

3rd International GIAHS Seminar

A side event of Kanazawa University Satoyama and Satoumi Project and partners during the 4th International Forum on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

Role of Universities in the Reactivation and Sustainable Development of Satoyama Satoumi

The 4th International Forum on the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) is taking place in Nanao City, Ishikawa Prefecture on 29-31 May 2013. The important objective of the forum is to share knowledge and best practices on evolving heritage systems from different continents and countries. It is an opportunity to reinforce the collaboration and networking for the promotion and implementation of innovative approaches for dynamic conservation and management of agricultural heritage systems and sites. The Forum highlights new GIAHS sites for inclusion to the Initiative.

Activities were initiated to help spur conservation efforts since Noto's Satoyama and Satoumi (Ishikawa Prefecture) and Sado's Satoyama (Niigata Prefecture) were officially designated as the 1st GIAHS sites in Japan. The challenges posed by the changing age structure of the local communities encouraged us to develop activities for a holistic approach to help reactivate and build a stronger Noto Satoyama and Satoumi. Together with Ishikawa Prefectural University, UNU-OUIK, UNU-ISP and the league of municipalities, Kanazawa University through Satoyama Satoumi Project would like to take this opportunity to organize the 3rd International GIAHS seminar on the Role of Universities in the Reactivation and Sustainable Development of Satoyama Satoumi. The main goal is to provide support to Japan GIAHS sites to encourage broad range of stakeholders to engage in sustainable development and conservation activities in satoyama and satoumi. The seminar discusses the role of the universities to foster innovative solutions through research and technology, to reactivate and sustain satoyama satoumi and improve the quality of life. The seminar provides networking and communication opportunities for participants working with common interests in satoyama and satoumi. Most importantly, the seminar offers an opportunity to address pressing problems such as the progressive increases of deer, bear and wild boar populations; and the major issue of "ageing" human population. For this purpose, we have invited the Municipalities of Noto and Sado, universities, research and educational institutes, private sector and general public in Japan to this important event.

Date
and
venue

27 May 2013

► Seminar 13:00-18:00

2/F Lecture Room, Kanazawa University Center for Regional Collaboration

► Networking Dinner follows after the seminar 18:00-20:00

1/F Reception Room, Kanazawa University Kakuma Guest House
(building next to the seminar venue)

Organized by: Kanazawa University Satoyama Satoumi Project,
Noto GIAHS Local Municipality / University Network

Co-sponsored by: Kanazawa University Noto Operating Unit, Ishikawa Prefectural University,
United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa

Supported by: Ishikawa Prefecture, Noto Regional GIAHS Executive Committee

Participants:

Universities and research institutes: Kanazawa University, Ishikawa Prefectural University, Niigata University, Utsunomiya University, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), UNU-IAS, UNU-ISP, UNU-OUIK League of municipalities in Noto and Sado GIAHS, farmers, foresters, fishermen, NPOs, and private sectors

Chair and Executive/Organizing Committee:
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Program

13:00-13:15 Opening remarks
Koji Nakamura
Deputy President, Kanazawa University

SESSION I. The role of universities in GIAHS: a global perspective

(Each presenter is given 15 mins.)

Akira Nagata (UNU-ISP)
Development of GIAHS in Japan : role of universities

Maiko Nishi (UNU-IAS)
Biodiversity and ecosystem services assessment for human well-being in Noto, Ishikawa

Kaoru Ichikawa (UNU-IAS)
Development of the Satoyama Satoumi Initiative

Osamu Saito (UNU-IAS)
Building local governance models for co-management and sharing of a bundle of ecosystem services

Kenichi Abe (RIHN)
Traditional knowledge and culture and GIAHS

14:30-14:45 Break

SESSION II. The role and responsibilities of universities in Satoyama Satoumi GIAHS

(Each presenter is given 15 mins.)

- Seiji Yanai (Ishikawa Prefectural University)
Collaboration of ecosystem research and monitoring with local community in Noto GIAHS
- Koji Shinsaku (Kanazawa University)
GIAHS and human resource cultivation in Noto
- Toyoichi Nozawa (Kanazawa University)
Cultural Resource Studies and GIAHS
- Ushio Nishikawa (Niigata University)
Wildlife-friendly farming on Sado Island: an ecological restoration perspective
- Atsushi Ohwaki (Niigata University)
Educating local people to revitalize the local society in Sado Island with GIAHS
- Toshimori Takahashi (Utsunomiya University)
Training “wildlife management supervisors” for maintaining satoyama landscape
- Kanako Yano & Kazuya Kurita (Tokyo University of Agriculture)
Designing rural community and training distributed leaders conducted by Tokyo University of Agriculture

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-17:55 Panel discussion
Moderator: Koji Nakamura (Kanazawa University)

Panel discussants:
3 from the presenters
2 or 3 from the Noto and Sado municipalities who are former forester, farmer or NPO

17:55-18:00 Closing remarks
Koji Nakamura (Deputy President, Kanazawa University)