

Special Lecture

Asian Rural Poverty and Agriculture Development

17 – 18 March, 2010

1 Credit

Lecturers:

- **Manfred Zeller**, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim
- **Pattana Jierwiriyapant**, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Extensions, Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University
- **Shoichi Ito**, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University

Lecture Schedule:

Class	Theme	LECTURER	DATE	TIME	ROOM
1	This first hour lecture provides introduction of the whole lecture followed by the current Asian agricultural situation which has evolved from the extreme poor situation to some improvement during the last half century.	Dr. Ito	17 Mar. (Wed)	9:00- 10:30	Room 2, 21st Century Plaza
2	The overall topic of the two lectures is Poverty in Asia: Measurement, trends and development strategies. Students first learn about the major methods for measuring poverty, with a focus on absolute income poverty (e.g. 1 dollar a day poverty line) as used by international development organizations. The second part is devoted to a review of the trends in poverty rates in Asian countries, and the phenomenon of higher poverty rates in rural areas. As most of the poor live in rural areas and depend directly or indirectly on agriculture, strategies for sustainable poverty reduction must be based on developing agriculture and rural areas. The third part of the lecture covers major development policy instruments such as agricultural research and extension and microfinance for poverty reduction.	Dr. Zeller	17 Mar. (Wed)	10:50- 12:20	
3		Dr. Zeller	17 Mar. (Wed)	13:30- 15:00	
4	Asian food consumption patterns are discussed in this hour. Rice based diet has been changing to more varietal and diversified diets introducing, in part, the western diets. Weaker demand for rice which has been the base for agriculture in Asia may have caused lessen the importance and value of their overall agriculture.	Dr. Ito	17 Mar. (Wed)	15:20- 16:50	
5	This topic provides students with a brief history of agricultural development in Southeast Asia. Agricultural production and marketing development trend as a result of technological changes and improvement. Potential development of agro-industries or	Dr. Pattana	18 Mar. (Wed)	10:30- 12:00	

6	agribusiness as an alternative for poverty alleviation and sustainable rural development will be discussed. Finally, the impact of large scale agricultural production section on rural agricultural development will also be discussed.	Dr. Pattana	18 Mar. (Wed)	13:00- 14:30	
7	Comparison of agricultural developments between Asian and African countries is provided in this lecture. To summarize the whole lecture, the key points for agricultural development are reviewed including the cultures, land availability, population, and ODA programs.	Dr. Ito	18 Mar. (Wed)	14:50- 16:20	



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