# Program Overview (Development Studies Programs Offered by Various Universities)

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## Program Outline

The Graduate School of International Resource Sciences was established to cultivate specialists with wide-ranging knowledge in fields from earth science to resource development and environmental conservation. Students will pursue studies at the leading edge of their disciplines in the fields of (1) Resource and Earth Sciences and (2) Resource Development in order to gain the expertise required to operate as global leaders with advanced knowledge of Environmental Science working towards a sustainable society.

## Outline of Subjects

**“Resource Exploration in Japan”**
Instructor: All instructors in the Department of Earth Resource Science

Students learn and current situation of resource exploration in Japan. As well as history and background of exploration of petroleum, gas, and mineral resources, students learn some cases, current situations, and academic backgrounds of resource explorations done by Japanese companies, government, and universities. They will also understand the cooperation with the resource nations.

**“Resource Management”**
Instructor: Prof. Hiroshi Nawata

This course presents the analytical frameworks and concepts used in cultural anthropology, social ecology, and area studies as a basis for integrated resource management and community development at local and regional levels with a particular focus on indigenous knowledge and participatory approach.

## Related URL

Syllabus: [https://gsw.cis.akita-u.ac.jp/portal/slbsskgr.do](https://gsw.cis.akita-u.ac.jp/portal/slbsskgr.do)

## Program’s appeal

Message for future JICA scholars:
Mr. Assadi Nangialai
(PEACE program, enrolled in 2018)

**Daily Life**

It’s my first time in Japan. I really loved the city and I’m glad that I came here. Akita is a beautiful city, a lot of things to see, and
people are very willing to talk to you. I really liked Senshu Park, as there something is always going on and you have things to do, I also liked the cherry blossoms, street food and pleasant people.

I live in a single apartment is a very comfortable place. When I go to campus, it takes me about 10 minutes to get from apartment. Then I go to class and have discussions with the other students—mostly with people on the same program. We are all from the different background of joining the JICA, MEXT and leading program scholarship from developing countries. We have very good interaction with our professors very lively discussions.

When I'm not in class, I enjoy using the library, which has a variety of resources, and also we can find out many interested books in the library.

**Academic Life**

My second year of study was mainly focused on writing term papers and my thesis, where I applied the knowledge gained earlier. Indeed, in my workplace, these types of knowledge and experience support me in providing analytical notes on environmental conditions.

Apart from the excellent academic experiences, I also reaped benefits of being a part of multi-cultural student body. I continuously learned how to share ideas with people from different backgrounds and perspectives. The intensive and extensive interactions with people from different countries and cultures equipped me with better interpersonal skills as well as I honestly invite the new JICA participant without any hesitated chosen the Akita University.

There are many things to say about the goodness of Akita University, including the outstanding library and computing services, interesting club activities, various events with the local community, and many more. To sum up, Akita University gave me not only the best study experience ever but also gave me the privilege of learning about others cultures, beliefs and perspectives. These all have helped me to succeed in my career after Akita University. Come to Akita University, you will not be disappointed.