

Nanjing University - Kyoto University Sociology and Anthropology Workshop

Nanjing University and Kyoto University had successfully co-organized their first attempt for holding the Sociology and Anthropology Workshop on September 16, 2011 in Nanjing University. Even though this was the second academic year since School of Social and Behavioral Science of Nanjing University and the Graduate School of Letters of Kyoto University had agreed academic partnership, the workshop was successfully completed and excitedly welcomed by over 80 participants of undergraduate students, graduate students, post doctoral researcher and faculty members of School of Social and Behavioral Science.

From 2008, Japan Society for the promotion of the Science (JSPS) had started to send graduate students and career developing young scholars abroad intensively under *Discovery Project*. Kyoto University's three graduate schools; the Graduate School of Economics, the Graduate School of Management and the Graduate School of Letters are one of those academic institutions for sending young scholars abroad under the program of *Kyoto Erasmus Project*. For aiming for training next generation's academic leaders in Asian region, Intensive Social Research Program in China of Kyoto Erasmus Project was planned since summer of 2010. In 2010, six member of Kyoto University (three PD researchers, one doctorate student and two master course students) were sent to Nanjing University to participate in an intensive language training program (Mandarin Chinese) and social survey. Under supervision of Dr. Chang Yulin and Dr. Yang Der-Ruey of School of Social and Behavioral Science of Nanjing University, six member of Kyoto University successfully completed their research and survey in Nanjing. However, 2010 project was mainly focused on social survey but not on academic exchange between young scholars of Kyoto University and Nanjing University.

In order to promote academic exchange, this year's member from Kyoto University had planned to organize a workshop with Nanjing University's young scholars. With devoted efforts and helps of Dr. Zhang and Dr. Yang, we could have given a tremendous opportunity to organize the Sociology and Anthropology Workshop 2011 with three speakers from Nanjing University; Dr. Zhou Lei, Dr. Si Kailing and Mr. Wang Hua and two speakers from Kyoto University; Dr. Taisho Nakayama and Dr. Ryoko Sakurada. All speakers had introduced their own research with rich field data and speakers from Japan tried to include current academic trends in Japan. Our attempt was successfully welcomed by floor.

As representatives of Kyoto University, we are grateful to two professors, Dr. Zhang and Dr. Yang, three speakers of Dr. Zhou, Dr. Si and Mr. Wang and all participants of the workshop. Also, Ms. Wu Liang was such an excellent interpreter at the workshop. Without her we could not have fruitful academic discussions. After all, our first attempt was ended in great success. We do hope our academic exchange will last long.

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