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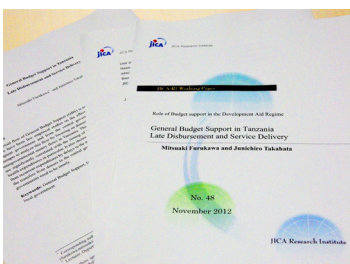
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IPD (Initiative for Policy Dialogue) African Taskforce conference was convened in conjunction with JICA-RI at Columbia University in New York on November 13 and 14. This meeting aimed to discuss the future direction of African development toward TICAD V, which will be held in Yokohama in June 2013. From JICA-RI, Director **Akio Hosono** and Research Program Division Director Go Shimada gave presentations and joined the panel discussion.



Hosono JICA-RI Director

About 20 economists including Nobel Prize Economist Joseph Stiglitz participated in the meeting: Dr. Yaw Ansu, Chief Economist of ACET (African Center for Economic Transformation); Prof. Akbar Noman of Columbia University; Prof. Ravi Kanbur of Cornell University; Dr. Martin Rama, Director of 2013 World Development Report of the World Bank; Prof. Danny Leipziger of the George Washington University; Dr. Shahid Yusuf, Chief Economist of the Growth Dialogue; Dr. Justin Y. Lin, former Chief Economist of the World Bank; Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr of the New School; Dr. Ha-Joon Chang of Cambridge University; and Dr. Maurice Kugler, Head of UNDP Human Development Report Office.

In this meeting, participants gave presentations and discussed a wide range of issues in Africa: industrial policies and economic structural adjustment, growth and employment, development finance, sustainability and equity, and post-MDGs. The presenters from JICA-RI introduced their insights applicable for development assistance in Africa drawing on JICA's experiences in Thailand, Chile, Brazil and Singapore, as well as specific aid case in Ethiopia, together with an exchange of opinions on development assistance for Africa.



Prof. Stiglitz

The other participants in the discussion from JICA included Senior Special Advisor Hiroshi Kato, Chief Representative of JICA U.S. Office Keiichiro Nakazawa, and JICA-RI Research Officer Ippei Tsuruga. In preparation for TICAD V scheduled next year, this meeting served as a good opportunity for an active exchange of opinions on the future agenda in African



Shimada Division Director



JICA-RI Launches Joint Research on “Quality of Growth” with IDS and AFD

On November 16, JICA-RI organized a workshop to discuss the theme of a joint research on “Quality of Growth” in cooperation with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of University of Sussex in the United Kingdom (UK) and the French Development Agency (L’Agence Française de Développement: AFD). This joint research has been prepared and organized since Professor Lawrence Haddad, Director of IDS, visited JICA-RI to hold a seminar on March 8 this year.

IDS, though it has been an independent research institute since its foundation in 1966, has had a great impact as brains on the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the international organizations and the governments of developing countries. IDS’s specialty is said to focus on research on human and social development as well as on development policy that centers the poor.

In this workshop, participants discussed the definition of “Quality of Growth” and important agendas to achieve it, giving presentations on their respective research topics. They covered a wide range of themes: poverty, inequality, nutrition, environment, natural resources, tax system, governance, industry, employment and sustainable growth.



Kato JICA Senior Special Advisor (center) ,
Shimada JICA-RI Research Program Division Director (right)

From JICA, Senior Special Advisor Hiroshi Kato and JICA-RI Research Program Division Director Go Shimada gave presentations, laying out issues such as the difference of “Quality of Growth” from “sustainable growth” and “inclusive growth” with JICA’s experiences and project cases. The Chief Representative of JICA UK Kimiaki Jin and JICA-RI Research Officer Ippei Tsuruga also joined a panel discussion with other participants of the workshop.

This meeting served as a great opportunity for all the organization members to share their views and opinions on “Quality of Growth.”



JICA-RI Hosted Three Respective Seminars on Asian Donors' Aid in Education, Capacity Development, and Japanese ODA.

JICA-RI hosted special seminars on three different development-related themes on October 25, 30 and November 8.

On October 25, an international symposium entitled “Asian Emerging Donors and Japan in Education Sector Development Cooperation: Exploring Asian Uniqueness and Diversity” was held with Graduate School of International Development (GSID) of Nagoya University. This symposium brought together researchers from India, Hong Kong (China), Malaysia, South Korea and Japan with an aim of comparing educational assistance among Asian donors and identifying differences as well as common traits.

In the first session, four guest speakers gave presentation on their respective countries' educational assistance efforts. JICA-RI Research Fellow [Takako Yuki](#) introduced a research project, named “System Approach for Better Education Results: SABER,” which the World Bank and JICA have been jointly working on.

In the latter session of the symposium, a panel discussion was held with a title of “Prospect for Asian Model of Educational Cooperation: Beyond Differences” among above-mentioned guest speakers. They confirmed the importance of providing an appropriate educational assistance to recipients in accordance with their priorities regardless of “Asian model,” or boundaries such as EU, the U.S. or Asia.

On October 30, JICA-RI organized an open seminar entitled “Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity: the UNDP's Perspective on Capacity Development (CD) in the Changing Global Development Arena,” inviting Mr. Nils Boesen, Director of the Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity Group of Bureau for Development Policy at the UNDP Headquarters.

As JICA has been the long partner of UNDP

on CD agenda, Boesen introduced how UNDP, a multi-national organization, is working on CD concept and approaches, leading an active exchange of perspectives on CD among participants in a hall.

Boesen stressed: “In the rapidly changing and increasingly more complex global context, just one sector or single ministry is incapable of handling the process of policies. We should build up cross-cutting strategies, or ‘collaborative capacity,’ in partnership with a wide range of people encompassing multiple sectors beyond boundaries.”



Mr. Boesen

On November 8, JICA-RI convened a public seminar entitled “Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) Seen from Europe,” inviting Associate Professor Annette Skovsted Hansen from Aarhus University in Denmark. She shared her views on how Japanese ODA has changed over time, listing distinctive features of Japan's ODA seen from Europe.

Hansen pointed out, as the strength of Japanese ODA compared with that of European countries, that it has established and scaled up the networks of personal contacts through trainees' alumni activities, with introducing messages of encouragement from the networks right after the Great East Japan Earthquake.



Prof. Hansen



Yuki Research Fellow

JICA-RI representative attended an International Workshop on Inclusive Growth in Seoul, Korea

An international workshop titled “Inclusive Growth and Development Cooperation: Experiences and Lessons from Asia,” co-hosted by Korean Development Institute (KDI) and the Asia Foundation, took place in Seoul, Korea from October 31 to November 1. JICA-RI Research Program Division Director Go Shimada attended the conference, giving a presentation with a theme of “Development Cooperation Approaches to Inclusive Growth” in Session 5.



Korean Development Institute President Oh-Seok Hyun(left)
Asia Foundation Vice President Gorden Hein (right)

In this session, Professor Wajjwalku Siriporn of Thammasat University serving as moderator, Shimada and Dr. Adrian Ng’asi, international economist from USAID, gave presentations on their respective organizations’ approaches for inclusive growth. Following after the presentations, a lively discussion was held especially on the balance between growth and inclusiveness and the evaluation of the role of infrastructure.

This meeting was part of the dialogue series initiated by KDI and the Asia Foundation



aiming to deepen the discussion on post-Busan development effectiveness, with focusing on eliciting specific policy recommendation on inclusive growth.

This conference in Seoul continued the discussion in the previous one at Beijing in June this year as “Authors’ Workshop,” where researchers and practitioners joined the discussion from the U.S., China, South Korea, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The results including comments and policy recommendations from these two conferences will be compiled into a book.

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JICA-RI released the Working Paper (WP) entitled “General Budget Support in Tanzania, Late Disbursement and Service Delivery” in November 2012.

In this WP, based on the research project on “Role of Budget Support in the Development Aid Regime,” JICA-RI Senior Research Fellow [Mitsuaki Furukawa](#) and full-time lecturer of Dokkyo University Junichiro Takahata (then JICA-RI Research Associate) attempt to analyze donors’ general budget support, as well as intergovernmental financial transfers in Tanzania.

This paper verifies that the transfers from donors to the central government and from the latter to district governments need to be timely to improve service delivery on the ground.

JICA-RI released a brochure entitled “Scaling up South-South and Triangular Cooperation” in November.

This new publication was distributed at the South-South Development EXPO 2012 that held at Vienna, Austria, 19-23 November.