

Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program for Vitalizing Brain Circulation

Trip Report, India 17 December to 25 December 2012

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Destination: Kolkata, Japhü Christian College (Kohima, Nagaland)

Trip report:

On 18 and 19 December, I met with Dr. Abhijit Dasgupta (University of Delhi, India) to discuss future Asian and African area studies as well as academic exchanges, education, and research with Delhi University's Faculty of Social Sciences. We then arranged an international symposium to take place in Kohima.

On 20 December, I travelled from Kolkata to Kohima, Nagaland, and on 21 and 22 December, I participated as a speaker in the international symposium entitled *Looking Beyond the State: Changing Forms of Inclusion and Exclusion in India*. Under the joint sponsorship of the Brain Circulation Programme, following a consultation with Dr. Abhijit Dasgupta, it was decided that given the theme of 'inclusion and exclusion', it would be appropriate to hold the symposium in Kohima. The international symposium was then successfully brought together, thanks to the wholehearted support of Dr. Visakhonu Hibo of the local Japhü Christian College.

The symposium was attended by Dr. Visakhonu Hibo (Japhü Christian College), Dr. Arkotong Longkumer (University of Edinburgh), Dr. Michael T. Heneise (University of Edinburgh), Dr. Suryakant Waghmore (Tata Institute of Social Sciences), Dr. Dulali Nag (Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management), Dr. Hia Sen (Presidency University, Kolkata), and approximately thirty other scholars. The discussion was animated, and there was a lively exchange of views. Those who came from Japan to take part in the symposium were Dr. Minoru Mio (National Museum of Ethnography), Dr. Riho Isaka (Tokyo University), Dr. Toshie Awaya (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Dr. Ayako Iwatani (Hiroshima University), Dr. Kazuya Nakamizo (Kyoto University), Dr. Kenta Funahashi (Kyoto University), and Dr. Shinya Ishizaka (Kyoto University).

On 23 December, I made my way back to Japan from Kohima via Kolkata.



The landscape of Kohima



A scene from the international symposium



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