

Summary

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Title: Academic Collaboration in the Field of Development Cooperation

Session: Session #4 “Academic Collaboration in the Field of Development Cooperation”

Attachments: Presentation materials of Yamagata’s lectures of “International Cooperation” at IDEAS

1. Academic Collaborations

The speaker works for a semi-governmental research institute of Japan, the Institute of Developing Economies ([IDE](#)). The IDE often collaborates with universities and research institutes in developing countries for joint research. There are two types of research collaboration: vertical and horizontal. The vertical collaboration has clear division of labor among collaborating organizations such as planning / strategy; local legal and institutional arrangements; arrangements of beneficiaries / informants. The horizontal collaboration is softer and lightly-burdened collaboration among independent researchers for a conference / special issue of a journal / edited book.

As for academic collaboration, the IDE invites professors outside Japan for short-term intensive lecture series for its educational wing called IDE Advanced School ([IDEAS](#)).

2. Features of Academic Programme of the IDE Advanced School

IDEAS ([here](#) is its curriculum) is a non-degree school which grants only a diploma after graduation. Overseas fellows from Asia and Africa expect to deepen understanding new concepts in the field of international development, such as SDGs, aid for trade, conditional cash transfer, randomized conditional trial, human security, etc.

For graduation theses, students are requested to examine their own issues of interest by comparing their countries of origin and reference countries from which students draw lessons. This is a key feature of the training in IDEAS. There is no specific reference books for teaching.

3. Influences of academic works on policies

Two ways: (1) Justification of policies, and (2) criticism of policies. Resources are likely to be allocated to justify policies through evaluation and research. Criticism may be based on research or wisdom. The speaker wonders if joint statements can be made among four academic associations as a sort of future collaboration. Issues of statements which this speaker has in mind are support for multilateralism and criticism of too strong nationalism.