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バンコク研究連絡センター活動報告書『バンコクの風』の 2025 年度第 2 号（10-3 月）をお届けします。

2025 年度は、5 名体制でセンターの運営を行ってきました。本年度も、7 つの JSPS 同窓会（インド、バングラデシュ、タイ、フィリピン、ネパール、インドネシア、マレーシア）を中心とした活動支援に取り組むとともに、来年度派遣に向け「外国人特別研究員 ASEAN/アフリカ短期」プログラムの候補者推薦を行いました。また、同窓会活動関連以外においても、研究者のネットワーク強化を目的として、JSPS 事業説明会を積極的に実施しました。

今号の特集では、JSPS 同窓会で長年活躍をされている JSPS 先輩フェロー、外国人特別研究員 ASEAN/アフリカ短期初年度終了先輩フェローの 2 名の体験談をお届けします。日本での研究活動や、同窓会活動を通しての取組み等、これから JSPS のフェローシップ応募や各同窓会への加入を検討される方々にとって参考になると思います。ぜひご一読ください。

今後もバンコク研究連絡センターでは、JSPS ネットワークのさらなる充実と国際共同研究の推進を目指し、スタッフ一同力を合わせて活動を進めてまいります。引き続き、皆さまのご理解とご支援を賜りますよう、よろしくお願い申し上げます。

バンコク研究連絡センター長　大谷　吉生

We are pleased to present the Second issue for 2025(Oct. 2025-Mar. 2026) of the activity report of JSPS Bangkok Office, "Winds from Bangkok" .

In fiscal year 2025, the center was operated by a team of five members. This year, we continued to focus on supporting activities of seven JSPS alumni associations (India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, and Malaysia). In addition, we nominated candidates for the “JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan, Short-term (PA)” for dispatch in the next fiscal year. We also actively held guidance seminars of JSPS and its international programs with the aim of strengthening researcher networks.

The special articles in this issue are the experiences of two former JSPS fellows: one who has been active for many years in JSPS alumni association, and another who completed the first year of the Short-term (PA) program. Their stories about research activities in Japan and involvement in alumni association initiatives will provide valuable insights for those considering applying for JSPS fellowships or joining an alumni association. We hope you enjoy reading it.

All staff at JSPS Bangkok Office will continue to work together to further strengthen the JSPS network and promote international collaborative research. We appreciate your continued understanding and support.

OTANI Yoshio, Director of JSPS Bangkok Office

特集インタビュー I / Featured Interview I　輝く同窓会員/ Distinguished Alumni

We interviewed with Professor Datuk Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai, Vice President of JAAM (JSPS Alumni Association Malaysia), who had conducted research at Shinshu University as a JSPS Short-term Fellow in 2014, and has continued her distinguished work since then!

2014 年に JSPS 外国人招へい研究者フェローとして信州大学で研究を行い、その後も活躍を続けている JAAM（マレーシア同窓会）の副会長 Datuk Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai 教授にお話を伺いました！

Professor Datuk Dr. Aileen Tan Shau Hwai
Current Institution: Universiti Sains Malaysia
Host Institution in Japan (2014): Shinshu University
Host Researcher: ASAMI Takahiro
Research Field: Molluscan Study

With Prof. ASAMI in 2014

Q1. Could you tell us about your research?

My research centres on molluscan biology and the development of sustainable aquaculture systems that support both ecosystem health and coastal livelihoods. For more than 35 years, I have worked to promote environmentally responsible aquaculture practices in Southeast Asia, particularly focusing on communities that rely directly on marine resources for income and food security.

I aim to integrate scientific research with biodiversity conservation and community participation to ensure that marine science delivers tangible societal benefits. To me, research should not remain confined to academia; it must improve lives, guide policy, and strengthen resilience in coastal areas. My green aquaculture initiatives, therefore, closely align with the Sustainable Development Goals, especially the goal of poverty alleviation, and embody the principles of the Blue Economy.

This long-term commitment to linking science with real-world impact has been internationally recognised, including through the 2025 Anton Bruun Medal awarded by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. The recognition reflects my broader objective: translating knowledge into action so that marine science contributes meaningfully to a more sustainable and equitable future.

Q2. Why did you apply for JSPS fellowships and why did you decide to conduct research in Japan?

With the late Prof. Terizaki - my mentor

Japan has a long and distinguished history in molluscan research, particularly in taxonomy and systematics. As an early-career scientist, I wanted to train in an environment where methodological precision and deep taxonomic expertise were highly developed.

The JSPS Fellowship provided an invaluable opportunity to learn directly from leading specialists and to gain hands-on experience that was not available locally at that time. I was motivated not only by the scientific excellence but also by Japan's culture of meticulous research practice.

Q3. How has the JSPS experience influenced your long-term career?

At the oyster farm

The experience shaped both my scientific approach and professional values. It strengthened my discipline, work ethic, and attention to detail, qualities deeply embedded in Japanese research culture.

More importantly, it reinforced the idea that passion alone is insufficient without commitment and consistency. The training influenced how I supervise students, design research projects, and build collaborations, and it continues to guide my professional philosophy today.

Q4. What advice would you give to those applying for, or currently in, or after JSPS Fellowship program?

Approach the fellowship with humility and curiosity. Learn not only the techniques, but also the mindset of excellence, patience, and precision.

Build lasting relationships with mentors and peers, because the network you develop may become as valuable as the research itself. After the fellowship, bring the knowledge home and adapt it to local needs – the true success of the programme lies in how it benefits your own country and region.

Q5: Why did you join JAAM? Please introduce the activities of JAAM briefly?

I joined the JSPS Alumni Association Malaysia because I believe strongly in giving back to the community and supporting younger generations of researchers. The association provides an important platform to sustain the academic relationships established through the JSPS Fellowship and to extend its benefits to a wider scientific community.

JAAM-JSPS-ASM STIE SYMPOSIUM 2025

JAAM works to strengthen academic linkages between Malaysia and Japan, promote opportunities for bilateral scientific collaboration, and encourage active networking between JSPS alumni and Japanese scholars. At the same time, it helps position Malaysia as a trusted and strategic research partner for Japan by facilitating long-term cooperation in science and technology development.

Q6: What are your personal goals or initiatives (as a member of JAAM)?

My goal is to actively connect Malaysian and Japanese scientists and create meaningful collaborative opportunities. Beyond individual projects, I hope to nurture sustained partnerships that enable knowledge exchange, joint research programmes, and capacity development for young researchers. Ultimately, I see JAAM as a platform for building a scientific community that transcends borders and collectively addresses regional and global challenges.

Program Overview/プログラム概要

<JSPS Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan/ 外国人招へい研究者プログラム>

To provide opportunities for overseas researchers with excellent records of research achievements to conduct collaborative research, discussions, opinion exchanges, lectures, and other activities with Japanese colleagues. Duration of fellowship is 2 to 10 months for Long-term, and 14 to 60 days for Short-term. Application is made by a host researcher through their institution in Japan.

中堅から教授級の優秀な諸外国の研究者を招へいし、日本の研究者と共同研究、討議・意見交換、講演等を通じて関係分野の研究の発展に寄与することを目的としたプログラムです。採用期間は、長期では、2～10 か月、短期では 14～60 日です。日本側の受入研究者が受入研究機関を通して JSPS 本部に申請を行います。

特集インタビューII / Featured Interview II　ASEAN/アフリカ短期/ Short-term (PA)

We also interviewed with Dr. DARUWATI Isti, who recently completed her fellowship program, Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan, Short-term (PA) launched in FY2025. We deliver her fresh experience in Japan!

特集インタビューIIでは、2025 年度から開始した外国人特別研究員 ASEAN/アフリカ短期でフェローシップを終えた Dr. DARUWATI Isti のフェローシップ終了直後のリアルな体験談をお届けします！

Dr. DARUWATI Isti
Current Institution: National Research and Innovation Agency - Republic of Indonesia (BRIN)
Host Institute in Japan (2025): Chiba Cancer Center Research Institute
Host Researcher: Division Head (Division of Molecular Carcinogenesis), KAMIKUBO Yasuhiko
Research Interests: Advancing cancer therapeutics through in vitro and in ovo models

Q1. Could you tell us about your research?

I am currently a senior researcher specializing in radiopharmacy, with expertise in developing compounds that can be labeled with radioisotopes as candidates for theranostic radiopharmaceuticals–agents designed for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. Radioisotopes are produced not only in nuclear reactors but also in cyclotrons, which generate isotopes with short half-lives. These short-lived isotopes are particularly advantageous, as they provide clearer and more accurate imaging results. At our institution, BRIN, we are equipped with a microPET/CT system, an imaging modality based on cyclotron technology specifically designed for small-animal studies. This facility plays a central role in the preclinical testing phase of radiopharmaceutical development, where animal models are commonly employed. One of the innovative approaches we are advancing is the use of in ovo (egg-based) testing during this stage, prior to full preclinical trials. This strategy offers a novel and efficient pathway to evaluate radiopharmaceutical candidates, bridging early-stage research with comprehensive preclinical studies.

Laboratory activities using the in ovo model include egg preparation and microscopic observation of cancer development

Q2. Why did you apply for JSPS fellowships and why did you decide to conduct research in Japan?

I chose the JSPS fellowship because it offers opportunities that can be applied for on a short-term basis, which is important given my limited time and the need to balance my responsibilities at the office. A fellowship of only a few months allows me to pursue research abroad without being away from my institutional duties for too long. In addition, JSPS is widely recognized as one of the most competent and reputable funding bodies, and it is well known in Indonesia as among the best.

After completing my Ph.D., I am eager to deepen my expertise in in ovo models and cancer cell research, as these areas are highly relevant to the studies I have been pursuing. I chose Japan as the destination because it is geographically close to my country–remaining within Asia–and because of its well-equipped laboratories and the presence of highly qualified, responsible host researchers. These factors make Japan an ideal environment for advancing my research while fostering meaningful collaboration.

Q3. How could you find your host researchers in Japan?

At first, I did not personally know the host researcher at CCCRI. I was introduced to him through a professor at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta City, Indonesia, who knows him well and recommended that I reach out via email. Based on the host researcher’ s academic track record, I believe that his expertise aligns closely with the objectives of my research, particularly given the short duration of time available for my study.

Q4. How was staying Japan? When conducting research and living in Japan, what were some positive aspects or difficulties you encountered?

During my fellowship period, I resided in the dormitory provided by the Chiba Cancer Center, which is located in close proximity to the research site. This arrangement proved highly convenient, as it allowed me to commute easily between my residence and the laboratory. The accessibility of the dormitory to the research facilities was a significant advantage, enabling me to focus more effectively on my research activities. In addition, shopping areas and banking services were located within a reasonable distance and could be reached either on foot or by bicycle, further supporting daily needs.

Despite these advantages, I encountered certain challenges, particularly related to the language barrier. My limited understanding of Japanese and kanji characters occasionally

caused difficulties in navigating daily life. For example, I once mistakenly boarded the wrong bus when attempting to reach the train station. Nevertheless, these challenges were mitigated through the support provided by my sensei, who accompanied me during essential administrative procedures. This guidance was invaluable during the initial process of obtaining a residence card and opening a bank account, and later when preparing to return to Indonesia, including the closure of my bank account and residence card. Overall, the combination of convenient living arrangements and the structured guidance system allowed me to overcome language-related obstacles and ensured that both my research and daily activities could proceed smoothly.

Group photos with Kamikubo Sensei and the Division of Molecular Carcinogenesis team, and with Yoshitaka Hippo, MD, PhD, Director of CCCRI, Japan

Q5. What advice would you give to those applying for, or currently in JSPS Fellowship program?

The JSPS Fellowship has proven to be a highly valuable program for strengthening human resource capacity and for advancing more specialized scientific expertise. Importantly, this opportunity is awarded through a competitive process, ensuring that recipients are selected based on merit and research potential.

For prospective applicants, it is essential to prepare a well-structured proposal and to identify an appropriate host researcher whose expertise aligns with the intended research objectives. Careful preparation in these areas will significantly enhance the likelihood of success.For current fellows, it is strongly recommended to make the most of this opportunity by utilizing the time effectively and engaging fully in the research environment. Doing so will allow fellows to gain deeper scientific knowledge and maximize the benefits of the fellowship experience.

Q6. As a researcher, would you describe your next step, final goal, or role models?

After returning to Indonesia, I plan to establish an in ovo laboratory as a strategic complement to our existing microPET/CT imaging facility, thereby strengthening the research infrastructure. This integration will enable more comprehensive studies, bridging in vitro approaches toward in vivo applications, and is expected to enhance research quality and international publications. I also hope to apply again for a JSPS fellowship in the future and return to Japan, continuing our collaboration. Furthermore, I see great potential in developing a new joint research direction between Indonesia and Japan, particularly in cancer research using the CAM (chorioallantoic membrane) model, by combining expertise in radiopharmacy and imaging with cancer biology and experimental models.

Participation in the JCA Conference held in Kanazawa, together with Kamikubo Sensei

Program Overview/プログラム概要

<Short-term (PA) Program/ ASEAN/アフリカ短期プログラム>

To provide opportunities for pre-/post-doctoral researchers from the ASEAN member countries and African countries to conduct cooperative research under the guidance of their hosts with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. Bangkok Office is the nominating authority for ASEAN member countries and conducts recruitment and nomination in cooperation with the ASEAN University Network (AUN).

ASEAN 諸国及びアフリカ諸国の博士号取得前後の若手研究者に対し、比較的短期間（1～12 か月）、日本の大学等研究機関において日本側受入研究者の指導のもとに共同して研究に従事する機会を提供するプログラムです。バンコク研究連絡センターは、ASEAN 諸国の推薦機関となっており、AUN（ASEAN University Network）の協力のもと、募集、推薦を行っています。

広報活動紹介：オリジナルキャラクター“Su-Su chan”の誕生から 1 年
Public Relations Activities： Original character "Su-Su chan"

昨年度、バンコクセンターのスタッフによって誕生したオリジナルキャラクターの“Su-Su chan” 。“Su-Su”はタイ語の“頑張って！”、“chan(g) ”はタイ語の“象”にかけています。今回は、“Su-Su chan”の旅の一部を振り返ると同時に、来年度の更なる活躍へエールを送ります！

Last fiscal year, the original character “Su-Su chan” was created by former staff at the Bangkok Office. "Su-Su" is derived from the Thai phrase for "Keep going!" and "chang" is the Thai word for "elephant". This time, we look back on part of Su-Su-chan's journey and we look forward to even greater achievements next year!

タイ同窓会 役員会ミーティング
JAAT Executive Committee Meeting

フォーラム/ Forum

イベント/ Event

ネパール同窓会シンポジウム
NJAA Symposium

フィリピン同窓会シンポジウム
JAAP Symposium

活動報告 Activities

バンコク研究連絡センターでは、日本学術振興会の国際交流事業で訪日経験のある研究者の組織である JSPS 海外同窓会の支援を積極的に行っており、タイ・インド・バングラデシュ・ フィリピン・ネパール・インドネシア・マレーシアの計 7 つの同窓会組織や、各国の研究資金配分機関などと協力し、積極的にシンポジウムやイベントを開催しています。

JSPS Bangkok Office actively supports the JSPS Overseas Alumni Associations, which are organizations of researchers who have visited Japan through JSPS international exchange programs. We collaborate with the seven alumni associations in Thailand, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, and Malaysia, as well as with research funding agencies in each country, to actively host symposiums and events.

■インド同窓会（IJAA）らが「International Conference on Frontier Areas of Science and Technology 2025 (ICFAST 2025)」を開催（2025 年 10 月 10-12 日）

■IJAA held “International Conference on Frontier Areas of Science and Technology 2025 (ICFAST 2025)” (October 10-12, 2025)

日印科学技術協力協定締結 40 周年を記念して、JSPS インド同窓会（IJAA）は「International Conference on Frontier Areas of Science and Technology 2025 (ICFAST 2025)」を開催しました。この会議は、カリカット（10 月 10 日、11 日）で国立工科大学カリカット校（NIT Calicut）と共同で開催したセミナーと、デリー（10 月 12 日）でインド工科大学デリー校（IIT Delhi）と共同で開催したセミナーの 2 つのセミナーで構成されました。

2019 年ノーベル化学賞受賞者である吉野彰氏をはじめ、日本およびインドから 27 人の研究者が招かれ、科学技術に関する講演、参加者たちと将来展望について意見交換を行いました。

IJAA メンバー、日本およびインドの研究者、インドの中学生、高校生、大学生など、約 850 名が参加し、大成功のうちに幕を閉じました。

JSPS バンコク研究連絡センターからは、開会セレモニーにおいて大谷吉生センター長が杉野剛理事長からのメッセージを両会場で伝達し、藪田かず美副センター長、原美香国際協力員が JSPS の事業説明を行いました。

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of signing of India-Japan Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement, JSPS India Alumni Association (IJAA) organized “International Conference on Frontier Areas of Science and Technology 2025 (ICFAST 2025)”. This conference consists of two seminars, one in Calicut (October 10, 11) co-organized with National Institute of Technology Calicut (NIT Calicut), and the other in Delhi (October 12) with Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi).

IJAA invited Dr. YOSHINO Akira, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry (2019) and other 26 researchers from Japan and India to deliver lectures on science and technology and exchanged prospective views with participants.

This conference, which ended in great success, was attended approximately 850 participants including IJAA members, researchers from Japan and India, and students from junior high school, high school and university in India.

From the JSPS Bangkok Office, Director OTANI Yoshio delivered the message of JSPS President Mr. SUGINO Tsuyoshi during the opening ceremony at both venues, and Deputy Director YABUTA Kazumi and International Program Associate HARA Mika gave a presentation about JSPS and its international programs.

杉野理事長からのメッセージを伝達する大谷センター長
Director OTANI delivered the message of JSPS President, Mr. SUGINO

藪田副センター長による JSPS 事業説明
Deputy Director Ms. YABUTA present JSPS and its international programs

学生と意見交換を行う吉野彰氏（旭化成株式会社名誉フェロー）
Dr. YOSHINO Akira, Honorary Fellow of Asahi Kasei Corporation, had discussion with high school students

中村真子教授、副理事（九州大学）による培養肉に関する講演
Prof. NAKAMURA Mako, Vice President of Kyushu University, gave lectures on cultured meats

阿部洋教授（名古屋大学）による mRNA 設計に関する講演

Prof. ABE Hiroshi, Nagoya University gave lectures on mRNA Design

参加者集合写真

All Participants

■NRCT–JSPS–JAAT「第 9 回 国際学術論文執筆ワークショップ」を開催（2025 年 10 月 29 日）

■NRCT–JSPS–JAAT Organize “The 9th Writing Manuscript Workshop for International Publication” (October 29, 2025)

2025 年 10 月 29 日に、NRCT にて、NRCT、JSPS 及び JAAT の共催により「第 9 回 国際学術論文執筆ワークショップ」を開催しました。

開会式は、JAAT 会長 Sukanya Aimimtham 准教授の開会挨拶で始まり、JSPS バンコクセンターの大谷吉生センター長、NRCT の Sirinporn Deawtrakool 副事務局長による歓迎挨拶がありました。

また、開会式後には、当センターの現地スタッフ Soratus Lertampornvit 事務補佐員から、JSPS の事業説明を行いました。

ワークショップは、講師の専門分野に基づき、以下の 3 グループに分かれて行われました。

-科学分野: Prof. La-orsri Sanoamuang, Assist. Prof. Dr. Wuttipong Mahakam

-社会科学分野: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dararat Mattariganond, Asst. Prof. Dr. Patcharin Lapanun

-医学分野: Prof. Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth

各分野の専門家であり、論文執筆において豊富な経験を持つ優れた研究者の先生方に講師としてご登壇いただき、当センターとしても大変光栄です。

本ワークショップは若手研究者が研究論文執筆スキルを向上させる上で、非常に重要な機会となりました。

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NRCT：タイ国家研究評議会（National Research Council of Thailand）

JAAT：日本学術振興会タイ同窓会（The JSPS Alumni Association (Thailand)）

JSPS：日本学術振興会（Japan Society for the Promotion of Science）

運営スタッフ集合写真

Organizers

JSPS 事業説明

Introduction of JSPS and its international programs

On October 29, 2025, the 9th Writing Manuscript Workshop for International Publication was jointly organized by NRCT, JSPS, and JAAT.

The event began with opening remarks and a welcome speech by Assoc. Prof. Sukanya Aimimtham (President of JAAT), Prof. Dr. OTANI Yoshio (Director of the JSPS Bangkok Office), and Ms. Sirinporn Deawtrakool (Deputy Executive Director of the National Research Council of Thailand, NRCT).

After the opening session, we had the great opportunity to introduce JSPS and its international programs to all participating researchers.

During the manuscript writing sessions, participants were divided into three rooms according to the speakers' areas of expertise:

-Science Field: Prof. La-orsri Sanoamuang and Assist. Prof. Dr. Wuttipong Mahakam

-Social Sciences Field: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dararat Mattariganond and Asst. Prof. Dr. Patcharin Lapanun

-Medical Field: Prof. Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth

We were honored to have such outstanding researchers who are experts in their respective fields and possess extensive experience in manuscript writing.

We truly believe this workshop was a very important opportunity for young researchers to improve their skills to write their research papers.

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NRCT: National Research Council of Thailand

JAAT: The JSPS Alumni Association (Thailand)

JSPS: Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

■ネパール同窓会（NJAA）らが「10th Symposium of Nepal JSPS Alumni Association (NJAA)」を開催（2025 年 10 月 31 日）

■NJAA Held “10th Symposium of Nepal JSPS Alumni Association (NJAA)” (October 31, 2025)

2025 年 10 月 31 日に、JSPS ネパール同窓会（NJAA）は、「ネパールにおける放射線安全と防護の実践」をテーマにした「10th Symposium of Nepal JSPS Alumni Association (NJAA)」をネパール・カトマンズで開催しました。
シンポジウムは、NJAA 副会長の Dr. Puspa Raj Paudel による歓迎の挨拶で始まり、続いて以下の来賓よりご挨拶があり、当センター長の大谷吉生からも挨拶を行いました。
– Dr. Mandira Singh Shrestha（Water Centre 21 PAHAL 所長）
– 原　ノエル氏（在ネパール日本国大使館 一等書記官）
– Dr. Buddha Ram Shah（ネパール科学技術アカデミー〈NAST〉学長代行）
– Dr. Khadag KC（トリブバン大学 教務担当学長）

開会式の最後には、NJAA 初代会長 Dr. Rijan Bhakta Kayastha および NJAA 現会長 Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal からの挨拶が行われました。
続いて、赤羽恵一博士（日本・国立研究開発法人 量子科学技術研究開発機構〈QST〉）による基調講演が行われ、その後、一日を通して多様な講演が続きました。また、バンコク研究連絡センター国際協力員の戴莉萍から JSPS 事業説明を行いました。
本シンポジウムには、学術界、研究機関、行政機関などから約 100 名が参加しました。講演では、放射線安全と防護に関する現状の取り組み、規制、技術的進展、さらに食品安全や科学技術分野への応用などについて活発な議論が行われました。このシンポジウムは、日本とネパールの科学的連携の強化および国際的な協力促進のための貴重な交流の場となりました。

大谷センター長による挨拶
Remarks from Director Dr. OTANI

赤羽恵一先生による基調講演
Keynote Lecture from Dr. Akahane Keiichi

On October 31, 2025, the JSPS Nepal Alumni Association (NJAA) organized the 10th Symposium of the Nepal JSPS Alumni Association (NJAA) on the theme “Radiation Safety and Protection Practices in Nepal” in Kathmandu, Nepal.
The symposium began with a welcome speech by Dr. Puspa Raj Paudel, Vice President of NJAA. This was followed by remarks from the distinguished guests listed below, and a speech by Dr. OTANI Yoshio, Director of our Center.

- Dr. Mandira Singh Shrestha, Director of the Water Centre 21 PAHAL
- Mr. Hara Noeru, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Nepal
- Dr. Buddha Ram Shah, Acting Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)
- Dr. Khadag KC, Rector of Tribhuvan University

The opening session concluded with remarks from Dr. Rijan Bhakta Kayastha, Founding President of NJAA, and Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal, President of NJAA.
Following the inaugural session, Dr. Akahane Keiichi from National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology, Japan (QST), delivered the keynote lecture, setting the tone for a series of lectures throughout the day. Dai Liping, the International Program Associate at the JSPS Bangkok Office, presented on "JSPS and Its International Programs."

The symposium attracted around 100 participants, including experts from academia, research institutions, and government bodies. Presentations and discussions focused on current practices, regulations, and technological advancements in radiation safety and protection, along with their broader applications in areas such as food security and scientific research. The symposium served as a platform for strengthening scientific partnerships and promoting international cooperation between Japan and Nepal.

Lecture Titles

– Radiation Safety and Regulations in Japan

Dr. Akahane Keiichi, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology, Japan (QST)

– Radiation Protection Activities in Nepal

Dr. Buddha R. Shah, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Khumaltar

– Tinbhangale Uranium Deposit in Nepal-Preliminary Understanding

Dr. Ranjan K. Dahal, Tribhuvan University, Central Department of Geology, NJAA President

– Current Trends and Path forward in Radiation: Protection in Medical Applications

Dr. Kanchan P. Adhikari, National Academy of Medical Sciences

– Roadmap-Adoption of e-Beam Technology for Food Security in Nepal

Dr. Jay Gurung, Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), Lalitpur, Nepal

– Radioactive mineralresources of Nepal

Mr. Dharma Khadka, Department of Mines and Geology

– Radiological Mapping and Dose Assessment Using In-Situ Gamma Ray Spectrometry in Central Nepal

Dr. Anita Mishra, Nuclear Research Laboratory, Central Department of Physics, Tribhuvan University

戴国際協力員による JSPS 事業説明

Presentation on “JSPS and Its International Programs”

by International Program Associate Dai Liping

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Group Photo

■フィリピン同窓会（JAAP）らが「2025 年 JAAP 研究フォーラム」及び「第 7 回 JAAP 国際研究開発会議（JAAP-IRDC-7）」を開催（2025 年 11 月 19-20 日）

■JAAP Held “2025 JAAP National Research Forum” and “7th International Research Development Conference” (November 19-20, 2025)

2025 年 11 月 19 日から 20 日にかけて、フィリピンで開催された 2025 年国家科学技術イノベーションウィーク（DSTW 2025）に合わせて、フィリピン同窓会（JAAP）はフィリピン科学技術省（DOST）、マリアノ・マルコス州立大学（MMSU）、セントラルルソン州立大学（CLSU）、および 当センターと共催で、「2025 JAAP 研究フォーラム、フィリピン人 JSPS フェロー表彰式、JAAP 総会」ならびに「第 7 回 JAAP 国際研究開発会議（JAAP-IRDC-7）」を、フィリピン・ラオアグ市にて開催しました。

本会議では、JAAP 会長であり CLSU 教授でもある Dr. Karl Marx A. Quizon の歓迎挨拶で始まり、続いて以下の代表者により開会挨拶および基調講演が行われました。

– Dr. Virgilio Julius P. Manzano Jr., MMSU 学長

– 大谷吉生, JSPS バンコク研究連絡センター長

– Mr. Shigehiro Matsuda, 在フィリピン日本国大使館広報文化センター長

– Dr. Leah Buendia, DOST 研究開発担当次官

– Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST 第 1 地域局長

また、当センター国際協力員の戴莉萍から JSPS 事業説明が行われました。会議は、JAAP 副会長 Dr. Laura B. Fermo の閉会挨拶をもって終了しました。

今回のイベントには、日比両国の大学、研究機関、政府機関から 約 100 名 が参加しました。講演や議論では、包摂的イノベーションエコシステムの推進、食料安全保障の強化、農業・水産・保健・環境分野の発展など、持続可能な国づくりに向けた幅広いテーマが取り上げられました。本イベントは、日本とフィリピンの科学技術協力を一層深め、国際連携を促進する貴重な機会となりました。

On 19-20 November 2025, in conjunction with the Philippines' 2025 National Science, Technology and Innovation Week (DSTW 2025), the JSPS Alumni Association of the Philippines (JAAP) organized the “2025 JAAP National Research Forum, Awarding Ceremonies of the Outstanding Filipino JSPS Fellows, and JAAP General Assembly”, and its “7th International Research Development Conference (JAAP-IRDC-7)”, in Laoag City, Philippines.

The conferences were co-organized with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Central Luzon State University (CLSU), and the JSPS Bangkok Office. After the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Karl Marx A. Quizon, President of NJAA and Professor at CLSU, the following representatives delivered opening remarks and keynote speeches:

- Dr. Virgilio Julius P. Manzano Jr., President of MMSU
- Dr. Yoshio Otani, Director, JSPS Bangkok Office
- Mr. Shigehiro Matsuda, Japan Information and Culture Center Director (JICC) , Embassy of Japan in the Philippines
- Dr. Leah Buendia, Undersecretary for Research and Development, DOST
- Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, Regional Director, DOST Region I

Dai Liping, International Program Associate at the JSPS Bangkok Office, presented “JSPS and Its International Programs.” Both conferences concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Laura B. Fermo, JAAP Vice President.

The events brought together around 100 participants, including experts from universities, research institutions, and government agencies from Japan and the Philippines. Presentations and discussions focused on promoting inclusive innovation ecosystems, strengthening food security, and advancing in agriculture, fisheries, health, and environmental sustainability to support long-term national development.

Overall, the conferences served as a platform for strengthening scientific partnerships and promoting international cooperation between Japan and the Philippines.

Lecture Titles

- Theoretical and Numerical Studies on Ultrasonic Nondestructive Evaluation Using Guided Waves

Assoc. Prof. Taizo Maruyama, Institute of Science Tokyo

- Adaptation for Climate Change: What Can We Do as a Society?

Prof. Kensuke Fukushi, The University of Tokyo

- Epistemic Goals and Practices in the Biology Curriculum: A Comparison Between the Philippines and Japan

Dr. Denis Dyvee Errabo, De La Salle University

- The Status of Biological Control Approaches Against Aedes-borne Diseases: How Far Are We in Effectively Controlling This Mosquito Vector?

Dr. Thaddeus Carvajal, De La Salle University

- When White Meets Red: The Case of the Natural Mutant Mulberry Wood Lacking Cinnamyl Alcohol Dehydrogenase

Dr. James Paul T. Madigal, Mariano Marcos State University

- Innovating High-Value Materials from Agri-waste: A Comparative Study of Rice Hull-Derived Silica and Carbon from Japan and the Philippines

Dr. Emie S. Mirasol, Mariano Marcos State University

- From Waste to Worth: Advancing Circular Innovation for a Resilient and Inclusive Society

Dr. Michael Angelo Promentilla, De La Salle University

- Education 5.0: Integrating Research, Creativity, And Innovation For Transformative Teaching in Philippines Higher Education

Dr. Fernan B. Tupas, Northern Iloilo State University

- Sharing Experience by 2025 JSPS RONPAKU Awardee Dr. Nonnatus S. Bautista

- Sharing Experience by JSPS Bridge Fellow Dr. Krintine S. Pascual

JSPS フェローおよび論博事業受賞者

Awardees of the JSPS Fellows and RONPAKU Fellow

東京科学大学丸山泰蔵准教授による講演

Lecture from Assoc. Prof. Taizo Maruyama, Institute of Science Tokyo

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■インドネシア同窓会（JAAI）らが「The 9th International Symposium of JSPS Alumni Association of Indonesia」を開催（2026 年 2 月 9-10 日）

■JAAI Held the 9th International Symposium of the JSPS Alumni Association of Indonesia (February 9-10, 2026)

2026 年 2 月 9 日-10 日、JSPS インドネシア同窓会（JAAI）は、インドネシア・ジャカルタで「The 9th International Symposium of JSPS Alumni Association of Indonesia」を開催しました。本シンポジウムは、National Research and Innovation Agency（BRIN）、Indonesian Researcher Union（PPI）、および当センターとの共催により実施されました。

開会式では、JAAI 会長の Prof. Dr. Puspita Lisdiyanti より活動報告が行われ、続いて BRIN 長官の Prof. Dr. Arif Satria より歓迎の挨拶がありました。さらに、在インドネシア日本国大使館代表、インドネシア共和国高等教育・科学技術大臣、PPI 会長、そして当センター長の大谷吉生より、開会挨拶がありました。

本年のテーマは「JAAI's Role Towards a Golden Indonesia 2045」で、研究およびイノベーション分野におけるインドネシアと日本の連携強化の重要性に焦点を当てました。両国の研究者が専門知識を共有し、建設的な議論が展開されました。基調講演は、以下の日本人研究者 2 名により行われました。

– 広島大学副学長 金子慎治教授

「Future Practice of Education in University Towards a Golden Indonesia 2045（日本の経験とインドネシアへの提言）」

– 神戸大学大学院工学研究科 応用化学専攻長 荻野千秋教授

「Bioenergy and Biotechnology Industry and Manufacture（日本の経験と Golden Indonesia 2045 に向けた提言）」

また、シンポジウムでは、JSPS 論博事業修了者へのメダル授与式も行われました。あわせて、当センター副センター長の藪田かず美から JSPS 事業説明が行われました。

2 日目には、「Carbon Footprint Calculation and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) as a Tools-Based Decision-Making Approach」に関するワークショップを実施しました。続くグループディスカッションでは、研究者や学生が本シンポジウムのテーマに沿った最新の研究成果を発表し、活発な意見交換が行われました。

JAAI 会長 Prof. Dr. Puspita Lisdiyanti による報告

Report from JAAI Chairman Prof. Dr. Puspita Lisdiyant

大谷センター長による開会挨拶

Opening remarks from Director Yoshio Otani

On 9-10 February 2026, in collaboration with the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), the Indonesian Researcher Union (PPI), and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Bangkok Office, the JSPS Alumni Association of Indonesia (JAAI) held its 9th International Symposium in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The symposium began with a report from JAAI Chairman Prof. Dr. Puspita Lisdiyanti, and a welcome address from the Chairman of BRIN Prof. Dr. Arif Satria, followed by opening remarks delivered by representatives from the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, the Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia, the Chairman of PPI, and Dr. Yoshio Otani, Director of the JSPS Bangkok Office.

藪田副センター長による JSPS 事業説明
JSPS introduction from Deputy Director Kazumi Yabuta

This year's theme, “JAAI's Role Towards a Golden Indonesia 2045,” highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration between Indonesia and Japan in research and innovation. Researchers from both countries shared their expertise and engaged in constructive discussions. Two Japanese researchers were invited to deliver keynote lectures:

- Prof. Shinji Kaneko, Vice Rector of Hiroshima University

“Future Practice of Education in University Towards a Golden Indonesia 2045 (Japanese Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Indonesia).”

- Prof. Chiaki Ogino, Head of the Graduate School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Kobe University

“Bioenergy and Biotechnology Industry and Manufacture: Lessons Learned from Japan and Recommendations towards a Golden Indonesia 2045.”

JSPS 論博事業修了者へのメダル授与
JSPS RONPAKU Medal award

The symposium also included a medal award ceremony for the graduates of JSPS RONPAKU programs. Ms. Kazumi Yabuta, Deputy Director of the JSPS Bangkok Office, introduced “JSPS and Its International Programs.”

On the second day, participants joined a workshop on Carbon Footprint Calculation and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) as a Tools-Based Decision-Making Approach. The workshop was followed by a focus group discussion, providing an opportunity for researchers and students to present their latest works in line with the symposium theme.

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■バングラデシュ同窓会（BJSPSAA）らが「17th International Symposium 2026」を開催（2026 年 2 月 15 日）

■BJSPSAA held “17th International Symposium 2026” (February 15, 2026)

2026 年 2 月 15 日、バングラデシュマイメンシン県のバングラデシュ農業大学にて、JSPS バングラデシュ同窓会（BJSPSAA）が「17th International Symposium 2026」を開催しました。「科学・技術・社会をつなぎ、包括的かつレジリエントな発展を目指して」をテーマとし、日本とバングラデシュの研究者がそれぞれ講演を行いました。

JSPS からは、大谷吉生センター長が挨拶を行うとともに、原美香国際協力員が JSPS の事業説明を行いました。

本シンポジウムでは、各講演、セッションに加えて、JSPS RONPAKU Program の修了生に対するメダル授与式も行われました。

BJSPASS 会長 Prof. Dr. AKM Nowsad Alam によるメッセージ

Message by Prof. Dr. AKM Nowsad Alam, President of BJSPASS

＜基調講演タイトル＞

■ Acute Olfactory Deficits Induced by Zinc Deficiency: Behavioral and Physiological Analyses in Mice
（Prof. OSADA Kazumi, Division of Food and Nutrition, Department of the Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University）

大谷吉生センター長による開会挨拶

Opening remarks from Director Dr. OTANI Yoshio

日本大学長田和実教授による講演

Lecture from Prof. OSADA Kazumi, Nihon University

On February 15, 2026, JSPS Bangladesh Alumni Association (BJSPSAA) held the 17th International Symposium 2026 at the Bangladesh Agricultural University of Mymensingh in Bangladesh.

The theme of the symposium was “Bridging Science, Technology and Society: Towards Inclusive and Resilient Development” and researchers from Japan and Bangladesh gave presentations.

Director Dr. OTANI Yoshio gave a speech and International Program Associate HARA Mika presented “JSPS and Its International Programs.”

In addition to the lecture and sessions, the symposium also held a medal awarding ceremony for graduates of the JSPS RONPAKU program.

原美香国際協力員による JSPS 事業説明

JSPS introduction from International Program Associate HARA Mika

Keynote Lecture Titles

■ Acute Olfactory Deficits Induced by Zinc Deficiency: Behavioral and Physiological Analyses in Mice
(Prof. OSADA Kazumi, Division of Food and Nutrition, Department of the Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University)

シンポジウム主催者 Prof. Dr. M Zulfikar Rahman へ記念品贈呈

Appreciation token from JSPS to symposium organizer

論博メダル授与

Award ceremony of Ronpaku medal

論博メダル授与者の前指導教員も一緒に

Award ceremony of Ronpaku medal with former advisor of recipient

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■タイ同窓会（JAAT）らが 「JSPS-NRCT-JAAT Annual Symposium 2026（Sustainable Technology and Material Management for Circular Economy）」を開催（2026 年 3 月 4 日）

■JAAT held “JSPS-NRCT-JAAT Annual Symposium 2026 (Sustainable Technology and Material Management for Circular Economy)” (March 4, 2026)

2026 年 3 月 4 日、JSPS タイ同窓会（JAAT）は、国家研究評議会事務局（NRCT）、当センターと共催で、金沢大学 COI-Next とのパートナーシップのもと、「JSPS-NRCT-JAAT Annual Symposium 2026 (Sustainable Technology and Material Management for Circular Economy)」をバンコクにて開催しました。

日本とタイから合計 6 名の講演者が招かれ、循環型経済のための持続可能な技術と材料管理について専門知識を共有し、参加者とともに有意義な議論が行われました。

JSPS からは、大谷吉生センター長が挨拶を行うとともに、丁秀玉国際協力員が JSPS の事業説明を行いました。

＜基調講演タイトル＞

■ “Toward the Development of a Low-Environmental-Impact Circular Society Based on Marine Biodegradable Biomass Plastics: The Kanazawa University Approach”
(Prof. Dr. Yutaka Takeuchi, Kanazawa University, COI-Next program, Japan)

■ “Development of Integrated Circular Bio-Economy for Biofuel and Bio-Chemicals production”
(Prof. Dr. Chiaki Ogino, Kobe University, Japan)

■ “Emerging Sustainable Technologies for Waste Conversion and Resource Recovery”
(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sutha Khaodhiar, Chulalongkorn University, NRCT, Thailand)

JAAT 会長 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sukanya Aimimtham によるメッセージ
Message by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sukanya Aimimtham, President of JAAT

大谷吉生センター長によるウェルカムメッセージ
Welcome speech from Director Dr. OTANI Yoshio

By the cooperation of JSPS, JSPS Alumni Association Thailand (JAAT), and National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) in partnership with COI-Next Kanazawa University, we successfully held the annual symposium on March 4th, 2026.

The theme of the symposium was “Sustainable Technology and Material Management for Circular Economy.” 6 speakers from Japan and Thailand gave presentations and had insightful discussions with participants.

金沢大学竹内裕教授による講演

Lecture from Prof. Dr. Yutaka Takeuchi, Kanazawa University

During this symposium, Director Dr. OTANI Yoshio from JSPS Bangkok Office gave a welcome speech and International Program Associate Ms. DING Xiuyu from JSPS Headquarters presented “JSPS and Its International Programs.”

＜Keynote Lecture Titles＞

■ “Toward the Development of a Low-Environmental-Impact Circular Society Based on Marine Biodegradable Biomass Plastics: The Kanazawa University Approach”
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神戸大学荻野千秋教授による講演

Lecture from Prof. Dr. Chiaki Ogino, Kobe University

主催者

Organizers

その他の主な活動（2025 年 10 月～2026 年 3 月）
Other activities of JSPS Bangkok Office from October 2025 to March 2026 are as below.

■ 11 月 15 日：JST 第四回日印大学等フォーラムに出席（インド）
November 15: Attendance at the 4th JST Japan-India Universities Forum (India)

■ 12 月 15～16 日：JSPS 海外研究連絡センター長会議、JSPS 同窓会長会議に出席（東京）
December 15-16: Attendance at the JSPS Overseas Office Directors' Conference, the JSPS Alumni Association Chairs' Meeting (Tokyo)

■1 月 23 日：プリンスオブソンクラー大学において JSPS 事業説明
January 23: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at Prince of Songkla University

■ 1 月 28 日：在タイ日本大使館主催のウボンラチャタニー大学における留学説明会で JSPS 事業説明
January 28: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at the study abroad information session at Ubon Ratchathani University hosted by the Empassy of Japan in Thailand

■ 1 月 30 日：シリラートメディカルリサーチセンターにて開催のダブルディグリープログラム会議（マヒドン大学、熊本大学ほか共催）で JSPS 事業説明
January 30: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at the Double Degree Program Conference at Siriraj Medical Research Center held by Mahidol University in collaboration with Kumamoto University etc.

■2 月 4 日：ウダヤナ大学において JSPS 事業説明（インドネシア）
February 4: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at Udayana University (Indonesia)

■2 月 6 日：ガジャマダ大学において JSPS 事業説明（インドネシア）
February 6: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia)

■ 2 月 19 日：在タイ日本大使館主催のナレースワン大学における留学説明会で JSPS 事業説明
February 19: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at the study abroad information session at Naresuan University hosted by the Empassy of Japan in Thailand

■ 2 月 25 日：STI Coordination 人材育成プロジェクトワークショップにて JSPS 事業説明
February 25: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Coordination Training Workshop for the Next Generation of STI Coordinators

■ 2 月 27 日：在タイ日本大使館主催のコンケン大学における留学説明会で JSPS 事業説明
February 27: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at the study abroad information session at Khon Kaen University hosted by the Empassy of Japan in Thailand

■ 3 月 9～10 日：IITG-岐阜大学 JDP プラットフォームによる日本-NER 産学技術協力シンポジウム 2026 にて JSPS 事業説明（インド）
March 9-10: Presentation of JSPS and Its International Programs at Japan-NER Academia-Industry Technology Cooperation Symposium 2026 under IITG-Gifu U JDP platform(India)

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センター職員によるコラム「私の 1 年にぴったりな、一単語」をお届けします。
Stories and Insights from our staff in Column: The One Word for This Year

◆ 今年の一単語：สบายสบาย　サバーイ サバーイ
The Word of This year: Sabai Sabai

センター長　大谷　吉生
OTANI Yoshio, Director

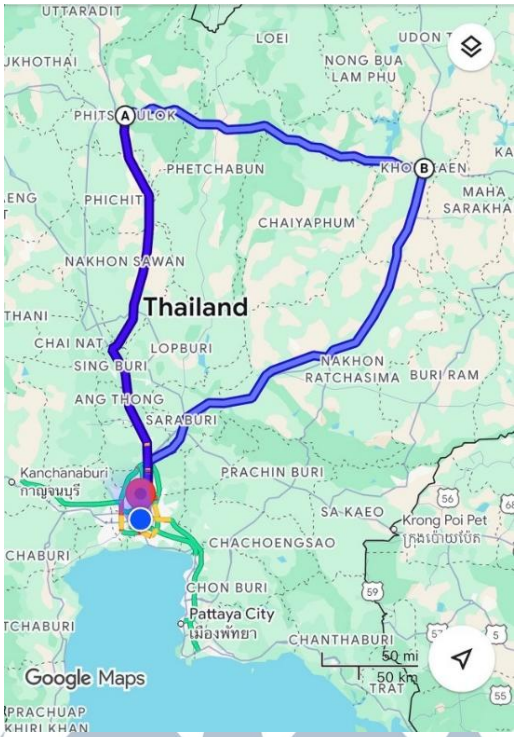
「サバーイ・サバーイ」はタイ語で「気持ちがいい」「ゆったりしている」「元気だ」を意味する言葉です。のんびりした、気楽なというニュアンスがあり、タイ人の生活観を表す言葉としてよく使われます。これらはいい意味の「サバーイ」ですが、「サバーイ・サバーイ」には「気持ちが楽」という意味があることから、タイ人は、自らの気持ちを楽にするために、あんまり一つのことにこだわらない、何とかなる、悩まない、なかなか仕事に取り掛からないという印象があります。

タイは、2050 年までのカーボンニュートラル（CO_2）を達成し、2065 年までの温室効果ガス（GHG）実質排出ゼロ（ネットゼロ）を目標に掲げ、国家的な脱炭素化を急ピッチで推進するとしています。2025 年 12 月に気候変動法案が承認され、炭素税導入や産業界の規制強化、電気自動車（EV）普及、再生可能エネルギー拡大、スマートシティ整備がその手段とのことですが、バンコクに住んで 5 年間、身の回りで、脱炭素化に向けた顕著な変化はほとんど見えてきません。ある脱炭素社会に関するシンポジウムで、講演者のカセサート大学の先生に現時点でどの程度具体的に脱炭素化が進んでいるのかと聞いたところ、タイはサバーイサバーイの国だからとの答えが返ってきました。2050 年まであと 25 年しかないのに、具体的な取り組みの成果がほとんどないという意味と私は理解しました。

シンポジウムを企画する場合でも、なかなかシンポジウムのプログラムが確定せず、海外から講演者を招くときにも、いつも我々をいつもやきもきさせます。しかし、不思議と、当日までには何とかなり、無事、終了というのが毎回です。サバーイ・サバーイで先延ばしにするけど、本番までには何とするこれがタイ人気質なのでしょう。

タイへ来て当初は、なかなか仕事をしてくれないタイ人に対して腹を立てたこともありましたが、当人は何を怒っているのという感じで、怒って腹を立てたことが馬鹿らしくなりました。それ以来、私も気持ちを楽にするために腹を立てないようになり、タイでサバーイ・サバーイの生活をおくっています。

写真は、今年 1 月、コンケーンマラソンに参加するため、バンコクから Phisanuluk まで北上し、Phetchabum を経てコンケーンまで、2 泊 3 日約 1500 ㎞のドライブで立ち寄ったお寺です。タイにはすごーいお寺がたくあんあります。



"Sabai sabai" is a Thai phrase meaning "cheerful", "comfortable," and "relaxed". It has a nuance of easygoing and is often used to describe the lifestyle of Thai people. These are positive connotations of "sabai". However, because "sabai sabai" means easy going, in order to relax, Thai people tend not to stick to one thing for a long time, believe things will work out anyway, don't worry, and don't work too hard.

Thailand has set goals of achieving carbon neutrality (CO_2) by 2050 and net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2065, and is rapidly promoting national decarbonization. A climate change bill was approved in December 2025, and measures to achieve these goals include the introduction of a carbon tax, stricter industry regulations, the promotion of electric vehicles (EVs), the expansion of renewable energy, and the development of smart cities. However, after living in Bangkok for five years, I have hardly seen any significant changes around me toward decarbonization. At a symposium on decarbonized society, I asked one of the speakers of Kasetsart University what are the tangible evidences of decarbonization progress so far. He replied, because Thailand is a country of Sabai Sabai so ……. I understood he meant that we would have significant results soon so do not worry.

When planning a symposium, it is often difficult to finalize the program, and we always get anxious when inviting speakers from overseas. However, strangely enough, everything always works out by the day of the event and is completed successfully. They put things off because of Sabai Sabai, but they always manage to get things done before the big day. This must be the Thai character.

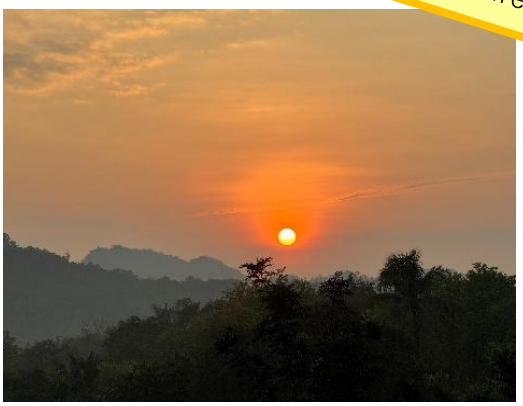
When I first came to Thailand, I got angry at Thai people who would not start their jobs after I asked to do. They did not understand why I was angry. I realized that I was the one stupid, getting mad at Thai people who would not know why I was angry. I have learned not to get angry in order not to feel bad, and now I am living in a Sabai Sabai life in Thailand.

The photos on the top of this page show the temples I visited in January this year when I drove up to the north from Bangkok to Phisanuluk, passed through Phetchabum and then to Khon Kaen, a 1,500km drive in three days, to participate in the Khon Kaen Marathon. There are a lot of amazing temples in Thailand.

◆ 今年の一単語：太陽
The Word of This year: Sun

副センター長　藪田 かず美
YABUTA Kazumi, Deputy Director

この一年、バンコクセンター所轄の JSPS 海外同窓会年次シンポジウム出席のため、インド、バングラデシュ、ネパール、タイ（センター所在地）、フィリピン、インドネシア、マレーシアの計７カ国に出向く機会をいただきました。同じアジアの国々であっても、文化、習慣、生活様式、人と人との距離感、性格、気質等々、見事に千差万別！まさに多様性を身をもって感じることができた一年でした。しかし、どの国、どの地域に行っても、早朝の朝日、日の入り近くの夕焼けの景色等々、太陽の美しさは格別で、この地球上の全ての人々が等しく太陽からの恩恵を受けているのだということをあらためて感じました。太陽の恩恵を受け、豊かな自然を育むこの地球をいつまでも大切にしていきたいという気持ちになりました。



Sunrise at Khao Yai National Park, Thailand
Photograph by Director Otani

Sunrise in Mymensingh, Bangladesh

Over the past year, I had the opportunity to visit seven countries–India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand (where our office is located), the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia–to attend the annual symposium of JSPS Overseas Alumni Associations under the jurisdiction of the JSPS Bangkok Office.

Even among countries within the same region of Asia, the diversity was remarkable. Differences in culture, customs, lifestyles, interpersonal distance, personality, and temperament were striking–truly a vivid reminder of the richness of diversity.

Sunset from the airplane on the way from Kathmandu to BKK

Yet, no matter which country or region I visited, the beauty of the sun - early morning sunrise, the evening sky at sunset etc.- were always extraordinary. In those moments, I was reminded that all people on this earth equally receive the blessings of the sun. Feeling the warmth and light of the sun that nurtures the Earth's abundant nature, I was filled with a renewed desire to cherish and protect this planet for generations to come.

◆ 今年の一単語：動き
The Word of This year: Move

国際協力員　戴　莉萍
DAI Liping, IPA

今年を振り返ると、「Move」という言葉が最も自分を表しているように感じる。それは単なる物理的な移動だけでなく、身体や経験、そして心の在り方を含めた「動き」の一年だった。

ハーフマラソン完走
Finish the half marathon

運動が得意ではなかった自分が、今年は意識的にワークアウトに取り組むようになった。走ることは正直嫌いだったが、ハーフマラソンに挑戦し、完走することができた。また、出張や旅行自体はもともと好きではあったものの、これほど多くの国を訪れた年はなかった。タイ、シンガポール、インドネシア、ネパール、フィリピン、オーストラリア、ニュージーランド、様々な国を巡り、異なる文化や価値観に積極的に触れる機会に恵まれた一年だった。

価値観の変化も生じた。東南アジアで生活する中で、仏教などの思想に触れたことや、多くの人と出会い、様々な生き方に触れる中で、「人生の形は一つではない」ということを自然に受け入れるようになった。国際関係の仕事を通じて、自分の価値観を押し付けることはせず、相手の価値観を理解しながら進めることの大切さに気づいた。様々な価値観に触れたことで、自分の中に新たな価値観を取り込み、共存させられるようになったと感じている。

この一年の「Move」を大切にしながら、次の変化や成長へと繋げていきたいと思っている。

Looking back on this year, the word "Move" feels like the best way to describe me. It was a year of movement, not only in a physical sense, but also in how my body, experiences, and state of mind have changed.

Although I have never been good at exercise, I made a real effort to work out this year. I don't like running, but I challenged a half marathon and actually finished it. Travel has always been something I love, but I had never visited so many countries in a single year. This year, I traveled to Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand. Each place gave me memorable opportunities to engage with different cultures and values.

異なる国への旅
Travel different countries

My values have also continued to shift. Living in Southeast Asia may have influenced me through exposure to Buddhist ideas. Or perhaps, through meeting many people and seeing diverse ways of life, I have naturally come to accept that there is no single way to live. Through working on international programs, I learned the importance of not imposing my own values, but instead moving forward while understanding and respecting those of others. By engaging with a wide range of perspectives, I feel I have been able to absorb new ways of thinking and allow them to coexist with my own.
I will cherish this year's "Move" and carry it forward into the next stage of change and growth.

現地スタッフ　ボストン
Boston, Local Staff

◆ The Word of This year: Atrocious

During the year 2025, I felt like Thailand kept being harsh and cruel as the days went by. Even though some changes gave Thais great opportunities to try new stuff, this year was still “atrocious” to everyone. Let me explain why.

Finish the half marathon

On March 28, it was our first time in Bangkok ever to feel what it was like during an earthquake. Only a few knew how to handle the situation, while the rest only knew it from textbooks (my family and I, for example). For those who had zero idea about what was going on, they were panicking and had a feeling that it was their time. After news outlets and the government announced that most parts of Bangkok had been affected by this earthquake and that there were a lot of losses of lives and properties, the government and many experts took turns to discuss what had happened and how to deal with it if this case somehow happened in the future. As for me, I still can't forget how my family, or even some others, told me what their thoughts were during the disaster.

Around the end of November, there was a severe rainstorm happening in most parts of Thailand, especially Hat Yai. Which was the largest rainstorm in 300 years. During that period, a few flooding events occurred, around 0.5-2.5 meters in height at their peak. This year, however, flooding raised the height to more than 3 meters. In some households, even the second floor was not enough to survive this disaster, and some people needed to stay on the roof, standing on electric wires or even climbing an electric pole, even though food and water were not accessible and all of these were really dangerous, so that they could at least survive and avoid certain death. After the flooding had gone, the government announced a pretty high number of losses of lives, most of whom were elderly.

From what I've said so far, the word “atrocious” is the most fitting and can easily sum up what has happened to me, as well as Thailand, at least for this year.

Finally, I would like everyone to take good care of yourselves and your families. This year really taught me a lot of life lessons, which made me see my life in a very different way.

◆ 今年の一単語：変化
The Word of This year: changes

国際協力員　原　美香
HARA Mika, IPA

4 月に来タイ後、早くも 1 年が経ちました。この 1 年で、大小様々な「変化」があったので、この単語を選びました。いくつかの変化をご紹介します。

まず、生活習慣が変化しました。大谷センター長の勧めで、朝ランを始めました。日本にいたときは、1 分でも長く寝たいと思っていた私が、朝 5 時過ぎに起きてランニングに出かける…。それが続くとは、自分でも思っていませんでした。出張先や旅行先でもランニングを行い、10 か月で 1,000 キロランを達成しました。ランニングを続けることで、仕事中の集中力や、睡眠の質も変化したように思います。体調管理やメンテナンスに対する意識も変化しました。

コンケン国際マラソン（ハーフ 21.1km）
Khon Kaen International Marathon (Half)

また、生活の楽しさが変化しました。センターの皆さんのサポートのおかげで、約半年間集中的にタイ語を勉強することができました。来タイ時は数字しか理解できなかった私が、タイ文字を読み、カタコト感は残っているものの、少しは話せるようになりました。授業では、タイ語でプレゼンテーションを行い、クラスメイトと意見交換を行うこともできました。タイ語ができない時もタイは大好きでしたが、タイ語が理解できるようになってくると、タイ語表記のみ、タイ語しか通じない地域への旅行が格段に楽しくなりました。なぜか私はタイ人にもよく道やバス停を聞かれるので、最近はコミュニケーションのツールとしてタイ語が使えることが嬉しいです。

その他、フットワークが軽くなりました。飛行機に乗る回数が増えたことで、移動に対するハードルが下がり、旅行に行く回数が格段に増えました。思い立ったら旅行というテンションで、翌日や 2 日後のチケットを予約することもしばしば。飛行機の中では、離陸前から着陸後まで快眠できるようにもなりました（1 度、機内食が運ばれてきたことにも気づかず着陸してしまったときはかなりショックでした…）。平日夜でも、ふら〜っと出かけたり、運動したりと、出不精だった私の外出モチベーションが変化しました。

ピサヌローク県のお寺
Temple in Phitsanulok

タイでの良い変化は、帰国後も日本での生活にフィットする形で維持できればいいなと思っています。

After arriving in Thailand, almost a year has already passed. During this year, I have experienced many kinds of “changes,” both big and small, and that is why I chose this word. Let me share a few of my changes.

朝ラン場所@ベンジャキティ公園

Benjakitti Park – morning running place

First, my lifestyle habits have changed. On the recommendation of Director OTANI, I started morning runs. When I was in Japan, I always wanted to sleep even one more minute, but now I wake up just after 5 a.m. and head out for a run. I never imagined I would keep it up. I also ran while on business trips and during travels, and within 10 months I reached a total of 1,000 kilometers. Continuing to run seems to have improved my concentration at work and the quality of my sleep. My awareness of health management and body maintenance has also changed.

朝ラン@バングラデシュ出張時のジム

Morning Run @ during Bangladesh business trip

Second, the enjoyment of daily life has changed. Thanks to the support of everyone at the Bangkok Office, I was able to study Thai intensively for about half a year. When I first arrived, I could only understand numbers in Thai, but now I can read Thai script and, I can speak some Thai. In classes, I even gave presentations in Thai and exchanged opinions with classmates. I loved Thailand from first, but being able to understand the language has made traveling to places with only Thai signs and communication much more enjoyable. I do not know the reason, but I am asked for directions or bus stops often, so I am happy to use Thai as a tool for communication lately.

Another change is that I have become more active. As I started flying more often, traveling by plane become not stressful for me, and the number of trips I take has increased. Sometimes I book tickets for the next day or two days later. On planes, I also have learned to sleep well from takeoff until landing (Once I was shocked to realize that I had slept through the meal service!). Even on weekday evenings, I now casually go out or exercise.

I hope positive changes I have experienced in Thailand will continue to fit into my life in Japan after I return.

モルディブの海/ The Maldivian Sea

コラム 2 Column2

センター職員によるコラム「東南アジア見て歩き」です。今回は、原国際協力員が「ゆるっと旅」をお届けします。
Stories and Insights from our staff in Column: Exploring Southeast Asia. This time, Hara (IPA) writes about “Relaxed Travel.”

この 1 年、タイ国内外の様々な場所に行くことができました。バンコクは、どこへ行くにもアクセスが良く、飛行機の場合は LCC も多いため、思い立ったらすぐに出発できます。基本的に、私は行先や日程をあまり考えずにゆるっと旅をするのが好きです。今回はこのゆるっと旅の中で、印象に残った旅を 4 か所紹介します。

This year allowed me to visit various places both within and outside Thailand. Bangkok offers great access to anywhere, and with many LCCs, you can just hop on a plane whenever the mood strikes. I generally prefer relaxed travel, without much planning of destinations or schedules. This time, I'll share four memorable trips from these journeys.

◆ナコーンシータマラート県（タイ）：海も山も楽しめる！
Nakhon Si Thammarat (Thailand): Sea and mountains, all in one trip!

タイの南部にあり、バンコクから飛行機で約 1 時間。海を見たいと思って行ってみると、「タイで 1 番空気が澄んでいる村」と呼ばれるキリウォン村がありました。山、川を見ながら川辺に座っていると、地元の方が話しかけてくれる、とても温かい村でした。また、市内にはタイの 25 サタン硬貨のモチーフになったお寺（表紙写真）があり、海も近くにあることから海鮮料理がとても美味しかったです。バスターミナルからプーケットやグラビ、サムイ等近隣県行きのバスがたくさん出ており、あと数泊できればと名残惜しさを感じながら帰ってきました。

キリウォン村/ Kiriwong village


市内のビーチ/ Beach in the city

Located in southern Thailand, about an hour by plane from Bangkok. I went there because I wanted to see the sea and discovered Kiriwong village, known as “the village with the clearest air in Thailand.” It was a very warm village where locals would strike up conversations while I sat by the river, gazing at the mountains and river. The city also features a temple (cover photo) that was modeled for Thailand's 25 satang coin, and with the sea nearby, the seafood was absolutely delicious. Many buses depart from the bus terminal to nearby provinces like Phuket, Krabi, and Samui. I returned feeling reluctant, wishing I could have stayed a few more nights.

◆アユタヤ県（タイ）：遺跡以外にも見どころたくさん
Ayutthaya (Thailand): Not Just Ruins–So Much More to Discover

市場のソーセージ/ Sausage at market

これまでのアユタヤ旅行では、アユタヤ遺跡群しか訪れたことがなかったため、私の中でアユタヤ＝遺跡群というイメージが定着していました。タイ語のアクティビティでアユタヤを訪れた際、遺跡群以外にも楽しめる場所があることを知りました。ローティ・サーイマイというお菓子作りを体験することができる市場や、彫刻、壁画、伝統舞踊劇等の歴史を学ぶことができる Arts of the Kingdom Museum、All about Khon（タイの伝統舞踊劇）Leaning Center も楽しかったです。暑い季節や雨の日は、屋内でも楽しめる、バンコクから車で約 1.5 時間のアユタヤ旅に出かけるのもおススメです！

All about khon leaning center 1

All about khon leaning center 2

On my previous trips to Ayutthaya, I had only visited the Ayutthaya Historical Park, so in my mind, Ayutthaya equaled the ruins. When I visited Ayutthaya for a Thai-language activity, I discovered there are places to enjoy beyond the ruins. I enjoyed the market where you can experience making the sweet called Roti Saimai, Arts of the Kingdom Museum and All about Khon (Thai traditional dance drama) Learning Center where you can learn about history such as sculptures, murals, and traditional dance dramas. For hot seasons or rainy days, I recommend taking a trip to Ayutthaya, about a 1.5-hour drive from Bangkok, where you can enjoy indoor activities too!

◆シンガポール：夜景と自然に癒された旅
Singapore: A Journey healed by night views and nature

夜景/ Night view

シンガポールでは、どこを見ても清潔で、そして、夜景がとてもきれいなことに驚きました。また、地下鉄やバスの交通手段が整っており、待ち時間なく移動できることも嬉しかったです。中心部から少しバスで移動し、Tree top walk と呼ばれる、公園の中（1 時間程度登ります）にある橋を渡るアクティビティに挑戦しました。1 日で 20 キロ以上歩いたので、足が棒のようになりましたが、自然の中で 1 日過ごすと心身共にリフレッシュでき、また、猿や鶏、リスにも会えました。チャイナタウン、リトルインディア、アラブストリート等で様々な国の料理を食べ、お土産を見ながら歩くのも楽しかったです。なお、ATM からお金を引き出す際、1 桁多く引き出してしまったものの、支払いのほとんどがキャッシュレスだったため、シンガポールドルをバンコクにたくさん持って帰ったのも良い思い出です。

公園で会った猿/ The monkey I met

In Singapore, I was amazed at how clean everything looked, and how beautiful the night views were. I was also happy that the subway and bus transportation systems were well-organized, allowing me to move around without waiting. I took a short bus ride from the city center and tried an activity called the Tree top walk, which involves crossing a bridge inside a park (it takes about an hour to climb up). Walking over 20 kilometers in a single day left my legs feeling like jelly, but spending the day surrounded by nature refreshed me both physically and mentally. I even got to see monkeys, chickens, and squirrels. Exploring Chinatown, Little India, and Arab Street, eating cuisines from various countries, and looking for souvenirs while walking around was also a lot of fun. One memorable mishap was accidentally withdrawing one digit too many from an ATM. However, since most payments were cashless, bringing a lot of Singapore dollars back to Bangkok ended up being a good memory.

マーライオン公園/ Merlion park

◆ラオス：まち全体が世界遺産のルアンパバーン
Laos: A World Heritage City (Luang Prabang)

タイ語がある程度通じて、タイの通貨が使えるということで行ってみたラオスのルアンパバーン。ナイトマーケットやお寺巡りを歩いて楽しむことができました。滞在がハロウィンの時だったため、仮装した子供たちがお菓子をもらうためにまちを歩いている様子に癒されました。また、ルアンパバーンで有名なクアンシーの滝へは、乗り合いバンで山道を進むこと約 1 時間。雨の後でしたが、きれいな色でした。入口から滝までは徒歩 30 分程度、良い運動にもなります。なお、バンが通った山道は舗装されていない箇所があり、アトラクション並みに車が揺れたのも良い思い出です。

クアンシーの滝/ Kuang si falls

プーシーの丘から見た街並み/

The townscape seen from Phousi hill

すれ違うのが大変な橋/

A bridge difficult to cross

Luang Prabang in Laos, where I went because people in Laos can understand some Thai and we can use Thai currency. I enjoyed walking around the night market and visiting temples. Since my stay coincided with Halloween, I found it heartwarming to see children in costumes walking around town collecting candy. Also, to reach Kuang Si Falls, famous in Luang Prabang, it took about an hour by shared van along mountain roads. It was after rain, but the falls were beautiful. The walk from the entrance to the falls takes about 30 minutes, which was good exercise. The mountain road the van took had unpaved sections, and the ride was bumpy enough to feel like an attraction–another great memory.

所属大学

アジアにおける取組み紹介
Introduction of University Activities in Asia where Office Staff Exist

副センター長、協力員の所属大学において、注力している取組みについてご紹介します。
We (Deputy Director and International Program Associate) would like to introduce activities of our universities in Asia.

Kanazawa University

副センター長：藪田　かず美
Deputy Director: YABUTA Kazumi

~高校生の研究意欲をかきたてる挑戦的取組み「KAGAYAKI AWARD」~
“KAGAYAKI AWARD”: Inspiring Future Talent to Shine

将来輝く（KAGAYAKI）高い潜在力を持つ人材を発掘することを目的とする挑戦的な取組み「KAGAYAKI AWARD」は、金沢大学が国立六大学連携コンソーシアム(SixERS)と共催し、毎年開催しているタイの高校生を対象とした研究発表コンテストです。今年度は 2025 年 11 月 29 日にバンコク市内で開催され、6 回目の開催となりました。本取組を通じて、日本および世界の舞台で活躍できる人材の育成、および高校生の研究意欲を一層高めることを目指しています。

Group Photo

The **“KAGAYAKI AWARD”** is a challenging initiative aimed at discovering highly promising individuals who will shine (“KAGAYAKI”) in the future. It is a research presentation contest for Thai high school students, jointly organized each year by Kanazawa University and the National Six Universities Consortium (SixERS).

This year’s event was held in Bangkok on November 29, 2025, marking its sixth edition. Through this initiative, the organizers seek to foster young talent capable of playing active roles both in Japan and on the global stage, while further inspiring high school students to pursue research with greater enthusiasm.

Final Presentation

Poster Presentation

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東京大学インド事務所：南西アジアにおける学生交流・学術連携の拠点
The University of Tokyo India Office: Strengthening Academic Collaboration in South Asia

東京大学インド事務所は、インドを中心とした南西アジア地域の高等教育機関との学生交流、学術交流及び産学官連携を推進する東京大学の海外拠点です。2014 年度に文部科学省補助金事業「留学コーディネータ配置事業（インド）」を受託して以来、同地域からの留学促進にオールジャパンで取り組んできました。2024 年度からは、文部科学省の「日本留学促進のための海外ネットワーク機能強化事業（南西アジア地域）」を受託し、関係機関と連携して、インドを含む南西アジア地域（インド、バングラデシュ、スリランカ、ネパール、パキスタン、ブータン、モルディブ）からの留学生受入促進を推進しています。2024 年度からは、本事業専属の特任教員と In-Country Representative(ICR)と呼ぶ現地職員を配置し、対面イベント、高校訪問等を通じ、日本の大学・大学院の魅力を認知してもらうための活動を行っています。

2025 年度の活動は、ICR らによる高校・大学訪問のほか、現地で開催される各種教育イベントへのブース出展や会場での事業発表、JSPS インド同窓会主催のイベント「ICFAST 2025」への参加、日印の高等教育に関連した活動の情報共有を目的とした日印留学促進プラットフォーム連絡会の開催など多岐にわたっています。さらに、日本の高等教育機関等に所属する研究者による講義等を現地で行う「Japan Scholar」制度による派遣を行い、日本の大学の研究や学修環境を紹介しています。これらの活動の他に、南西アジア地域の高等教育機関等との連携も積極的に進めています。全学協定校である O.P.Jindal Global University との交流に基づき実施されたインド複数都市へのアウトリーチツアーは、多くの現地メディアの取材を受けました。

ICFAST 2025 にて東京大学ブースを設置
UTokyo Booth at ICFAST 2025

これらの取り組みを通じて、東京大学インド事務所は、日印間および南西アジア地域との教育・学術ネットワークをさらに強化し、留学生や次世代研究者の育成を目指しています。

The University of Tokyo India Office is an overseas office that promotes student exchanges, academic collaborations, and industry-academia-government partnerships with higher education institutions in India and the broader South Asian region. Since FY2014, the Office has been actively promoted student mobility and strengthened academic ties between Japan and South Asia through an all-Japan effort, with funding from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) through the *Study in Japan Coordinator Project (India)*. From FY2024, the Office has been implementing MEXT's *Global Network Project to Promote Study in Japan (South Asia Regional Office)*. Working closely with partner institutions, it promotes study opportunities of all areas in Japan across South Asia, including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, and the Maldives. Since then, the Office has appointed a Project Researcher and locally based In-Country Representatives (ICRs) to conduct events and outreach activities, such as education fairs and school visits, to highlight the strengths of Japanese universities and graduate schools.

In FY2025, the Office carried out a wide range of activities, including high school and university visits, exhibition booths and project presentations at local education fairs, participation in ICFAST 2025 organized by the JSPS India Alumni Association, and convening the Meetings of

Japan Scholar 制度に基づく活動
Activity through Japan Scholar Project

the Japan-India Study Abroad Promotion Platform to facilitate information sharing on higher education initiatives between Japan and India.In addition, through the *Japan Scholar project*, researchers from Japanese higher education institutions were dispatched to the region to deliver lectures and showcase Japan's research and learning environments. Alongside these efforts, the Office continued to strengthen partnerships with higher education institutions across South Asia. Most recently, an outreach tour to multiple cities in India, conducted in collaboration with O.P. Jindal Global University, one of the University of Tokyo's university-wide partner institutions, attracted extensive coverage from local media.

Through these activities, the University of Tokyo India Office aims to further strengthen academic and educational networks between Japan, India, and the South Asian region, while fostering the development of international students and the next generation of researchers.

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STUDY in JAPAN from South Asia

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~2025 年度日本留学フェア（タイ、マレーシア）への参加~
Participation in the Study in Japan Fair 2025 (Thailand, Malaysia)

2025 年 9 月にタイのチェンマイ、バンコクで、2026 年 1 月にマレーシアのクアラルンプールで、日本留学フェアに徳島大学もブースを出展していました。私も 9 月 7 日のバンコク会場を訪れ、約半日様子を見学してきました。留学フェアで出会った学生の皆さんは、日本語を少し話すことができる、日本の文化やアニメを知っている等、日本が好きな方が多い印象です。また、家族で日本へ旅行したことがあり、留学に行きたいと話してくれた方もいました。高校生・大学生と話す中で、私自身、新しい発見やポジティブな発想を得ることができました。

Tokushima University had the booth at the Study in Japan Fair in Chiang Mai and Bangkok, Thailand in September 2025, and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in January 2026. I visited the Bangkok venue on September 7th and joined the event about half a day there. Some students I met at the fair knew some Japanese words, others knew about Japanese culture and anime, and they loved Japan. There were also stuents who mentioned having traveled to Japan with their families and want to study in Japan. Talking with high school and university students gave me new insights and positive ideas.

徳島大学ブースの様子
Tokushima University Booth

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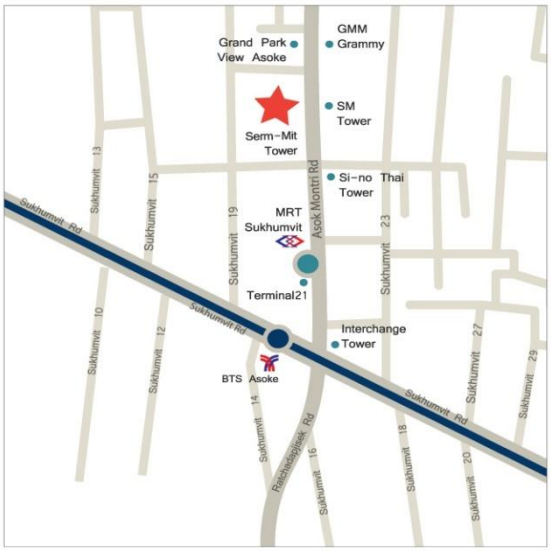
・BTS Asok 駅、1 番出口から徒歩約 5 分

・MRT Sukhumvit 駅、1 番出口から徒歩約 5 分

5-minute walk from Exit 1 at BTS Asok station and MRT Sukhumvit station



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