Dear our partners:

Thank you very much for your support to us. Here, We would like to send the HiPeC News Letter (FY2010, Winter issues) to you. This news letter is sent to the cooperation partner of HiPeC and those who has supported our project.

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===== (1) End Report of the 2nd Practitioners Seminar =====

The 2nd HiPeC Practitioners Seminar
“The Voice from AFGHANISTAN –Dialogue with Hiroshima People about Peace Revival”


[place] Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry


[Speaker] Mr. Amir Foladi(Aga Khan fund), Shamsul Isram (Educator)

[language] for 1st session: English, 2nd session: Japanese (consecutive translation from local language)

[Chairman] Yoshida Osamu(Professor of Hiroshima University, Chair of HiPeC)

[An outline on the day]

Two native guests who continues the peace revival activities at the grass-roots level invited from Afghanistan to Hiroshima. Mr. Armir Foladi engages the preservation activity for stone statue of Buddha in Bamiyan. Mr. Islam engages Islamic local school education as a lecturer for long years.
At the root of the Afghanistan society, which the image of a disputed country as if the whole country was under wartime precedes, People has developed the cultural activity for peace revival based on “local relation”.

A session is divided into two parts, and 1st one is for researcher and practitioner, and 2nd session for the general audience of Hiroshima. Especially, in the 2nd session, the raw voice of our guests directly was translated by native interpreter into Japanese. And many responses were brought from the audience.

===== (2) Activity Report for HiPeC Research Seminar=====

■ 26th HiPeC Seminar
  * It was very successful seminar.
  We HiPeC staff deeply appreciate to all participants.
  [An outline on the day]
  A thick debate and exchange of idea were performed on the theme of “community of Mindanao and peace building.” First, Prof. ISHII Masako arranged structurally the complicated political context which is a continuation factor of the conflict in the southern Philippines. Based on long years fieldwork experience in the southern part Muslim society, it was shown lucidly what kind of measures further the international community should take.
  
  Next, Prof. NAGAISHI Masafumi analyzed the prevention factor of the Mindanao peacemaking process based on his rich knowledge about domestic imbalanced power relationship. Based on his own rich experience in the JICA project, He also mentioned about further policy for Japanese international support to Mindanao in the future.
  
  Both presentations were a precious content which gives the important key point for composing international support based on the deep discernment to the local fact and complicated political phase of the Mindanao society.

■ 16th HiPeC in-House Seminar
  “The View to the World without Nuclear Weapons – the Idea and Reality”
  [Time]December 8, 2010(Wed), 16:30 – 19:00
  [Speaker I] Prof. MACHIDA Soho (Hiroshima University, graduate school for integrated science and art) “Science and Nuclear Disarmament: Progress and Challenges”
  [Speaker II] Swaran Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University) “Nuclear Weapon Free World: Indian Perspectives”
  [Moderator] YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair)
Two guests, Prof. MACHIDA who participated in Abolition-of-nuclear-weapons treaty meeting in Washington D.C., and Prof. Swaran Singh who appeal an unique argument on the topic of abolition policy for nuclear weapons under the Asia multipolarization structure, were invited. And it had a novel discussion which can objectify movement of nucleus reorganization in the world centering on the United States from the global viewpoint.

From the audience which are mainly graduate students, many questions were brought about the complicated politics of abolition of nuclear weapons.

■ The 17th HiPeC in-House Seminar
“Dispute and Peacebuilding in the Philippines”
[Time] December 13, 2010 (Fri), 16:30 - 19:30
[Speaker II] SUZUKI Nobutaka (associate professor of University of Tsukuba) “National integration of Muslim–Philipino and minoritization”
[Moderator] YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair)
[Outline]
Prof. Nathan Kimpo who has focused on leftist party’s competitive political process in south Philippins, and Prof. SUZUKI who was consistent and has taken up national integration of the Philippines and the problem of Muslim movement, were invited to Hiroshima. the many-sided exchange of idea involving the route of the political struggle and peace building by the minority of the Philippines was performed.

From the local material, both speakers were analyzing carefully that the progression by which exclusion and inclusion were localized in the modern territory integrated process in south part of Philippines.

■ The 18th HiPeC in-House Seminar
“Peace building and Educational Issue in Pakistan”
[Time] December 22, 2010 (Wed), 17:00 - 18:30
[Speaker] Dr. Abdur Rehman (Assistant Professor of Pakistan National Defense Academy)
[Moderator] TOGAWA Masahiko (HiPeC Secretary General)
Mr. Rehman who has taken up contemporary Pakistan politics and the relevance of the peace education was invited to Hiroshima. The centralization politics of Islamabad and the point of the peace education located in the unifying dot of plural culture society were taken up, and the argument based on detailed and concrete data was deployed.

Especially, the issue of peace study which the public education in Islamabad lacks in the viewpoint of a curriculum and capacity development was raised, and stimulative arguments on the educational issue of South-West Asia were exchanged with audience intensively.

The 19th HiPeC in-House Seminar
"For the peace of Afghanistan -The irrigation agriculture in Amu-Darya left bank and the right bank"
[Time] January 24, 2011(Mon), 16:30 – 18:00
[Speaker] FUCHINOUE Hideki (Associate Professor of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, and former HiPeC Research Fellow)
[Moderator] YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair)

The irrigation agriculture by the "soil middle point drop irrigating method" in the Amu Darya left bank is proposed as one of the Afghan reconstruction bail-out packages.

Therefore, the daily flow rate data of the Amu Darya was introduced, and he also introduced the history of irrigation at the Amu Darya valley, the international framework about the object for water supplies, and the present measure of irrigation agriculture at local place. Many participants who interested in the Afghan issue could get plenty of knowledge and enlightenment for the peace reconstruction in broader context of Central Asia.

The 6th HiPeC Peacebuilding Exchange "Talk on Peace in Afghanistan"
[Time] December 8, 2010(Wed), 13:00 – 14:30
[Speaker] The Shamsul Huda (Pakistan Islam educational academy), Shamsul Isram (Educator)
[Moderator] YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair)

Two skilled teachers engaged in the education of the Afghanistan refugee who has 7 million population around Peshawar city were invited to Hiroshima and exchanged their experience in Refugee society.
They argue about an indispensable subject for peace in Afghanistan which greatly relates with bottom raising of education level based on abundant knowledge and materials involving the instability of Afghan–Pakistan tribal area.

Two teachers were in same agreement and emphasized that articulation of the traditional education and modern education is the way of most effective for the bottom raising of refugee’s conditions for existence on the whole.

==== (3) Activity of HiPeC overseas office====

HiPeC–CNAS Internal Seminar

This seminar is part of ongoing HiPeC–CNAS joint research program. The researchers of HiPeC and CNAS will have discussion about their research proposals and will report about the progress of their research works. On the basis of the suggestions and comments received from the discussant and from the participants the researchers of both HiPeC and CNAS will taken into consideration further inputs for advancing their research works in accordance with the HiPeC peacebuilding research project’s theme in Nepal.

◇1st HiPeC–CNAS internal seminar

[Time] January 7 (Fri), 2011. 14:00–18:00
[Place] Sunset view hotel conference hall (New Bhaneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal)

(1) Welcome address: Pancha N. Maharjan, HiPeC Nepal Office Executive Officer, Tribhuvan University(CNAS), Nepal.

(2) Introductory Note: TOGAWA Masahiko, Secretary General of HiPeC, Hiroshima University, Japan

(3) Speaker 1: Abhijit Guha, Vidyasagar University, India “Revolutionary ideology versus ground reality: An Anthropological view of Maoist movement in West Bengal”

(4) Speaker 2: Abhijit Dasgupta, Delhi University, India “The Red Corridors: Maoists and Contemporary Politics in INDIA”


(6) Discussant: Kiyoko OGURA, Journalist of Nepal Politics, Japan. Yusuke BESSHO, HiPeC Research Fellow, Hiroshima University, Japan.

◇2nd HiPeC–CNAS internal seminar

[Theme] Peace and Security in Nepal
Time: 14:00–16:30

(1) Introductory Speech: Prof. YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair, Hiroshima University, Japan)

(2) Speaker 1: Prof. Pancha Narayan Maharjan (HiPeC Nepal Office Executive Officer, Tribhuvan University(CNAS), Nepal) “Federalism and Newa Autonomy: From Outsider Newars’ Eye”


(5) Discussant: Prof. Swaran Singh (School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)

HiPeC–UNRCPD Collaboration Seminar

Introducing the Seminar – This seminar will address the emergence of India as a nuclear power in South Asia. It will cast light on the theme about India’s nuclear policy and its impact on security context in South Asia. Professor Swaran Singh, who belongs to Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi will analyze the nuclear policy of India in the context of South Asian security, peace and stability.

[Theme] Indian Nuclear Policy and Security in South Asia
[Time] February 3 (Thu), 2011 10:00–12:00
[Venue] Conference Room, UN House, Pulchowk, Kathmandu

- Welcome Remarks: Mr. Taijiro Kimura, Director, UNRCPD
- Introductory Speech: Prof. Osamu Yoshida, Chair, HiPeC Executive Committee, Hiroshima University
- Speaker: Prof. Swaran Singh, Chairman, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

===== (4) Future activities =====

- HiPeC Philippines office opening seminar
  [Venue] UP Mindanao
  - The second overseas office for HiPeC Peacebuilding Research Project (Phase II) newly opens in Davao in the Mindanao Island, Philippines.

- Peace Process Exchange Workshop
  [Theme] Reconciliation
  [Time] March 7–8, 2011
  [Venue] Hiroshima University, Graduateschool for International Development and Cooperation
  - Each three kinds of agent (Government, Anti-Government, Civil Society) of Philippines, the south Sudan, Indonesia, Nepal will be invited to Hiroshima and carry out exchange each other about the conflict (postconflict) society’s experience.
HiPeC Nepal office – The 2nd International Seminar


[Venue] Sunset view hotel conference hall (Katmandu, Nepal)

[Welcome address] YOSHIDA Osamu (HiPeC Chair)

[Speaker & discussant] Prof. Yagya. P.Adhikari (CNAS, Director), Prof. Pancha.N.Mahrjan (HiPeC Nepal Office Executive Officer, CNAS), Manjeshwori Singh (HiPeC Nepal office Research Consultant), Narendra.M.Joshi (HiPeC Nepal office Research Consultant), BESSHO Yusuke (HiPeC research Fellow), Kabir Humayun (Postdoctoral Research Fellow), other four speakers from overseas, and two Nepalese speakers will be invited.

===== (5) Information =====

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(6) Editor’s postscript

The Philippines office will be starting as the 2nd overseas office of HiPeC foreign research operations for peacebuilding study in this season. Activities of the Nepal office as our first overseas office are also activated more and more. Moreover, preparation turned to the “Peace Process exchange workshop” used as one conclusion this year as a special feature of this project of the Hiroshima office is advanced. Please continue to encourage and support our project succeedingly. We warmly wish you a good winter season.

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