

Preface

This is my great honor to hold the workshop on trans-disciplinary research on Asia and the joint seminar of “Coastal area-capability enhancement in Southeast Asia” project with University of Philippines Visayas (UPV), Kasetsart University (KU), Southeast Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC). And on behalf of Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), I would like to express my grateful to participants from Eastern Marine Fisheries Research and Development Center (EMDEC), Aklan State University (ASU) and all citizens who have much interesting on the linkages between researches and social developments.

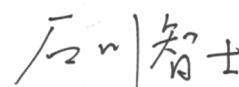
RIHN has been emphasized the importance of trans-disciplinary science, in other words “science for society” in recent years. This movement occurred not only in RIHN but also in many academic institutes and universities of the world, especially in environmental and food sciences. As “Area-capability project” originally targeted the harmonization between rural development and conservation ecosystems, our outcomes and experiences could be good examples for the science for society. This year is the third year of the Area-Capability Project. Each project members have to start the compilation of final outcomes of project activities. The well understanding of the sense of “science for society” will be a good help for all members of the AC project to re-examine the values of each scientific achievement for harmonization between rural development and ecosystem conservation.

I hope this workshop and joint seminar will be good opportunities for all participants to think of “science for society” from multiple senses based on the exchange ideas and experiences each other. And I hope this proceeding can help to facilitate the discussions and communications among participants.

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