

Vietnam excursion successfully completed!

| Date | Program | Persons-in-charge Overnight location |
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| Sunday, 14.03 | ▶ Introduction to the excursion program ▶ Welcome Dinner | Wing /Lucky Star Hotel |
| Monday, 15.03 | ▶ Guided tour to the colonial centre of Hanoi ▶ Transfer to Hanoi University of Agriculture (HUA) - Introduction to HUA - Presentation of home universities - Campus Tour - Welcome party with Vietnamese students | Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Dinh (HUA) |
| Tuesday, 16.03. | ▶ Visit of Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry (TUAF) - Introduction to TUAT - Introduction to major research projects and teaching programs of TUAF | Dr. Dinh Ngoc Lan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen The Dang (TUAF) |
| Wednesday, 17.03. | Ba Be National Park ▶ Workshop on natural resource management ▶ Visit of ecotourism places (Pac Ngoi, Caves) | Ba Be Dr. Dinh Ngoc Lan (TUAF); Ms. Hoang Minh Ha (ICRAF); Dr. Andreas Neef (Kyushu University) |
| Thursday, 18.03. | Ba Be National Park, cont. ▶ Exploring Ba Be Lake and landscape in Ba Be National Park | see above Wing /Lucky Star Hotel |
| Friday, 19.03. | ▶ Soil Museum ▶ National Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) ▶ Ethnological Museum | Dr. Tran Minh Tien Dr. Le Thi Thuy |
| Sunday, 21.03. | Transfer to Son La (Bus ride, ca. 9-10 hrs) | Hoang Son |
| Monday, 22.03. | ▶ Aims and approaches of "The Uplands Program" (SFB564) in Vietnam ▶ Community-driven livestock breeding (subproject of SFB564) ▶ Visit of Son La Dam Project | Dr. Gerhard Clemens (UHCH, SFB564) Blanca Haussner (UHCH) Huang Trong Tuan |
| Tuesday, 23.03. | Experimental Station of NCMAFSI in Mai Son - Intercropping in coffee - Maize trial plots Transfer to Yen Chau ▶ Introduction into the landscape of Yen Chau | Mr. Dam Quang Ming, Director Prof. Dr. Karl Stahr (UHCH) Huong Sen |
| Wednesday, 24.03. | Visit of SFB564 Subprojects in Chieng Khoi: ▶ Policy impact evaluation ▶ Agrochemicals in integrated farming systems ▶ Aquaculture ▶ Land vulnerability and land suitability analysis ▶ EnBW Rainforest Foundation Project | Susanne Ufer (UHCH) Thomas Gut (UHCH) Johannes Puchert (UHCH) Prof. Dr. Karl Stahr (UHCH) Prof. Dr. Georg Cadisch (UHCH) |
| Thursday, 25.03. | Visit of SFB 564 Subprojects, cont. ▶ Fruit set and trade standards ▶ Tea cultivation and processing Dinner in Hoa Binh | Michael Hagermann (UHCH) Extension Service Moc Chau, Tea Company Moc Chau Wing /Lucky Star Hotel |
| Friday, 26.03. | Vietnamese-German Center DAAD activities in Southeast Asia Environmental valuation at Yen Chau district Feedback and wrap-up discussion Farewell party with students of HUA | Ms. Bossmann (DAAD) Mr. Nguyen Minh Duc (HUA) Dr. Gerhard Clemens, Dr. Ludwig Kammesheidt (UHCH) |

HUA ·· Hanoi University of Agriculture
TUAF ·· Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry
ICRAF ·· International Center for Research in Agroforestry
UHOH ·· University of Hohenheim
DAAD ·· Der Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service



The Centre for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim, organized a study trip to northern Vietnam from March 13-28, 2010. Out of 46 applications, 17 students from different international Master programmes at Hohenheim University were selected for the excursion. Another 11 students from IPAAE partner universities in Thailand (Chiang Mai and Kasetsart) and Japan (Tokyo, Kobe and Kyushu) as well as from Hanoi University of Agriculture joined the group in Vietnam. In addition, four professors from three Japanese universities involved in the IPAAE network, including Dr. Ogata, the IPAAE Director, attended the study tour.

The study trip, led by Prof. Stahr, Prof. Cadisch and Dr. Kammesheidt, provided insights into nature conservation issues through the visit of the Ba Be National Park.

The second part of the excursion was devoted to the interdisciplinary agricultural research of Hohenheim's "Uplands Program" in the Son La province and the impact of large-scale infrastructure projects, i.e. the Son La dam project, on sustainable resource management and people's welfare in rural areas of northern Vietnam.

Besides there was enough time for getting together within the international student group through numerous fun activities such as wine tasting, Karaoke, dancing and so on.



Dr. Ludwig Kammesheidt
Executive Manager
Tropenzentrum
University of Hohenheim

Students and professors from all six IPAAE collaborative universities participated in the Vietnam Field Trip. Including the participants from Hanoi University of Agriculture (HUA), many of us came from different backgrounds and were meeting for the first time, in a complete foreign place. This seemingly-challenging situation turned out to be quite a success.

From the very first day when we took a bus to tour around the city of Hanoi, there were multiple opportunities to interact and share conversations with different people. Every time we were seated for a bus or a meal, participants acquainted themselves with new people and joined in discussions, probably out of insecurity or rather a freedom they felt by being away from home.

Each place we visited had its own importance, yet the strongest memory of all was the active interactions among the students. I believe it was a great experience for everyone.

Dr. Sonoko Dorothea Kimura
Associate Professor
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology



To join Excursion in Viet Nam was a very nice opportunity for me to consider what we can do for sustainable development in uplands.

I was so lucky to meet many students and Professors to study with them in Viet Nam. I thank everybody involved in the excursion, from the bottom of my heart and I hope I can continue to meet new people in the future.

Saki Ueda, Junior at Kyushu University



Welcome to Kyushu!

~ Relay Lectures and Special Seminars from January to March in Fiscal 2009~



| Period | Place | Title and Lecturer |
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| January 25th to 28th | QU, KBU, TUAT | "Ecological background for insect biocontrol" by Dr. Zebitz (UHOH) |
| February 15th to 16th | QU | "Climate Change, Food Security, and Food Safety" by Dr. Vute (KU) |
| February 16th to 17th | QU | "Climate Change, Food Security, and Food Safety" by Dr. Kamol (CMU) |
| February 16th to 22nd | QU, KBU, TUAT | "Examples of practical biocontrol" by Dr. Schulte (UHOH) |
| March 4th to 5th | QU | "Climate Change, Food Security, and Food Safety" by Dr. Pepijn (UHOH) |
| March 17th | QU | "Asian Rural Poverty and Agriculture Development" by Dr. Zeller (UHOH) |
| March 18th | QU | "Asian Rural Poverty and Agriculture Development" by Dr. Pattana (CMU) |

The first impression in Fukuoka is the hospitality of the host. The warm welcome and fantastic helps in all aspects made me feel at home. The students were active in class participation. The visit provided good opportunities to share and broaden teaching and research experiences with the professors and staff here. A visit to farmers market made me wondered how could we develop such a strong and responsive community-based agricultural cooperatives business in a highly competitive world like that.

Fukuoka city is so clean and safe and well designed. With a bike, I just went around the city, even in the evening without fear. The people here were gentle and polite and so helpful, despite the language difficulties. I have also succeeded in "really" come to Fukuoka with an experience of the famous Onsen here.

The only disappointment to me here was that a "too short" the time I had. Of course, this can never happen without the wonderful and effective arrangement of the staff here. Thank you all.

Dr. Vute, Kasetsart University



My visit to Kyushu University was very fruitful. I had learned a great deal just being there and meeting with professors, staffs and students. The staffs of IPAAE at Kyushu University are very friendly and helpful in arranging my travel plan and assisting in the lecture. Everything was well organized. I hope that we can continue and also improve this kind of educational activities because it may lead to more collaboration among partner universities in the future.

Dr. Pattana, Chiang Mai University



Early March I gave a two-day lecture in the IPAAE program on "the analysis of climate change impacts on agriculture". It was my first time to teach in Japan and my first time to simultaneously teach students at different locations (Kyushu, Tokyo, and Bangkok).

I very much enjoyed this experience. The organization by the IPAAE team was superb. I felt that the students were much engaged in the lecture and together we learned much about the climate-related challenges that farmers in Southeast Asia are facing. I hope to do it again.

Dr. Pepijn, University of Hohenheim

I was so excited when I have been invited to join the lecture at Kyushu University. I knew that Kyushu University is one of the top universities in Japan. I was also informed that Fukuoka has long been a beautiful and nice city in Japan. I was so impressed when I arrived there. People, buildings and traffic system are well organized. I had a great time and enjoyed my lecture at Kyushu.

The 14 international students who attended my lecture were tremendous. They were eager to learn from my experiences. It was my great pleasure to help them learn more even after the classes. Unforgettably, it was my first time that my lecture has been shared by students from other universities via live broadcasting.

Dr. Kamol, Chiang Mai University



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