Introduction

Launched in 1989, the Bangkok Office was the third overseas liaison office to be established by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). In 1978, JSPS signed an MOU with the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) to promote collaboration in fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities between Thai and Japanese researchers. Many of the JSPS Bangkok Office’s activities are carried out with NRCT’s strong support and cooperation.

JSPS Bangkok Office supports JSPS alumni association for following up JSPS former fellows’ activities. Currently, the office supports Thailand, Bangladesh, Philippines, Nepal and Indonesia.

Major activities

JSPS Bangkok office’s main responsibilities are promoting and exchanging scientific knowledge through organizing a series of seminars and JSPS guidance sessions for young researchers with the NRCT support, providing fellowship programs and RONPAKU (Ph.D. dissertation) program in Japan for international researchers, and courtesy visits to universities and governmental agencies.

JSPS Bangkok office is expanding the area of interest to cover across Southeast Asian and South Asian countries to play an important social contribution as a funding agency for the international cooperation.

List of activities in FY 2018

- JSPP-NRCT-JAAT Seminar “Thai-Japan Academic and Scientific collaboration–past, present and future” at Thailand Research EXPO 2018 in Bangkok
- Exhibit a booth at National Science and Technology Fair 2018 in Bangkok
- JSPP guidance seminar outside Thailand at Udayana University, Indonesia
- JSPP Alumni Association of Thailand (JAAT) 10th General Assembly and JSPP RONPAKU Medal Award Ceremony in Bangkok
- JSPP Alumni Association of the Philippines (JAAP) 6th scientific symposium at e3—START2018 International Academic R&D Festival “Merging Art and Science for Next Generation Innovations” in Muñoz
- Nepal JSPP Alumni Association (NJAA) 4th annual Symposium “Sustainable Waste Management in Nepal: Challenge and Opportunities” and General Assembly in Kathmandu