. of Malaya); Zulkifli Yusop (Univ Teknol. Malaysia); Salmaan H. Inayat-Hussain, Mazlin Bin Mokhtar, Lee Yook Heng, Ekhwan Bin Toriman, Muhammad Barzani Gasim, Izani Bin Ibrahim (Univ. Kebangsaan Malaysia)

Purpose

This program has been started last April. This symposium is the first opportunity to get together for researchers from both countries. The purpose of this symposium is to know each other and to discuss 4 groups' research plan for next 4 years.

Achievement and Results

At the beginning of symposium, Dean of the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University, Prof. Satoru KOMORI held welcome remark. He expressed his will to support this program based on the nearly 30-year history between the Graduate School of Engineering and many universities in Malaysia.

Subsequently, the Coordinator of Japanese side, Prof. Yoshihisa SHIMIZU looked back preceding program between the Graduate School of Engineering

and Malaysia, introduced and explained the specific objectives of this program.

The Coordinator of Malaysian side, Prof. Nik Meriam Nik Sulaiman emphasized the importance of 4 groups' research (hydrology, water quality, environmental risk, and governance) and their mutual relationship. She showed a movie that enlightens importance of water. Then, Leader of Group 4, Prof. Masahisa NAKAMURA of Shiga University made a keynote lecture on Integrated Lake Basin Management (ILBM).

In the afternoon, each group had discussion to consider their concrete research and educational plan of next 5 years. Finally, each group got together again and presented their discussion summary. This symposium, in which more than 120 persons (43 from Malaysia) participated, ended in wonderful atmosphere and with great success.



Participants in Jinyu Hall