Preface

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These proceedings comprise eight articles that speakers have submitted to the international tourism seminar of "Progress of and Challenges in Tourism Studies: A Comparative Study on Asian Countries" held at Campus Plaza Kyoto on November 6, 2010, and cosponsored by College of Letters and the Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University. We would like to thank the speakers for participation in our seminar and contributing their papers.

This seminar which celebrated the 140th anniversary of Ritsumeikan Academy and the 110th anniversary of Ritsumeikan University was ranked as the fourth conference on the theme of tourism since the international symposium entitled of "The Socially Deprived and Self-reliance through Tourism" on November 1 and 2, 2008. Our research projects on tourism were initiated in 2006 with Prof. Eguchi's research project "the Culture of Poverty and Tourism," conducted at the Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University. This was followed in 2009 by another project on the theme "Globalization and Tourism [in] Asia" (project leader: Prof. Fujimaki). Moreover we have till date held one symposium, one workshop, and one seminar with scholars from Asia (see following table).

Through research projects, we aim to eventually create an "Asian Tourism Research and Higher–Education Consortium" as a platform for collaborative research facilitated the development of "alternative tourism theories from Asia" by Asian researchers, along with a global campus for the mutual exchange of students and scholars. We aspire to involve a large number of domestic and foreign researchers in this project.

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International Conferences on Tourism held by The Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University

Nov. 1-2, 2008	International Symposium "The Socailly Deprived and Self-reliance through Tourism"
	Eguchi Nobukiyo (Ritsumeikan University):
	The Socially Deprived and Self-reliance through Tourism
	Tibusungu'e vayayana peongsi (National Taiwan Normal University): Ecotourism among the Cou Village Community in Taiwan
	David Peaty (Ritsumeikan University):
	Community-Based Ecotourism in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia
	Gerardus Dominicus Catharina Van Weert (Independent consultant) :
	Community Tourism in Runa Tupari, Ecuador
	Claudia Nozke (The University of Lethbridge):
	The Stranger, the Native and the Land" in Northern Canada; Sustaining a Way of Life
	Komura Manabu (Ryukoku Univertsity):
	Ecotourism in Island Societies
	Fujimaki Masami (Ritsumeikan University) :
	On the Malaysian Project
	Norizan Md Nor (Universiti Sains Malaysia):
	Ecoturism among the Orang Asli Communities in Malaysia
	Tawa Masataka (Kwansaigakuin University):
	Problems for Tourism in Fishing Villages of Malay Peninsula
	Eguchi Nobukiyo (Ritsumeikan University):
	Tourism: a Key for Survival of the Portuguese in Malacca, Malaysia
	Yotsumoto Yukio (Ritsumeikan University):
	The Effect of Tourization and Mordenization; A Case of Rice Terrace of the world
	Heritage and Ifugao Farmers in Banau, Ifugao, Philippines
	Ishii Kayoko (Nagoya University of Commerse and Business):
	Who are the Hill-tribes; Can Ethnic Minorities Gain a "Better Life" by Participating
	in Ethnic Tourism?
	Murase Satoru (Otemae University):
	Adaptative strategies of the Bauls of Bengal and Bolpur-Santineketan Area as a Tourist Spot
	Ikemoto Yukio (University of Tokyo):
	Human Development and the Role of Torurism from Capability Approach
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Nov. 7, 2009	International Workshop "the Production of Tourism Spaces and Interfaces between Local People, Foreign Tourists and Foreign Workers"
	 Han Jiho and Yotsumoto Yukio (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University): The Trends of Foreign Tourists to Beppu, Oita Prefecture, Japan Kannapa Pongponrat (Mahidol University International College, Thailand): Social Capital in Community Participation for Local Tourism Development; A Case
	Study of Fisherman Village, Samui Island, Southern of Thailand
	David Peaty (Ritsumeikan University): Homestays in Indian Himalaya
	Yahaya Ibrahim (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu):
	Homestay Program and Community Development in Malaysia
May 8, 2010	International Tourism Seminar "Progress in Tourism Studies: Comparative Study on Asian Countries"
	Badaruddin Mohamed (Universiti Sains Malaysia):
	The State of the Art of Tourism Research in Malaysia
	Ishii Kayoko (Nagoya University of Commerce and Business):
	Theories and Models on Thai Tourism
	Shin Yongseok (Korea Culture and Tourism Institute):
	Progress in Korean Tourism Studies
	Kureha Masaaki (Tsukuba University):
	Research Trend in Geography of Tourism in Japan
	Eguchi Nobukiyo (Ritsumeikan Unversity): Anthropological Approach to Tourism in Japan