

**GRIPS Development Forum Seminars:
East Asian Development Experiences and the Role of Emerging Donors**

<November 8th 2006, 13:30-16:30>

Managing the Development Process and Aid

-- East Asian Experiences in Building Central Economic Agencies --

< November 9th 2006, 13:30-16:30>

Strategic Action Initiatives for Economic Development

-- Malaysia's Experiences in FDI Promotion and its Applicability to Africa --

The GRIPS Development Forum cordially invites to discuss East Asian experiences on development and aid management, as well as investment promotion. These are mutually complementary. The main purposes of the two seminars are: (1) to share the interim findings of the GRIPS study on "Managing the Development Process and Aid" that examines the East Asian experiences on the institution building and enhancement of development administration, and (2) to present concrete on-going initiatives to apply the East Asian experiences of FDI promotion strategies to Africa. In doing so, the seminars intend to promote further understanding on how the East Asian countries have managed the development process, integrating aid and private sector dynamism, and to facilitate active discussions on the relevance of bringing these experiences into the African context and the role of emerging donors in Asia in this regard.

Since July 2005, GRIPS has been engaged in a research project on "Managing the Development Process and Aid", focusing on Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines to examine their experiences in managing the development process and aid. The study endeavours to draw implications for the institution building and capacity development efforts by today's developing countries including Africa. Three prominent panellists, Mr. Nophadol Bhandhugravi (President, Neighboring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (NEDA), Thailand), Mr. J. Jegathesan (Senior Investment Adviser : Consultant to JICA and the Government of Zambia and the former Deputy Director General of the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA)) and Mr. Takeo Matsuzawa (Director General, Development Assistance Department I, JBIC) will comment on the presentation and give valuable insights.

(For further information on this GRIPS research project, please visit our website <http://www.grips.ac.jp/forum-e/research2006/aidmgt.htm>)

With regarding the FDI promotion initiatives in Africa, Mr. J. Jegathesan, as described above, will be invited to present his recent experiences on the investment promotion initiatives to Africa based on the Malaysian experiences. During MIDA times (1960s-90s), Mr. J. Jegathesan was heavily involved in the institution building and enhancement of the Malaysian development administration (mainly focusing on industrial policy and investment promotion). Now as a Senior Investment Adviser, he has been engaged in investment promotion process in various African countries by bringing relevant Malaysian experiences in the African context. (For detailed background, please visit following website www.jjegaic.com) Mr. Aiichiro Yamamoto, Senior Assistant to the Director General, Africa Department, JICA will comment on the presentation and give supplemental explanation.

It is hoped that the two seminars will stimulate discussions among the participants regarding how to concretize and disseminate East Asian experiences in development and aid management to the other part of the world including Africa. It is also hoped that this opportunity will lead to drawing policy recommendations originating from concrete Asian experiences to donors aiming for enhanced aid effectiveness.

If you intend to participate, please indicate the date(s) of the seminar and provide your name, affiliation, title and contact number by email at Chaki (chaki@grips.ac.jp) **no later than 15:00 on 2 November 2006.**

(1) Feedback seminar on GRIPS study -- Managing the Development Process and Aid (November 8th):

- **Venue:** GRIPS Roppongi Campus, Conference Room 4A (4th floor)
(MAP: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/forum-e/map.htm>)
- **Time:** November 8th 2006, 13:30-16:30
- **Target Audience:** Researchers, policymakers and aid professionals (interested in issues of institution building and capacity development to strengthen development administration system in developing countries and aid effectiveness issues).
- **Language:** English

▪ **Tentative Program**

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| 13:30-13:40 | Introduction to the feedback seminar
(Izumi Ohno) |
| 13:40-14:40 | Presentation on the GRIPS study (60 min.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Study Concept and Diverse Model of Macroeconomic Coordination in East Asia Countries
(by Izumi Ohno, Professor, GRIPS)- Key Factors Affecting the Effectiveness of Development Administration and Aid Management in East Asian Countries
(by Masumi Shimamura, Associate Professor, GRIPS) |
| 14:40-14:50 | Intermission |
| 14:50-15:20 | Comments from the panellists (10 min. each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- by Mr. Nophadol Bhandhugravi, President, Neighboring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (NEDA), Thailand- by Mr. J. Jegathesan, Senior Investment Adviser : Consultant to JICA and the Government of Zambia and the former Deputy Director General of the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA)- by Mr. Takeo Matsuzawa, Director General, Development Assistance Department I, JBIC |
| 15:20-16:20 | Panel discussions and Q&A
(moderator: Masumi Shimamura) |
| 16:20-16:30 | Wrap up |

