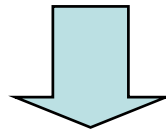


"Toward Future Research on Biodiversity in Asian region"

- 1) developing programs for fostering young scientists
- 2) identifying challenges for improving the research environment
- 3) establishing a cooperative framework for building a research network



How can we make Win-Win relationships between research communities of different countries/disciplines?

The walls to break down that I found in My *poor* Personal Background & Experiences

As a student of theoretical ecology,...

I had Difficulties in relationships with field ecologists:

Some of them doubted me to steal their data.

“INTER-DISCIPLINARY wall”

Ex: Field <-> Theory/Modeling, Molecular biology
Ecology<->Taxonomy
Ecology<->Climatology, Hydrology, Oceanography,..)

In my case, I could overcome it by conducting my own field survey with them and offering my tech valuable to them.

As a member of Japanese project in Mongolia, ...

More than 5 groups are constantly conducting field studies on Ecosystems in Mongolia, where we, Japanese researchers, collect considerable amount of field data.

Some of them complain about our laziness in contribution to their capacity-building and refused to continue the joint research.

(INTERNATIONAL wall) in our cases, still not solved.

To break these walls “Toward Future Research on Biodiversity in Asian region”, we need to...

I) **Communicate and share information** with those in other countries/disciplines to make oneself understood.

→ Need opportunities and mechanisms to connect between nations/disciplines e.g., Symposium, Web pages to find good partners.

ASIAHORCs was a really good opportunity!

II) **Be more attractive to others:** Have what others don't have.

We should be expertized in SOME field by having NEW analyzing techniques, OUTSTANDING Super-sites, ...

→ Young researchers should be educated to have
Deep knowledge/techniques with Wide views.

→ Senior researchers should make even greater effort to make their laboratories/institutions unique ones to win good young students.

III) **Consider more about what we can do for our counterparts** to sustain the collaboration

→ ex. For Japan, international research project budget should be coupled with student exchange budget additively. (put weight more on education)

Of course,
Financial background is
the crucial necessary condition!