

# FY2013 Re-Inventing Japan Project (AIMS Program)

## Sophia University

### 【Name of project】 (Adopted year: FY2013, AIMS Program)

Trans-Disciplinary Human Development Education Program Aiming for Harmonized Diversity

### 【Aim of project, Ideals of Global Human Resource】

Aiming to establish a new model for international higher education through collaboration between Japan and Southeast Asian countries. This project provides an educational platform on which students from Southeast Asia and Japan study together to analyze and engage in global issues in Asia and the world.

### 【Summary of project】

The Sophia AIMS Program (SAIMS) is a trans-disciplinary program focused on "Human Development," which combines the disciplinary frameworks of natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. "Human Ecology: Diversity and Connectivity of Society and Nature" is the main theme, under which students will select courses from the areas of "Engineering" and "Language & Culture," while taking one required course, "Introduction to Trans-Disciplinary Human Development (TDHD)." Students may also participate in the fieldwork seminar "Human Ecology: Rivers" and the Summer Session in Asian Studies offered in August.

### ■ Program with Quality Assurance

- Staff Recruitment** - Recruited 2 full time faculty and 2 staff members. Prepared for student consulting and advising systems.
- Review Meeting of AIMS Programme** - Program leader attended the meeting in Chiang Rai, Thailand; collected information, networked, and introduced SAIMS program.
- Conducted Program Development Conference** - Faculty members (SAIMS committee members) and AIMS staff from Sophia visited all partner institutions (6 institutions in 3 countries), sharing information and updates on the progress of the programs.
- FD Program** - Dispatched a science professor in charge of the SAIMS program to the University of Copenhagen to evaluate and network with their Department of Chemistry in the School of Science to enhance the English course program.
- Prepared for Fieldwork Seminar Human Ecology: "Rivers"** - Visited various places in Kushiro in preparation for the seminar. Designed program details such as scheduling, instructors and syllabus.
- Prepared for Pre-departure Guidance and Pre-departure Interview** - Scheduled and prepared materials for student guidance and interviews.

(Visit to Bogor Agricultural University)



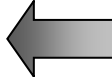
### ■ Contents of the Program

#### Participating University in SEA

##### Confirmation of the programs and courses

- ◆ **Indonesia**  
Bogor Agricultural Univ. (Food Science and Technology)  
Gadjah Mada Univ. (Agriculture, Economics)
- ◆ **Thailand**  
Chulalongkorn Univ. (Language & Culture, Economics)  
Mahidol Univ. (International Business)
- ◆ **Philippines**  
Ateneo de Manila Univ. (Language & Culture, Economics, International Business, Engineering)  
De La Salle Univ. (Language & Culture, Economics, International Business, Engineering)

25 - 40 students



25 students

#### Sophia University (SAIMS Program)

- Trans-disciplinary program**
- ◆ Required Course "Introduction to TDHD"
  - ◆ Opening of six new courses designed for SAIMS  
Environmental Science, Conservation, Sustainable Development, Urban Ecology, Environmental Change and Human Development  
A Critical Approach to Sustainable City
  - ◆ Electives  
【Engineering】 Basic Environmental Science, Applied Environmental Engineering (approx. 23 courses)  
【Language & Culture】 Culture & Society, Global Affairs, Environmental Studies (approx. 55 courses)
  - ◆ Fieldwork Seminar - Human Ecology: Rivers (Elective)
  - ◆ Summer Session in Asian Studies (Optional)

### ■ Student-Mobility

#### ① For outbound Students

Accepted applications for Chulalongkorn Univ. (for Fall 2014), and nominated five students. (Applications for other institutions are accepted on an ongoing basis.)

#### ② For inbound students

Accepted one student from Mahidol Univ. (Thailand) and two students from Ateneo de Manila Univ. (Philippines) for Spring 2014. (Applications from other institutions are accepted on an ongoing basis.)

Note: FY2013 results, FY2014-2017 planned

	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017		
	I	T	P	I	T	P	I	T	P	I	T	P	I	T	P
Outbound	0	0	0	10	8	7	10	9	11	12	11	12	14	13	13
Inbound	0			25			25			25			25		

### ■ Promotion of Student-Mobility Environment

I: Indonesia T: Thailand P: Philippines

(Kushiro Shitsugen Wetland - "Rivers" venue)



#### 【for all participating students】

- Established the ASEAN Liaison Office
- Designed program that enables students from SEA and Japan to study together (TDHD, Human Ecology: "Rivers")
- Prepared three types of SAIMS leaflets (English & Japanese) for provision of information
- Set up a SAIMS website for provision of information: URL:<http://dept.sophia.ac.jp/pj/saims/>

#### 【for SEA students】

- Provided counseling services in English
- Provided active interactions with Sophia students and local communities at the Sophia Soshigaya International House

#### 【for Sophia students】

- Held frequent SAIMS study abroad information sessions
- Campus publicity through flyers, school website, and school bulletin board