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Greetings by Dr. SAKAMOTO Kazuichi President of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University



Constructing Asia Pacific Studies: New Perspectives and Tasks

President SAKAMOTO Kazuichi

「アジア太平洋学」を 確立するために

立命館アジア太平洋大学

学長 坂本 和一

It is a great pleasure that the RCAPS Newsletter will start to be issued under the leadership of Professor MANI who took the directorship of RCAPS.

As you know, RCAPS has offered an international symposium every year since 1996 and also has issued Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies Vol. 7 as a foothold of education and research in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. One of the most important goals APU and RCAPS aim at through these academic activities is to build up "Asia Pacific Studies". This trial is to create a new educational and research field to understand the Asia Pacific region as a whole from a historical viewpoint of the coming "Asia Pacific Age" in the 21st century, as well as absorb a variety of traditional research on the region.

To pursue this goal, I firmly believe that substantial research of Asia Pacific is essential. Furthermore, strategic and policy-making research to support sustainable development of the region is also necessary.

We sincerely hope, with the great leadership of RCAPS, to acquire the most advanced research concerning the Asia Pacific region in the universities and research organizations in the world and to eventually construct "Asia Pacific Studies".

この度、RCAPSのセンター長に就任された、MANI教授のリーダーシップの下で、RCAPS News Letterが発行されることになりましたことを、心より嬉しく存じております。

RCAPSは、立命館アジア太平洋大学の教育・研究を支える研究拠点として、すでに1996年以降、毎年国際シンポジウムを開催し、また Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies 7号を発行するなどの実績を重ねて参りました。これらの学術活動を通して、立命館アジア太平洋大学とRCAPSが目指しております重要な目標の1つは、「アジア太平洋学」の構築ということであります。これは、これまでの各方面からのアジア太平洋地域の研究を吸収しつつ、21世紀は「アジア太平洋の時代」という歴史的展望に立つて、この地域を全トータルに理解する学問体系をつくり上げようとするものです。

この課題の追究においては、(1) アジア太平洋地域の実体的研究に加えて(2) アジア太平洋地域の持続的発展のための戦略的・政策的研究が重要な位置を占めることになるのではないかと考えております。

私たちは、RCAPSを拠点として、世界の大学、研究機関でのアジア太平洋地域に関する優れた、最先端の研究を吸収して、「アジア太平洋学」構築の実現を目指したいと考えております。

Message from Professor A. Mani, Ph.D

Director of RCAPS



The Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS), established in July 1996, has now become an integral part of APU. In the same way as APU has grown in stature and dynamism since its establishment in April 2000, RCAPS has entered new dimensions of growth since the beginning of this year. As part of its effort to play a dynamic role within APU's framework, RCAPS has launched this newsletter to reach a wider audience.

The RCAPS Newsletter will bring together in print-form the current events of the Center so that academics within Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and all the institutions that have signed a memorandum of understanding with APU will be kept informed. Despite the existence of a web site for RCAPS, it is felt that this Newsletter will serve an additional purpose in keeping RCAPS well-wishers and academics informed of research developments at APU.

RCAPS mission of promoting research on the Asia Pacific will be further enhanced as the Newsletter will be sent to all those who want to foster closer links with the Center and APU. In time, the Newsletter will be sent to all institutions of higher learning in the Asia Pacific that are not yet part of the internet linkage that exists in the developed part of the world. RCAPS will use the Newsletter to reach a wider audience that is separated from us by the digital divide and yet is contributing to the intellectual ferment in the Asia Pacific. In time, we hope this Newsletter will become another mechanism by which ideas will be exchanged in the Asia Pacific.

I take this opportunity to compliment the members who have taken their time and effort to plan and publish this Newsletter.

立命館アジア太平洋研究センター (RCAPS)は、1996年7月に設立されましたが、現在では立命館アジア太平洋大学にとって必要不可欠な存在となっています。2000年4月開学以来、APUは名実共に目覚ましい発展を遂げてまいりましたが、センターもまた、今年度初めより更に新たな局面を迎えました。APUの枠組みの中でのダイナミックな働きを担う活動の一端として、より多くの人にセンターの活動内容を知っていただけるよう、ニュースレターを発行いたしました。

ニュースレターでは、APUと交流させていただいている方々にセンターの最新事情をお知らせいたします。センターにはもちろんインターネット上でのホームページがございますが、ニュースレターもまた、センターをご支持くださる方々にAPUでの研究経過をお知らせする手段として役立つものと信じております。

ニュースレターはAPUおよびセンターと密接な関わりを築いていきたいと願われる全ての方々にお送りいたします。これはアジア太平洋地域における研究を促進するというセンターの目標を更に高めるものです。また、先進諸国に比べてインターネットがまだ十分に普及していないアジア太平洋諸国内の高等教育機関にもお送りする予定です。また、ニュースレターの内容はアジア太平洋研究に寄与されている多くの方々とお近づきになれるよう、デジタル媒体にでも配信する予定です。このニュースレターがアジア太平洋地域において活発な意見交換の手段のひとつとなることを願っています。

最後になりましたが、この場をお借りして、当ニュースレター企画、発行にご尽力いただきました皆様に厚くお礼申し上げます。



Mile Stones of RCAPS



The Ritsumeikan Trust established the Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS) in July 1996, as part of the preparations for the opening of the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. The aim of the center was to promote advanced studies in the Asia Pacific Area. This was to be done in association with the fifteen existing institutes and centers at Ritsumeikan University campuses in Kyoto and Kusatsu cities. Thus RCAPS founding precedes the establishment of APU in Beppu.

In October 1996, an international symposium titled "Prosperity and Coexistence of Asia: The Role of Japan and Korea" was conducted at Seoul Press Center in Korea, under the joint auspices of Ritsumeikan University, Kyung Hee University, and the Kansai Association of Corporate Executives.

An International Conference on "New Dimensions in Asia Pacific Studies" was held in Beppu in June 1997 under the sponsorship of Ritsumeikan University, in association with Beppu City and Oita Prefecture.

Professor SAKAMOTO Kazuichi, then President designate of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University presented a paper on "A New Dimension of Asia-Pacific Studies" which outlined the philosophy for establishing APU and RCAPS direction within APU.

Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS) launched the publishing of the first volume of the Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies (RJAPS) in August 1998. Professor ONAMI Masateru President of the Ritsumeikan Trust and Ritsumeikan University inaugurated the Journal's launch. Ten academics contributed articles to the first volume, while four international institutions sent congratulatory messages.

RCAPS address in the founding year used to be the address of the Office of Planning of the APU at Ritsumeikan University. Of the 24 academics associated with RCAPS, the majority of them became the academic staff of APU when it was established. Professor SAKAMOTO Kazuichi was the Director, while Professor HOTTA Makitaro served as the Secretary-General.

On January 2000, RCAPS finally moved from Kyoto to its present premises at APU. By that time, four issues of the RJAPS had been published.

In the first year of APU's opening, the Center supported a number of researchers with grants. It also organized two international symposiums on Asia Pacific Studies and Asia Pacific Management education. The Center also organized regular talks by visiting academics.

In 2001, the Center drew up a three-year plan to promote research by members of APU academic community by giving seminars on a fortnightly basis. It has also planned to invite distinguished scholars from other universities. Two symposiums that will bring together both APU academics and other scholars have been launched. Many of these activities are intended to lead to the dissemination of research in the form of articles in RJAPS or monographs by the Center. In order to promote book length research and edited papers, the Center has launched the Asia Pacific Research Monograph series.

1996年7月、立命館学園は立命館アジア太平洋大学の開学に先立ち立命館アジア太平洋研究センターを設立。センターはアジア太平洋地域において高度な研究を進展させることを目的とし、立命館大学の衣笠・びわこ草津両キャンパスにおける15の既存研究施設と連携してAPU設立に先駆けて創設された。

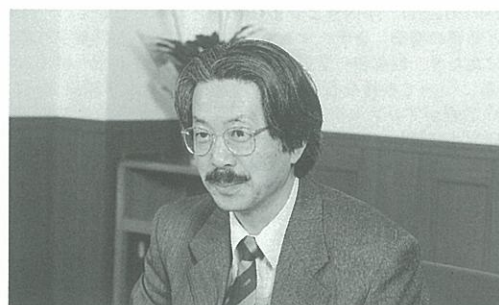
1996年10月、「アジアの繁栄と共存—日本と韓国の役割」と題した国際シンポジウムが、立命館大学、慶熙大学校、および関西経済同友会の共催のもと、韓国のソウル・プレス・センターにおいて開催された。

1997年6月、「アジア太平洋学のエボック」をテーマとするセンター主催の国際シンポジウムが、別府市および大分県の後援のもと開催された。当時立命館アジア太平洋大学学長予定者であった坂本和一教授より、「アジア太平洋学の可能性」と題した講演の中でAPUの設立理念とAPU内におけるセンターの方向性について概略が報告された。

1998年8月、センターは立命館アジア太平洋研究ジャーナル第1号を発行した。立命館総長および立命館大学学長の犬南正英教授によりジャーナル創刊号の巻頭が飾られ、10人の教員が第1号に寄稿、海外からは4つの機関から祝辞が寄せられた。創設年にはセンターは立命館大学内のAPU開設事務局内におかれた。当時センターには研究員（教員）として在籍していた24名のほとんどは、APU設立時、教員としてAPUに移籍した。坂本和一教授がセンター長、堀田牧太郎教授が事務局長を務めた。2000年1月、センターは京都から現在のAPU所在地へ移転した。移転時には既に立命館アジア太平洋研究ジャーナルは4号を発行した。

APU開学1年目、センターは多くの研究者の研究助成を行なうとともに、アジア太平洋学、およびマネジメント教育に関する二つの国際シンポジウムを企画・開催した。さらに、客員教授による講演会等も開催された。

2001年、センターは3ヵ年計画を打ち出し、APU教員による研究推進のため、隔週でAPU教員によるセミナーを開催している。また、他大学からの優れた研究者を招聘するセミナーも企画している。APU教員と他大学教員による2つのシンポジウムの開催も企画された。これらの活動の成果は、センター紀要「Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies」または、モノグラフ形式で発表されることになっている。また、長編の研究論文や編集論文出版を推進するため、センターはアジア太平洋研究論文（モノグラフ）シリーズを企画している。



The late Professor HOTTA Makitaro, the first Secretary-General



International Symposium

Research and Education through IT

July 28, 2001 at Student Hall, APU

An international symposium was held on July 28th at APU Student Hall under the theme of "Creation of Research and Education through IT." The symposium, featuring a panel of 22 participants including 7 from outside the university, was attended by the faculty and administrative staff of both Ritsumeikan University and APU, APU students and the general public.

The symposium began with addresses by APU President SAKAMOTO Kazuichi and Prof. A. Mani. The President spoke of the significance of IT in university education and research.

Prof. Mani presented the importance of development, education and research in the Asia-Pacific region, stating that the wide spread usage of IT in education and research would contribute to the region by enabling wider and freer access to information.

Part I of the symposium, held under the sub-theme "Research and Information Networks through IT," was opened with keynote reports by Prof. Monte Cassim, Director of the Center for Global Education and Research of Ritsumeikan University, and Mr. HAYASHI Kaoru, Deputy Director General of the Research Institute for Development and Finance of Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

Prof. Cassim spoke of creating a "Knowledge Bank" and the challenges to be overcome for its management. He stressed the importance of the role of universities and other higher educational institutions in the global IT revolution and the need for adaptation to changes in educational and research environments. Mr. HAYASHI explained, based on his extensive experience, the importance of constructing an intellectual network for accumulating knowledge and promoting its shared use in an advanced information technology society, as well as the technology necessary to accomplish this. He emphasized in particular the promotion of a "Global Development Network (GDN)." These two keynote reports were followed by discussions on various subjects, ranging from university participation in the "Knowledge Bank" and GDN construction to intellectual property rights concerning the network and accumulated knowledge.

In part II of the symposium, held under the sub-theme Case Reports on the Research and Education through IT, keynote reports were presented mainly about actual cases of IT-aided education. Associate Prof. NAGAMATSU Toshifumi presented basic concepts of E-learning and its effects on education and reported on the changing roles of teachers and students. He also gave a video presentation of a case study of an educational project using WebCT, a software program developed at the

University of British Columbia to support course preparation over the network, which is now considered the de facto standard for institutions in North America. Prof. UNETANI Takako and Lecturer UMEDA Chisako then introduced a Japanese language course using WebCT, demonstrating the possibility of studying a foreign language, mainly daily conversation, over the network.

Prof. Richard Berwick presented a specific case of English language education using WebCT, demonstrating the use of image software to assist with conceptual understanding. Lecturer Gordon Gamlin demonstrated a WebCT-aided course "Media English" that he had actually taught, which reinforced the importance of student collaboration. Finally, Lecturer HARA Tomoaki of Oita Prefectural College of Arts and Culture reported on a case of collaborative learning over the Internet.

The keynote reports of part II were followed by a plenary session on IT in education. Many topics were discussed, including problems related to global network infrastructure, such as the so-called "digital divide," and the need for inter-university or university-business collaborations, in connection with the discussions of Part I.

As discussed in the symposium, it is believed that the network and content development in an advanced information technology society will reinforce the importance of university-community and international inter-university collaborations. To further develop "Asia Pacific Studies," one of APU's objectives, IT-based collaboration is an important issue. The application of IT in a variety of specific projects and programs --- such as in the development of research and educational standards of APU Graduate School, currently under way toward its target opening in 2003, and joint development and use of research and educational content through APU-Ritsumeikan collaboration --- is expected to result in higher educational standards of the Ritsumeikan Trust.

The results of the symposium will be compiled in the "Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies" of the Ritsumeikan Center for Asia Pacific Studies.



A P U 国際学術シンポジウム 「ITを活用した研究・教育の構築」 2001年7月28日 APU スチューデントホール

2001年7月28日、学内外より17名のパネリストを迎え、「IT時代における研究と教育の構築」をテーマとするシンポジウムが開催された。

開催にあたり、坂本和一学長が、ITを大学教育・研究へ活用していくことへの意義について挨拶を行った。続いてアジア太平洋研究センター長のA. Mani教授がアジア太平洋地域の発展と教育・研究の重要性、そしてITが教育・研究へ浸透し、知識が国境を越え開放的に活用されることで、アジア太平洋地域へ貢献すると挨拶を行った。

第1部においては「ITを用いた研究ネットワーク構築」について国際協力銀行開発金融研究所林薫次長、立命館大学政策科学部教授/研究機構長M.Cassim教授による基調報告が行なわれた。M.Cassim教授は、地球規模においてIT革命が進行し、その過程で大学を含む高等教育機関の役割の重要性、そして教育・研究環境変化への対応の必要性を具体的に示し、「Knowledge Bank」の構築とその管理のための課題について報告を行った。林次長は高度情報社会における知識の蓄積やその共有を牽引する知的ネットワーク構築の重要性またそのための手法を豊富な経験に基づいて、説明し、とくに「GDN(Global Development Network)」の推進について報告を行った。

この二つの基調報告をもとにして、大学としての「GDN」や「Knowledge Bank」への関わり方、ネットワークや蓄積された知識に関する知的財産権などさまざまな問題などについて討論が行なわれた。

第二部では、「ITを用いた教育・研究の事例」についてAPU教員を中心に基調報告が行なわれた。

永松利文助教授はE-learningの基本的概念とそれがもたらす教育効果と、教員や学生の役割の変化について報告を行った。そして、ブリティッシュ・コロンビア大学で開発され、北米を中心にネットワーク上でのコース作成支援ソフトウェアのデファクトスタンダードとなっているWebCTを用いた教育の事例がビデオ映像により紹介された。

続いて宇根谷孝子教授と梅田千砂子講師が同じく日本語教育のWebCTを

使ったコースを紹介し、日常会話を中心にネットワーク上で学習ができる事例を報告した。R. Berwick教授は英語教育におけるWebCTの具体的事例として概念的理解を助けるための映像アプリケーションの効果についてデモンストレーションを行った。さらにG. Gamlin講師が「メディア英語」の授業で実際に使用したWebCTのコースについてデモンストレーションを行った。ここでは学生と協同でコースを開発することの意義について報告された。

最後に大分県立芸術文化短期大学の原知章講師より、インターネットを用いたネットワーク上での協調学習の事例について報告された。

基調報告後、ITを用いた教育の進め方に関する討論が行なわれ、いわゆる「デジタル・ディバイド」による地球規模でのネットワーク・インフラの問題や第1部と関連して大学間或いは大学と民間機関との連携の必要性など、多くの問題が議論された。

ここで議論されたように、高度情報社会における大学はネットワークやコンテンツの発展により、社会とのつながりや国境を越えた大学間連携が重要になってくると思われる。APUが目指すアジア太平洋学の構築においても、ITとの連携は重要な課題である。

さらに2003年を目途に進められているAPU大学院での研究・教育の高度化、またAPUと立命館大学との連携による研究・教育コンテンツの協同開発や利用によるシナジー効果など、今後具体的なプログラムをITを活用して行えば、立命館学園全体の教学の高度化にもつながると考えられる。

今回のシンポジウムは、今後の研究・教育におけるIT活用に向けた有意義な討論が行なわれたといえる。

シンポジウムの成果は、立命館アジア太平洋研究センター紀要「Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies」にまとめる予定である。

以上

Asia Pacific Cities and the Environment

November 25-26, 2001 at APU

Outline:

After the United Nations Conference of the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972, and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (also known as the Earth Summit) in 1992 were held, international disinterested action has been conducted in cooperation with nations for global environmental issues such as global warming.

Johannesburg 2002: The World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), a summit gathering to assess the global changes in the decade following the Earth Summit in 1992 will be held. This symposium was organized as a preparatory activity for the world summit. With its main guest, the Honorable Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council, University for Peace, and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, an eminent leader of global environmental issues for over thirty years, the symposium analyzed the current status of the urban environment in the Asia Pacific region and discussed the future of sustainable development. A detailed report will be appear in the next volume of this Newsletter.

Program:

Sunday, November 25th

Sessions: Sustainable Development and Creation of the Asia Pacific Environment

Session 1: Towards Peace and Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific Cities and the Environment

Keynote Speech

Prof. Nay Htun, Executive Director for Asia and the Pacific Program, University for Peace

Presentations by Guest Scholars

- 1) Environmental Economic Policy and Taxation
Dr. SHIBATA Hirofumi, President, Kanto-Gakuen University, Visiting Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- 2) Chinese Policy on Environment and Sustainable Development
Dr. ZHANG Kunmin, Secretary General of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development
- 3) Current Status of Asian Environment and Policy Development
Dr. Francisco P. Fellizar, Deputy Director, SEAMEO, Searca College, Philippines
- 4) The Environmental Controversy in East Asian International Relations
Dr. Quansheng Zhao, Director, Division of Comparative and Regional Studies Program, School of International Service, American University

Session 2: Performance of Asia Pacific Cities in Environmental Improvement

Reports on Environmental Improvement in Asia Pacific Cities

- 1) Framework of Research Activities in APCEF
 - ◆ Dr. SUZUKI Itoko & Dr. LI Yan, APU Faculty members, APCEF
 - ◆ APU student member, APCEF
 - ◆ Representatives from invited cities:
Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Lami(Fiji), Marikina(Philippine), Cambodia, China, Iran
 - ◆ Representatives of invited institutions:
Ms. MIAO Chang, Research Associate, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
Mr. YAMAMOTO Shin, Member of UN-Tokyo Project Committee
- 2) Discussion

Monday, November 26th

Special Lecture celebrating the Academic Cooperation Agreement between APU and UPEACE:

Prospects for Global Environmental Security

by the Honorable Maurice F. Strong

Discussion Forum with the Hon. Maurice F. Strong

APU国際学術シンポジウム 「アジア太平洋の都市と環境」

後援：外務省、環境省、財団法人 自治体
国際化協会、大分県、別府市
協力：アジア太平洋都市環境フォーラム

1972年にストックホルムで開催された
国連人間環境会議、1992年リオデジャネイ
ロでの地球サミットを経て、地球温暖化問
題をはじめとする地球環境問題にむけて各
国の利害をこえた具体的な国際的取組みが
行われてきた。

2002年には地球サミット後の10年間の検証する国際会議「Johannesburg 2002: The World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10)」が開催される。本シンポジウムは、この国際会議にむけた準備活動のひとつと位置づけ、アジア太平洋地域における都市環境の現状の分析と持続可能な開発について検討を行った。パネリストとして、30年余りにわたって地球環境問題のリーダーであり続けてきた国連事務次長、平和大学学長のモーリス・ストロング博士をお迎えするとともに、アジア太平洋地域から環境問題の研究者および各国・都市の環境問題担当者から最新の報告が行われた。本シンポジウムの内容については、次号で報告する予定である。



Dr. Maurice F. Strong

【プログラム】

2001年11月25日(日)

セッション 「アジア太平洋の環境創造と持続可能な開発」

セッション1 「アジア太平洋都市と環境：平和と持続可能な開発に向けて」

●基調講演

Nay Htun (平和大学アジア太平洋プログラム エグゼクティブディレクター)

●プレゼンテーション

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2001年11月26日(月)

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「地球環境セキュリティの展望」

Maurice F. Strong博士 (平和大学学長、国連事務次長)

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RCAPS News

■Cambodia's Prime Minister Visits APU

Cambodia's Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Hun Sen, visited the APU campus on Sunday 10th June 2001. It was a brief visit lasting about an hour to know of the achievements made by the university.

The Oita Prefecture Government assisted Prime Minister Hun Sen's visit to the campus. APU President SAKAMOTO Kazuichi, Vice President JIDO Yuji Dean of Academic Affairs Prof. NAKAGAMI Kenichi and RCAPS Director Prof. A. Mani met with Prime Minister Hun Sen and the team of experts he led. President Sakamoto explained the developments within APU and introduced the APU Professors.

Prime Minister Hun Sen also met with the single Cambodian student studying at APU. It is hoped that His Excellency's visit will encourage more Cambodian students to join and benefit from the education offered at APU. From the Fall Semester, we now have 4 Cambodian students.

RCAPS hopes to organize regular seminars in the near future on the countries in Indo-China to promote a better understanding of and academic interest in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

■Japan Association for Asian Studies at APU

The conference for Western Japan members of the Japan Association for Asia Studies was held on campus on Saturday, June 23, 2001. More than 120 attendees participated in 5 sessions in total, despite the bad weather, and it was indeed an unexpectedly fortunate miscalculation on the side of the sponsor and executive members in charge of the conference that there were so many participants.

In the conference, 25 participants made their presentations in various diversified fields including problems in China, Taiwan, and issues facing Asia in general, history, literature. In addition, Dr. KOJIMA Tomoyuki, Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, and also a former chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Association, gave a commemorative lecture titled "East Asia and Japan: from the viewpoint of regional collaboration" lasting one hour after lunch. Nearly 300 people including not only the members but also Beppu citizens and students participated in the lecture. The people concerned believe this was a good example of APU interacting with the local community.

One more thing to note is that the students, mainly 2nd year students, played active roles in the conference. Many participants evaluated this highly and commented that it was not like the conference held in a newly opened university.

■Professor Ezra Vogel delivers a Lecture

Dr. Ezra Vogel, Visiting Professor of APU, Professor Emeritus of Harvard University visited APU, and delivered a lecture at a research meeting sponsored by RCAPS. The lecture was given under the theme U.S. - China - Japan Relations Since World War II. Dr. Vogel reported changes in relations between the U.S. and Japan focusing on historical turning points in China since the World War II. After his report, all in attendance enjoyed a lively discussion which was still continued over lunch. Dr. Vogel also gave a special lecture for APU students on the previous day on the same theme, and some 60 students from 17 countries and regions attended the lecture. Students who attended the lecture seemed to be enlightened by Dr. Vogel's detailed analysis on the role of these three countries. This special lecture must have been a meaningful and memorable experience for the students.

カンボジア首相来学

カンボジア首相Hun Sen氏が2001年6月10日APUを訪問された。APUの現状について視察する約1時間の短い訪問であったが、有意義な機会であった。

今回は大分県の計らいで首相の訪問が可能となった。

坂本学長、慈道副学長、仲上教学部長、およびMANI立命館アジア太平洋研究センター所長が首相とその関係者と懇談、坂本学長が首相にAPUの現状について説明し、APU教員を紹介した。

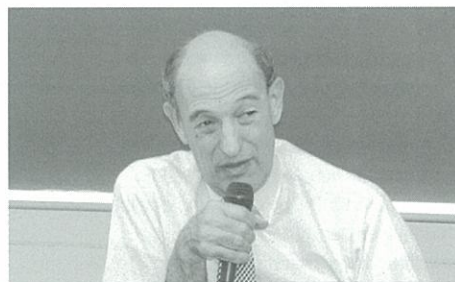
また首相はAPU在学中のカンボジア人学生とも懇談した。首相の訪問に勇気付けられ、より多くのカンボジア人学生がAPUへ入学し、APUの教育の恩恵を受けることが願われる。今秋のセメスターより、APUで学ぶカンボジア出身学生は4名になった。

RCAPSでは、カンボジア、ラオス、ベトナム、インドシナの国々について理解を深め、学術的関心を高めるためのセミナーを近々開催する予定である。



アジア政経学会西日本部会の開催

去る6月23日(土)、本学教室棟を会場に、2001年度アジア政経学会西日本部会大会が開催された。当日は、あいにくの天候にもかかわらず、5つの分科会全体で120名を超える参加者があり、主催者及び学会担当理事をはじめ、関係者はいたく満足している。中国問題・台湾問題・アジア全般・歴史・文学など多方面にわたる部会を中心に、合計25名の研究発表、質疑応答が活発に繰り広げられたほか、昼食後の一時間あまり、本学会前理事長で慶応義塾大学総合政策学部教授の小島朋之氏が、「東アジアと日本—地域協力の視点から—」と題した記念講演会を実施した。これには会員以外にも市民・学生など300名近い参加がみられ、「開かれた学会」の方向性を例示する恰好の素材を提供できたと考えている。なお、当日の会場運営に関して、2年生の学生が中心となって積極的かつ適切な対応がなされた。新設大学における開催とは思われないといった内容の評価を、多くの参加者からいただいた点の特記しておきたい。



エズラ・ヴォーゲル教授来学

米国ハーバード大学名誉教授で、APUアカデミック・アドバイザーに就任しているエズラ・ヴォーゲル先生が9月26日、27日に来学され、RCAPS主催の研究会を実施した。テーマは「U.S. - China - Japan Relations Since World War II」。戦後の中国の歴史的転換点に焦点をあてた米国、日本との関係の変化について報告があり、その後議論は研究会後の昼食会にも引き続き、充実した研究会にヴォーゲル先生をはじめ参加者全員が満足した様子であった。また、前日には同テーマにて学生への特別講演を実施頂いた(17カ国・地域からの総勢約60名の学生が参集)。ヴォーゲル教授の詳細な分析に学生からも大変な勢いで質問の手が上がった。学生にとり深く心に残った講義であったものと想像する。

RCAPS Research Projects in 2001

Theme (Representative)	Contents
Common methods of administrative reform and management in the Asia Pacific region 行政手法の共有化：アジア太平洋諸国のガバナンスの向上と地域統合への試み (Professor SUZUKI Itoko)	In the proposed research, by evaluating several administrative reform and management methods of a number of countries in the Asia Pacific region, common methods will be identified. By presenting these commonalities, some suggestions will be possible for better cooperation among the countries using the common methods, particularly to improve the governance of these countries within the region.
Human Capital Accumulation and Economic Development in Singapore シンガポールの知識と経済発展に関する研究 (Professor Wei-Bin Zhang)	We will explain the dynamics of Singapore's manpower policy as its economy has evolved. Our analysis takes account of learning by producing, education, and leisure within a compact framework. We show that when an economy is industrializing, leisure may harm economic growth; while when the same economy has become highly industrialized, a 'proper' increase in leisure and research may benefit the national economy. Based on our theoretical insights, we show how Singapore's government has adapted its human capital policy as its economy has evolved.
The Taiwan Question and the Chinese Identity Problematic after the Cold War (Associate Professor XU Xin)	This study addresses the increased salience of the Taiwan question in China's security problematic after the Cold War. It attempts to explore how and why the politics of the China identity invoked by the new dynamics of the Taiwan question has affected China's grand strategy and regional security practice in the post Cold War era.
Chinese Society under the rule of the British 英国植民地支配における華人社会に関する研究 (Assistant Professor SEIKE Kumi)	Chinese society in Straits settlement, that is, Penang, Singapore and Malacca, is the focus of this project. I will study how the British government resolved many problems and how Chinese identified themselves under the role of the government. The colonial issue is discussed by focusing on the empirical dynamism between the ruling and the ruled.
Ecohistory and the Rise/Demise of Ancient Civilizations in Southeast Asia 東南アジア古代文明の盛衰と生態史 (Professor FUKUI Hayao)	To publish the research results of "The Dry Areas in Southeast Asia: Harsh or Benign Environment?" (granted by JSPS in 1997-1999) as Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Research Report Series No.1.
Stable Marriage: A New Algorithm (Professor Abdullah-Al-Kafi Majumdar)	The objective of the present research is to devise a new algorithm, that takes into account the preference of the boys (or the girls) only, instead of the existing one which considers at each step, the preference of both the girls and boys at the same time. It is expected that the new algorithm would be more efficient from the computational point of view.
Compiling a bibliographical database of standard books on the Asia Pacific (Professor Paul Close)	The intention is to build a specialist database and collection of books on the Asia Pacific region for teaching and research purposes. The result will be to plug a gap in a somewhat new and rapidly expanding area of study, as well as providing a valuable resource in and asset to a new but fast developing campus.
Creating an integrated framework for research and education in Asian Pacific Studies (Professor FUKUI Hayao)	Integrating research activities of professors and students, through establishing and developing research sites in the region where short-term fieldwork can be carried out under the guidance of APU professors and local colleagues with appropriate expertise.
Study on the Realities of Womens Movements and the Social Effect 女性運動の実態とその社会的効果に関する研究 (Professor SUZUKI Itoko)	A Study on Womens movements which promote the position of women economically and socially in developing countries of the Asia Pacific region. Research towards finding out the process and mechanism of these womens movements.
Business Schools in the Asia Region アジア地域におけるビジネススクールのあり方 (Professor YOKOYAMA Kenji)	Studies on the significance, educational method and contents, and curriculums of business schools in the Asia Pacific area for the purpose of establishing an Asian business school in APU.

RCAPS Seminar

RCAPS Seminars which invite scholars outside APU or APU faculty members are conducted under the sponsorship of RCAPS as follows.

Contemporary Asia Pacific Seminar Series

The Contemporary Asia Pacific Seminar Series will invite leading scholars from other Japanese universities who are permanent faculty members or researchers, as well as visiting international scholars.

Current Research Seminars

Members of both Colleges of APU are invited to present their current research in Current Research Seminars. Papers that are ready for publication can either be submitted to the RCAPS Journal or published under the auspices of the RCAPS Contemporary Asia Pacific Research Series.

RCAPSでは学内・学外の研究者を講師に迎えた研究会：RCAPSセミナーを開催しています。

Contemporary Asia Pacific Seminar Series

日本の大学の著名な研究者、あるいは来日している海外の研究者をお招きしています。

Current Research Seminars

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Contemporary Asia Pacific Seminar Series

■Necessity of Comparative Studies on Trade Barriers between Korea and Japan

Prof. LEE Eun Sup from Pusan Univ. May 29, 2001

The advanced nations that have played a leading role in assisting Asian countries following the financial problems of 1997-1998 have shown a generous attitude to the region. This is partly because the US and its allies wanted to ensure that their alliances, built up since the Cold War, remained robust.

Korea benefited formerly from its designation as a developing nation by being able to increase exports whilst its industries were protected at home from overseas competition through quantity restrictions and tariffs. Korea, however, can not expect the same protection under the WTO system. Korea, as a member of the WTO, is required to ensure that domestic trade regulations conform to WTO principles.

One of those influences the WTO system has on Korea is the expansion of Korean export and deregulation of bilateral trade frictions. Another point is that the WTO requires its member nations to adjust their domestic rules and regulations to the WTO principles. It is because the member nations cannot make laws against the WTO. Therefore, Korean trade laws and customs regulations are not allowed to get out of the extent of the WTO principles. Especially, Korea that is still vulnerable in trade structure is in a difficult position to make even a step out of the WTO.

GATT体制のなかで50年あまり主導的役割を果たしてきた先進国は、この期間、韓国を始めとした開発途上国には比較的寛大な態度を示してきた。これは、米ソを中心とする冷戦体制下で自由民主的な国家の拡大と結束を強めるためのものであった。GATT体制下で開発途上国待遇を受けてきた韓国は、先進国から関税や数量規制などで恩恵を受けながら輸出拡大を図ってきた。

しかし、WTO体制下では加盟国は自国の利益を追求し、韓国は今まで受けてきた恩恵を受けられなくなった。ところが、このようなWTO体制が韓国の経済に与える長期的影響として、世界的自由貿易の発展による韓国輸出の拡大、双務的通商過程で起こりうる通商摩擦の緩和などがあげられる。またWTO体制は、韓国の法令・制度・慣習を国際基準にあわせるように要求している。というのは、WTO体制下では、原則として、WTO協定に違反した国内法は制定できないからである。したがって、韓国の対外貿易法や関税法など貿易関連の法令は、WTOの規範から外れるわけにはいかなかった。特に弱い貿易構造をもっている韓国としては、WTOの枠から一歩も外れることが、実質的にできなくなっている。



■Japan's Economic Performance and Asia's Revitalization

Prof. LIM Hua Sing from Waseda Univ.

The Seminar was structured into three major parts. The first part discussed Japan's position in the Asian economic crisis; the second part discussed Japan's role in Asia's financial crisis and the effects of the new Miyazawa Plan for the economic recovery; and, the conclusion examined the role Japan could play in Asia's economic recovery.

The first part of the Seminar commented on the deficits that Asia has had accumulated during the "bubble economy" years. Japan and Asian countries face current balance deficits, international trade deficits, foreign debts, and international hedge fund speculators. In addition, economic strategies pursued by China, Japan and the United States also determined the severity of economic problems for Asian countries. The second part of the seminar discussed Japan's role in the financial crisis. Merits and challenges of the 'New Miyazawa Plan' for Asia's economic recovery were discussed by illustrating the differences in the countries of the Asia Pacific region. The speaker pointed out that even though Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia show resilience in recovering in the last few years, their recovery had occurred without restructuring and reform of their economic institutions. Singapore is restructuring rapidly, while Japan is not moving fast. South Korea too is trying to implement the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund. Despite the demerits towards total recovery, the Asia Pacific region was described as having excellent fundamentals. These advantages included high savings rates by people, high investment rates, low welfare expenditures, efficient technocrats and policy makers, and human resources with high education.

The third part of the presentation examined the role that Japan could play in Asia's economic recovery. Japan has a number of advantages that it could use to make the Asia Pacific economy recover. These advantages include: high foreign currency reserves, high GDP per capita, large foreign assets, large inter regional trade surpluses and a reasonable unemployment rate. Japan's role as a major provider of Official Development Assistance (ODA) is also important. In conclusion, it was noted that Japan is like a big ship that may be able to pull the other Asian economies out of the region's economic doldrums.

セミナーは主に3部に構成されていた。最初にアジアの経済危機における日本が占める位置について、次にアジアの金融危機における日本の役割と、経済回復のための新宮沢計画の効果について、最後にアジアの経済再生にむけて日本が成し得る役割について論じた。

第1部では、日本とアジアがバブル経済期に累積した赤字について言及した。アジア諸国は経常収支赤字、国際貿易赤字、外債、そして国際的なヘッジファンド投機者などの問題を抱えている。また中国、日本、米国が追求してきた経済戦略が更にアジア諸国の経済問題の深刻さを決定的にしている。

第2部では金融危機における日本の役割について論じた。アジアの経済回復に対する新宮沢計画の長所と課題を、アジア太平洋地域諸国におけるそれぞれの状況を比較し、説明した。インドネシア、フィリピン、マレーシアではここ数年回復の兆しを見せているが、それらは経済制度の根本的な構造改革なしに起こった回復であると講演者は指摘している。日本の動きは遅いが、シンガポールでは急激に構造改革が進んでおり、韓国でも国際通貨基金の勧告を実施するよう推進している。全体的な回復に遅れはあるものの、アジア太平洋地域の経済ファンダメンタルスは良好である。このファンダメンタルスは、国民の貯蓄率の高さ、高い投資率、少ない福祉支出、優秀で効率的な専門技術者と政策決定者、そして高学歴な人的資源である。

第3部では、日本がアジアの経済回復において果たし得る役割について検討した。日本はアジア太平洋地域経済の回復を促進するのに有効な要因を多く持ち合わせている。それらとは、最も高い外貨準備、最も高い一人あたりのGDP、大きな外国資産、大きな地域間貿易余剰、相応な失業率、そして最大の海外開発援助(ODA)である。日本はさらに新宮沢計画を打ち出してきた。日本は、アジア地域の経済的停滞からアジア諸国を救い出すことができる、大きな船に擬することができる。



Contemporary Asia Pacific Seminar Series in the 2001 Academic Year

Date		Theme	Speaker	Language
1st	May 29	Necessity of Comparative Studies on Trade Barriers between Korea and Japan	Prof. LEE Eun Sup Pusan National University, Korea	E
2nd	July 4	Japan's Economic Performance and Asia's Revitalization	Prof. LIM Hua Seng Waseda University, Japan	E
3rd	Oct. 24	A Long-Term Perspective of the Economic and Political Relations among Japan, China and ASEAN	Prof. ICHIMURA Shin'ichi, Director, The International Centre for the Study of East Asian Development, Kitakyushu, Japan	E
4th	Nov. 7	Cultural Relativism within and between: Asian Values and Values in Asia	Dr. SUGIMOTO Yoshio La Trobe University, Australia	E

Current Research Seminar Series by RCAPS Faculty in the 2001 Academic Year

Date		Theme	Speaker	Language
1st	May 23	研究能力の限界年齢意識/ Awareness of Limit to Ability by Age and HRD	Prof. FUKUTANI Masanobu	J
2nd	June 6	Images of Taiwanese Aborigines: 1600-2000	Prof. Jeremy S. Eades	E
3rd	June 27	Business School- What's all about it? Is an Asian-style business school possible?	Prof. KUHARA Masaharu	E
4th	July 11	The Rise of Container Transportation in East Asia	Prof. WANG Mariner	E
5th	July 25	シンガポールのフィリピン人コミュニティ/ Filipino Community in Singapore	Associate Prof. ISHII Yuka	J
6th	Oct. 17	Instructional Design and Online Content Delivery in WebCT	Dr. Gordon Gamlin	E
7th	Oct. 31	Bilingual Learning for Intercultural Competence	Dr. Stephen Culhame, Ms. UMEDA Chisako	E/J
8th	Nov. 14	Civil Society and natural resources management in the Philippines: Perspectives from the government and the NGO sectors	Ms. Maria Victoria Pilar M. (Research Associate of De La Salle Univ., Philippines) Mr. Nicasio T. Iglesia (Senior Forest Management Specialist, Quezon City, Philippines) Associate Prof. Robert C. Salazar (APU)	E
9th	Nov. 21	A Moveable Feast -- Impressions of Viet Nam	Prof. Leigh A. Faulkner	E
10th	Nov. 28	Economic Value of Green Agriculture: Methodology and Policy Implication	Prof. Spachit Manopimoke	E
11th	Dec. 5	中国の経済改革と大都市財政－大連市財政を中心に－ Economic improvement and big city finance in China-Focus on Finance in Dalian City-	Ms. CAO Ruilin	J
12th	Dec. 12	アジア・太平洋地域の言語の特徴－トピックマーカーを持つ言語を中心に/ Characteristics of Asia Pacific Languages -Focus on languages which have subject markers-	Prof. ZHANG Linsheng	J

RCAPS Seminar in the 2000 Academic Year

Date		Theme	Speaker
1st	Oct. 23	What I have seen in East Timor	Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri Thammasat University, Thailand
2nd	Oct. 27	Japan and Asia: A Historical Survey of Politico-economic and Cultural Interactions (for students) 〈開発〉という体験：長期継続インドネシア村落調査で考えたこと "Development" as seen from a Sumatran village (for faculty)	Prof. KATO Tsuyoshi Graduate School of Asian and African Studies, Kyoto University
3rd	Nov. 29	"アジア太平洋地域秩序の中の日本とASEAN/ Japan and ASEAN in the Asia Pacific order	Prof. YAMAKAGE Susumu University of Tokyo
4th	Dec. 4	Rethinking social change in Southeast Asia: Social movements and the politics of transformation	Prof. John Clammer Faculty of Comparative Cultures, Sophia University, Tokyo
5th	Dec. 11	マレー農村の30年/ Thirty years in a Malay village	Prof. TSUBOUCHI Yoshihiro Graduate School of Asian and African Studies, Kyoto University
6th	Dec. 18	Japan's supranational challenge	Dr. Paul Close Leeds Metropolitan University, England
7th	Dec. 20	民族関係における結合と分離－大阪の在日韓国朝鮮人社会と日本人社会－/Koreans in Japan	Prof. TANI Tomio Osaka City University
8th	Jan. 11	明治以前の日本－東南アジア関係の特質の現代的意味/ The relationship between pre-modern Japan and Southeast Asia: its implications to the contemporary issues	Dr. ISHII Yoneo President, Kanda University for Foreign Studies
9th	Jan. 16	開発と地域学/Development and Area Studies	Prof. SAKURAI Yumio University of Tokyo

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Research Field Human Ecology/人類生態

Current Research Theme

①History of Human Ecology in Southeast Asia/東南アジア人類生態史

- ・Evolution of rain-fed rice cultivation in Northeast Thailand/東北タイにおける天水田の発生
- ・A critical appraisal of the hydraulic theory of Angkor/アンコール水利都市説批判
- ・Development of rice cultivation technology and the shift of core areas of rice cultivation in the Asian Rice/アジア稲作圏における稲作技術の発展と稲作核心域の遷移

②Rural-urban interaction in the Asia-Pacific/アジア太平洋都鄙関係

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Research Field Finance, Financial Institutions / 金融論、金融機関論

Current Research Theme

① Changes and prospects of Japanese financial institutions advancing into Asia/

日本の金融機関のアジア進出状況と今後の展望

After the so called bubble economy in Japan, the overseas network of Japanese financial institutions has been scaled down significantly. But, major Japanese banks still maintain their branches/subsidiaries/representative offices in the Asian district.

My research will be focused on the past trend of Japanese financial institutions which had been expanding into Asia, and the future prospect when and how widely they will establish their overseas network, especially in Asia, after they solve the problems of bad loans, mergers, and restructuring.

② The Prompt Grasp Method of Asian Economic Conditions/

アジアにおける景気予測の早期把握方法

In Japan, "Economy Watcher Survey" (<http://www.nikkei.co.jp/keiki/keiki/>)

(<http://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai3/getsurei.html>) has started from January 2000 by adopting ideas of three scholars including myself. The Economic Planning Agency has appointed "Economy Watchers" in every region from Hokkaido to Kyushu. Each think-tank compiles questionnaires and announces the results every month. This survey is the earliest data available among existing governmental statistics.

Please refer to the monthly magazine ESP published by the Economic Planning Agency, July 2000issue(Japanese language).

Although there are several Asian economic surveys, I would like to explore the possibility for the prompt understanding of Asian economic conditions.

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Research Field

Analysis of second language instructional discourse, task-based second language curriculum and instruction, second language needs assessment, second language oral proficiency assessment

Research focus: the role of discourse on the acquisition of language and culture in second language instructional and assessment contexts

Current Research Theme

Current studies: At Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University: A funded study of how multicultural/multilingual groups acquire perceptions of others through discourse (2000-2001); funded research and development re: a compendium of global issues websites for learners of English (2000-2001); funded study of Japanese language global issues websites and production of a bilingual web page (2001-2002)

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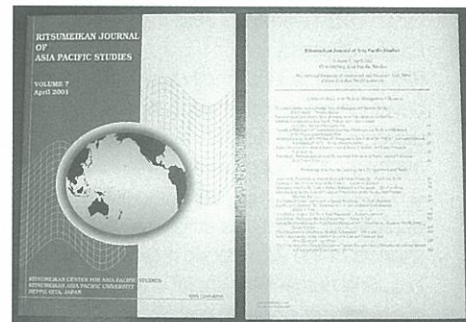
■ *Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*

We have published 7 volumes of Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies so far. The list of main articles in the latest journal, vol. 6 and vol. 7 are as follows. Please refer to the RCAPS website for previous journals. : http://www.apu.ac.jp/apu_en/center/rcaps/epub.htm

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It is our great joy to be able to start publishing this RCAPS newsletter here. This first issue was born by great efforts by RCAPS staff with a wide range of cooperation throughout APU. We hope this media will contribute to introduce our RCAPS academic activities from a small corner of Beppu to the world and enhance exchanging information on Asia Pacific studies globally. We are planning to publish this newsletter semi-annually. We sincerely hope all institutions and persons related to Asia Pacific studies will take an interest in the RCAPS activities through this small publication. (KI)

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