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Report

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Dr.Kanittha Tambunlertchai from the Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, visited the Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University, for a period of 29 days from June 27th to July 25th, 2016. Prior to her visit, she liaised with Dr. Souksavanh Vixathep. Her host professor at the Graduate School of Economics is Dr.Hisaki Kono, who shares her research interests in financial inclusion, financial decision-making, and financial behaviors in developing economies. In addition to financial inclusion work, Dr.Kanittha also works on environmental economic issues in developing countries.

During her stay in Kyoto University, Dr.Kanittha participated in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS)'s Brain Circulation Workshop on June 27th, 2016. Her presentation came from her own research on financial inclusion, and was entitled "Financial Inclusion in Myanmar: Determinants of Access to Savings and Credit Products For Informal Sector Workers." As the name suggests, the research looks into the factors that affect the decision for informal sector workers to use savings and credit products offered by formal financial institutions in that country. She received many useful comments from the participants of the Workshop.

As part of the program and due to their shared interests in the area of financial decision, Dr.Kanittha discussed the potential to collaborate on a joint research project with her host professor, Dr.Hisaki Kono. The topic of interest is financial decision-making among low-income individuals. Dr.Hisaki has done some work on this topic in developing countries such as Vietnam and Bangladesh, while Dr.Kanittha has done similar work in Myanmar and Thailand. The collaboration should strengthen research ties between Kyoto University and Chulalongkorn University.