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It is a pleasure and wonderful chance for me to attend the 7th annual International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability organized in the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand from 5 to 7 January, granted by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). Each day of the three-day conference was filled with an array of presentations that covered both academic and professional work. Attendees and presenters from 28 countries shared their disciplinary theories and practices about how to inspire, and cultivate sustainability on a local scale. The conference was an opportunity to broaden this body of work to the global scale by encouraging collaboration between participants and across disciplines.

In the conference, I could meet face to face, discuss and study directly from the distinguished economists, who I admired through their distinguished articles, published in the international journals. This provide me not only the knowledge and methodology to write my dissertation better but also the information of research trend on environmental economics in the world that help me how and what should I study more before graduating and going back my home country. This knowledge is also very helpful for me to solve environmental problems in Vietnam after my graduation.

My study that I contributed the conference is about the damage of rice production caused by water pollution. Almost all audiences look interested in my presentation. My research helps them understand more and know deeply the current problems of environment in the developing countries, in this case of Vietnam. For instance, *Ms. Leslie Batten, conference attendee from 2010 Olmsted Scholar, becomes recognizable and more understandable about the environmental problems in Me Kong region and wrote in her report "Huynh Viet Khai from Kyushu University, Japan reports that water pollution from industrial activities in the upper Me Kong watershed has impacted downstream rice production in Vietnam"*.



Although everybody knows the negative impacts of industrial pollution on agricultural production, studies on the estimate or quantity of this damage in money is very few in the developing world. Thus, my study is not only a alarm of environmental problems, but also calculates or monetizes the damage of agricultural production due to industrial pollution that helps policymakers suggest the suitable strategies to solve environmental problems in the developing countries. Revised as useful suggested, recommendations and comments by conference audiences, I hope my paper could be accepted to publish in The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to JSPS for granting. I am deeply indebted to Professor Mitsuyasu Yabe, my PhD. supervisor, who has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement, for his hearty help and giving me a chance to apply JSPS grant. Thank you very much.

