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From October 9 to 14 for six days, the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group will be held in Tokyo. This is the second time since 1964, the year of the Tokyo Olympics, when the Annual Meetings were held first in Japan. This year is also the 60th anniversary that Japan became a member state of the IMF and the World Bank.

While the 1964 Annual Meetings marked a renewed postwar Japan, the significance of the Meetings this year is to address the new start and recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, together with the revival of the global economy currently shadowed by uncertainty.

This Annual Meetings meet government officials of member states including Japan, who participate in a number of formal and informal conferences. At Program of Seminars (POS)—a series of high-level seminars—the panelists from governments, private sectors and academia will discuss the important development agendas to make intellectual contribution.

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Referring to the interaction between jobs—the core agenda of World Development Report (WDR) 2013—and economic growth, JICA-RI



Research Fellow Miyazaki Coordinates the collaborative research (Center)

has been conducting collaborative research on Bangladesh with BRAC, the world's biggest NGO, and the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. Despite its initial disadvantageous circumstances, Bangladesh has recently shown rapid economic growth, driven by the smooth shift in employment structure from unskilled workforce in agriculture to non-agricultural sectors. The above-mentioned research analyzes the factors that enabled this smooth transformation. The outcome of this collaborative research is published as a Companion Volume of WDR 2013: Jobs.

JICA-RI Visiting Fellow [Yasuyuki Sawada](#) (Professor of the University of Tokyo) and Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director of BRAC in Bangladesh, co-authors of the 2013 WDR Companion Volume, will participate in this seminar as panelists, where a fruitful discussion is expected in light of the result of the joint research.

Besides the above-mentioned panelists, JICA-RI participants include: Director [Akio Hosono](#), Deputy Director [Naohiro Kitano](#), and Research Fellow [Suguru Miyazaki](#), who coordinated the collaborative research project in Bangladesh.



Visiting Research Fellow Sawada (left), Dr. Hossain (right)

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This is the fourth forum of the PRC(People's Republic of China) - ADB Knowledge Sharing Platform, an initiative established in 2008 by China's Ministry of Finance and the ADB with the aim of improving the quality and efficiency of South-South knowledge cooperation.

ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda and China's Assistant Minister of Finance Zheng Xiaosong, as well as some 40 participants from 16 countries and two international organizations attended the three sessions of this meeting.

At one of the sessions, "An Evolving Agenda for Effective Development Partnerships," JICA-RI Deputy Director [Naohiro Kitano](#) gave a presentation on [JICA's experiences with South-South and Triangular Cooperation](#). Referring to the results of JICA-RI research, he stressed that JICA's South-South Triangular Cooperation projects are characterized by the "Centers of Excellence: CoE," implementing agencies of developing countries, the role of which scale-

up their experience and knowledge through cooperation with JICA, to share them with other developing countries.

Kitano, citing a few cases from JICA's experience, introduced "Total Quality Management (TQM) for Better Hospital Management" program in Africa, with the cooperation between JICA, Sri Lanka and Tanzania and "ProSAVANA," an agricultural development in the African Savannah through the triangular cooperation of Japan, Brazil and Mozambique.

Furthermore, he touched on a number of ongoing collaborations between Japan and China since the high-level meeting between JICA's former President Sadako Ogata and China's Vice President Li Keqiang in 2009, including with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Commerce, China Ex-Im Bank and the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC).

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With a theme of “Japan-ROK-China Cooperation and TPP: Regional and Global Impacts,” in the second session of the first day, Kobayashi made a presentation on the significance and possibility of Japan-ROK-China cooperation in light of development. He, using Cambodia cases, introduced “Asian development cooperation model,” which stresses the importance of infrastructure. He also pointed out that the future cooperation among the three countries plays a role in filling the shortage of fund for infrastructure which other donor countries can't offer.

Referring to the possibility of the tripartite cooperation, Kobayashi emphasized that the good practices that can be shared and learnt among the three countries—Japan's accumulated aid experiences over years; China's swift implementation and flexibility to aid; and Korea's ability to set up agendas—will be beneficial to the international donor community,

and have an impact on global governance.

JICA-RI is under a preliminary stage of research on comparative research on bilateral development cooperation, considering targeting the newly emerging nations of the G20. Attending this workshop provided an opportunity to comprehend the latest agendas over the G20, as well as to explore the possibilities of building a network with researchers familiar with situation of each member state, and of making a framework of cooperation with research institutes of possible counterpart countries.

On the second day, Deputy Director Kitano exchanged views with SIIS Vice President Chen Dongxiao regarding future bilateral interactions in the field of development policy. At the SIIS, then JICA President Sadako Ogata gave a speech titled “Asia in the Era of Globalization and Prospect for Japan-China Relations” in October 2010.

Note: This workshop was hosted by SIIS partnering with the Stanley Foundation in the United States, the Global Summitry Project at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, and the KDI (a new partner this year). It provides a forum for discussion on G20 concept and international contribution from the academic and policy aspects.

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