



## JSPS-NRCT Seminar at Research Expo 2015

“The future we want”

-Academic Challenge for better life-



Date: **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

Time: **13:30-16:35**

Venue: **22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lotus Suite 9, Bangkok Convention Centre, Central World, Bangkok**

### **Purpose**

This year 2015 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the World War II. We ask ourselves whether the world has witnessed “peace” during the last 70 years. Norwegian political scientist, Johan Galtung once developed the concept that the opposite of peace is not a situation without war, but that with structural violence; injustice, social inequality, violation of human rights, discrimination against the disadvantaged persons (woman, elderly, children, disabled person).

The UN Summit Conference on Social Development held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2012 unanimously adopted its final document called as “The future we want”, which urges and encourages all parties and people concerned to take concrete actions towards betterment of this planet and human life.

3 Japanese speakers in different academic background and expertise discuss what academia can do to this challenge.

### **Opening Ceremony**

13:30-13:35 **Dr. Soottiporn Chittmittrapap**, Secretary-General, NRCT

13:35-13:40 **Mr. Hiroshi Ando**, Head, International Policy Planning Division, JSPS

13:40-13:45 Photo Session

### **Research Session**

**Moderator:** **Dr. Paritud Bhandhubanyong**, Executive Director, Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM)

13:45-13:50 Introduction by the moderator

13:50-14:40 **Prof. Dr. Shigeo Fujii**, Dean, Graduate School of Global Environment Studies, Kyoto University

*“People’s water use and sanitation practices in Asian developing countries, and proposals for better hygienic environment”*

14:50-15:30 **Prof. Masaharu Okada**, Executive Director, Shiiki & Yunus Social Business Research Center, Kyushu University

*“Social Business for just and sustainable society – Challenge of Mohamad Yunus-”*

15:30-16:20 **Prof. Dr. Taro Komatsu**, Faculty of Human Science, Sophia University

*“Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): How do we build and sustain a socially cohesive multicultural society?”*

16:20-16:30 Summary and conclusion by the moderator

16:30-16:35 Closing Remark

**Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita**, Director, JSPS Bangkok office

## **Brief introduction of speakers and moderator**

### **Speakers:**

#### **1) Shigeo Fujii**

Shigeo Fujii is a Professor of Graduate School (GS) of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University (KU), Japan. He received B. Eng. in 1978, M. Eng. in 1980, and D. Eng. in 1990 from the Department of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, KU.

His professional carrier started as a research associate at Faculty of Engineering, KU in 1980. In 1991, he was seconded to Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), and worked as an Assistant Professor and then Associate professor in Environmental Division. In 1998, he came back to KU as an Associate Professor in GS of Engineering, and then was promoted to a full Professor at Research Center for Environmental Quality Control in 2002. From 2007, he is working at GS of Global Environmental Studies. In 2012, he was elected as the Dean of the GS where he is working up to present. His research field is environmental engineering such as sanitation studies in Asian developing countries, behavior analysis of PFCs (perfluorinated compounds) in environment and development of their treatment methods, restoration of littoral areas by macrophytes, water pollution mechanism analysis of lakes and their management design, water quantity and quality management in river watersheds

#### **2) Masaharu Okada**

Prof. Okada joined NTT, in 1979 mainly in charge of international business management, especially, international legal management including intellectual property license, lobbying, public relations, and internet business projects. Internet Business Developments of NTT and alliances with ventures in the field of Internet area in and out of Japan was one of his mission.

In 2001, after retiring NTT, he joined Kyushu University. In the University, he was teaching in the Law School. Also, he is in charge of Corporation-Government-Academia collaboration projects. At the same time, He is General Counsel of International Legal Office of Kyushu University. Since 2009, he has been working in the project of Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Prize Winner (2006) and the University, establishing 'Yunus & Shiiki Social Business Research Center' as Executive Director.

#### **3) Taro Komatsu**

Taro Komatsu is a Professor in the Department of Education & a Chair of the Graduate School of Education in the Faculty of Human Sciences at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. His research focuses on education policy and administration in developing nations and post-conflict societies, with a particular interest in the political dimensions of reform policies and their implementation, the role of education in promoting social cohesion, and international aid for education. He previously worked as an education specialist for the UNESCO Paris and Sarajevo offices, the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Between 2003 and 2009, he was an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Languages and Cultures and in the Graduate School of Education at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. Prof. Komatsu earned Ph.D. in education policy and administration from the University of Minnesota, USA.

### **Moderator: Paritud Bhandhubanyong**

Dr. Paritud Bhandhubanyong received D.Eng. (Metallurgy) from the University of Tokyo and Honorary Doctor of Engineering from Nagaoka University of Technology, Japan. After working as lecturer, Head of Department, and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, he was nominated as Executive Director of the National Metal and Materials Technology Center (MTEC), National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), then Advisor to the President of NSTDA and Project Director for the Development of Biofuel from Non-Food Biomass. After MTEC and NSTDA, he worked for two years as an Executive Director and Director General of the Technology Promotion Association (Thailand-Japan), and then moved to work as Dean of Faculty of Engineering Information Technology, Suvarnabhumi Institute of Technology. At present, he is an Executive Director, Education and Special Project Development, Panyapiwat Institute of Management.