SUSTEP Program Introduction in Indonesia (Business trip from Jan 25–29, 2013)

The Japan Educational Seminar ("Global 30" Project) was held at Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia on 26 January and at the Institute of Technology Bandung on 27 January. Dr. N. Hotta (Assoc. Prof.) attended the seminar, along with professors from the Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, from the University of Tsukuba (UT). Dr. Hotta also visited Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) on 28 January, after the seminar, to discuss the SUSTEP program with faculty members of IPB.

Sixteen universities from Japan participated in the Japan Educational Seminar. The seminar was quite successful, with more than 5,000 students from Indonesia in attendance. The student participants included high school, college, and graduate students; all of them were eager to learn more about potential career opportunities. The seminars consisted of lecture presentations and individual interviews at each university's booth. Dr. Hotta made a presentation to introduce the ICEP programs, EDL program, Waste Management Expert course, and the upcoming SUSTEP program, in addition to providing a general introduction to UT. It was a great pleasure to see so many students interested in UT and its programs.

In the meeting at IPB, thanks to the effort and arrangements provided by Dr. Lilik, a fruitful discussion was held on improvement of the student exchange program and future plans for the SUSTEP program between UT and IPB. Dr. Dahrul Syah, Dean of the Graduate School of IPB, agreed to establish a credit-transfer system between UT and IPB. Dr. Lailan Syaufina, Secretary of the Masters' Program in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, and Dr. Hotta continued the discussion by offering opinions and suggestions for the credit-transfer classification system, referring to the curriculum of the Masters' Program in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Dr. Hotta also had an interview with one of the exchange students from UT and was pleased to find that she had really enjoyed her time at IPB, along with many of her friends, and, of course, had studied diligently.











