

Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate the Circulation of Talented Researchers
Japan-ASEAN Collaboration Research Program on Innovative Humanosphere in Southeast Asia:
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During a visit to Kyoto University from 15-16 December 2014, Dr. Suwat Chariyalertsak (RIHES Director) and Dr. Kriengkrai Srithaviboonchai (Head of the RIHES Research Center for AIDS and STIs) presented on RIHES's ongoing HIV research studies at a scientific meeting. Meeting attendees included other local graduate school grant recipients. The visit included an opportunity to visit the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology and discussions with Dr. Masahiro Kihara about possible future collaboration between the two institutes which resulted in two initial mutual agreements. Firstly, Kyoto University will support a young researcher from RIHES to attend the World Health Summit in Kyoto in April 2015 to present his/her research. Secondly, RIHES will host a researcher from the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology to work on a collaborative research project at RIHES for 6 months during the second half of 2015. The initial expected output of this program is at least one publication of a research article.

As a follow-up to the Kyoto trip, Dr. Masahiro Kihara together with Dr. Teeranee Techasrivichien and Dr. Patou Musumari visited Chiang Mai on 27 January 2015. A meeting between the Kyoto University and RIHES teams, which also included Dr. Arunrat Tangmunkongvorakul, a behavioral scientist, took place at RIHES to lay out the details of hosting Dr. Platou to conduct collaborative research in Chiang Mai. It was concluded that Dr. Kriengkrai and Dr. Arunrat would coordinate and take care Dr. Platou during his research in Chiang Mai, which would take place during the second half of 2015. Secondary data analysis and manuscript writing would be possible main activities that Dr. Platou would conduct while in Chiang Mai. The Kyoto team also had a chance to meet with Dr. Wathee Sithi, a RIHES young physician researcher, whose research abstract was accepted for the World Health Summit in Kyoto in April. His travel and stipend will be supported by Kyoto University. Dr. Arunrat will also attend the World Health Summit and visit the Department of Global Health and Socio-Epidemiology to explore further possible research collaboration between the two institutes.