

Graduate School of International  
Cooperation Studies,  
KOBE UNIVERSITY, Japan

JDS Philippines  
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# Outline

- Our School, GSICS
  - Multidisciplinary: Programs & Curriculum
  - Diversity: Students with various background
- Kobe University: A Leader in Social Sciences
- The City of Kobe: A Cosmopolitan City
- Current Students
  - Message & A Seminar Class
  - Math grade

# GSICS, Kobe University

- Programs
    - Economics (Master of Economics)
    - International Studies (Master of Int'l Studies)
    - Law (Master of Laws )
    - Political Sciences (Master of Political Science)
- \*Students can take any classes in any programs.

# Economics Program 1

- Course Subjects
  - Basic Subjects
    - Macroeconomics, Microeconomics
    - Statistics, Econometrics, Math for Social Sciences
  - Applied Subjects
    - Economic Development Studies
    - Public Finance (Fiscal Policy)
    - Monetary Theory (Financial Economics)
    - Human Capital Development (Educational Economics)
    - Socio-Economic Development (Poverty Reduction)

# Economics Program 2

- Course Subjects
  - Applied Subjects (cont.)
    - International Economics
    - Growth Theory (Economic Growth)
    - Environmental Economics
    - International Development Cooperation
    - Development Management
    - Social Research Methods for Development, etc.

# Economics Program 3

- Course Subjects
  - Applied Subjects (cont.)
    - Special Lecture on Development Economics\*
    - Special Lecture on Development Policy\*
    - Special Lecture on Development Planning\*
    - Special Lecture on Development Management\*, etc.
    - Southeast Asian Economy\*
    - Small & Medium Enterprise Development\*
    - Economic Analysis of Poverty\*, etc.

# Multidisciplinary Curriculum 1

- Other Programs offer...
  - International Studies
    - International Relations
    - Peace & Development, etc.
  - Law
    - Law & Economic Development
    - Law & State Building, etc.
  - Political Science
    - Local Development
    - Local Government Finance, etc.

# Multidisciplinary Curriculum 2

- Joint subjects with...
  - Other Schools in the University
    - Economics
    - Law & Political Science
    - Medicine & Health Science (Public Health)
    - Engineering (Civil Planning)
  - Research Institutes in the University
    - Economics & Business Administration
    - Higher Education (Educational Development)
    - Urban Safety & Security (Disaster Management)



# Special Program for JDS Students 1

- Courses
  - Pre-enrollment training
    - Basic mathematics for economics
    - Basic statistics
    - How to carry empirical projects
    - Consultation on research proposal
  - Academic writing (+ tutorial class)
  - Special lectures
    - Southeast Asian Economy\*
    - Small & Medium Enterprise Development\*
    - Economic Analysis of Poverty\*, etc.

# Special Program for JDS Students 2

- Fieldwork
  - Field research
    - NEDA, PSA, etc.
  - Internship
  - Field-trip
    - Toyota plants & museum
    - Bank of Japan
    - UNIDO, Tokyo office
    - Tax college of Japan
    - Tokyo Stock Exchange, etc.



# Special Programs for JDS Students 3

- Support for Academic Life
  - Workshops, Seminars & Conferences
    - Pro-poor growth
    - Fiscal policy, etc.
  - Library (Books & Journals fund for students )
    - 500,000 PHP every year only for JDS students
  - Tutor (Support for surviving in Japan)
  - Supporting staff

# School Facts (as of 2022/23)

- International students
  - Master course: 57 (total 126)
  - Doctor course: 19 (total 68)
- Faculty
  - Teaching staff: 43 (Economics:18)
    - Visiting Professors & Adjunct Lecturers: 20
      - Visiting Professors from UP (incl. late Dr. Paderanga)
      - Former envoys of the Japanese embassy in Manila
- Budgets
  - 42.4 million PHP / year

# School Gallery



Classroom

School Building



# School Gallery



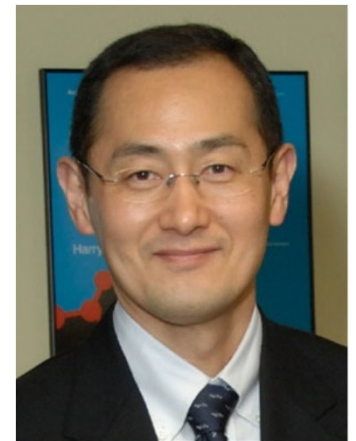
Presentation Room



PC Room

# Kobe University

- A world-leading university
  - One of the best universities in Economics
  - Library
    - 4 millions books & 70 thousands journals
    - UN Depository Library
  - Notable Alumni
    - Nobel Prize winner (Medicine, 2012)
    - CEOs of Toyota, Kawasaki, Panasonic, etc.
    - Prime Minister & Cabinet members



Shinya YAMANAKA,  
Stem-cell researcher,  
Nobel prize winner

# Kobe University

- The University facts (as of 2022/23)
  - 15,986 students (1,179 international students)
  - 3,115 staff (1,546 teaching staff)
  - 15 schools + Research institute & Hospital

Humanities

Intercultural Studies

Human Development & Environment

Law

Economics

Business Administration

International Cooperation Studies

Science

Engineering

System Informatics

Maritime Sciences

Agricultural Science

Medicine

Health Sciences

Science, Tech & Innovation



# Philippines and Kobe University

- Relation with the Philippines
  - Academic agreement
    - UP Diliman, Manila, & Los Baños
    - San Beda College
    - Ateneo de Manila University
    - University of Santo Tomas
    - St. Luke's Medical Center
  - Research projects
    - UP, IRRI, ADB, etc.
    - Visiting professors
    - Student exchange



Dr. Paderanga and our faculty members

# University Gallery



University Main Building



Frontier Hall & Library



# University Gallery



Centennial Hall (International Student Center)



# The city of Kobe



# The City of Kobe

- Location
  - West part of Japan (50 min. flight from Tokyo)
- Population
  - 1.5 million (51,000 foreign residents)
- Filipino communities
  - 1,500 Filipino residents
    - Christian Churches
    - Filipino restaurants
    - Muslim mosque (oldest in Japan)
    - Halal food shops & restaurants



Rokko Catholic Church,  
2 blocks from the school

# A seminar class

- Student Nationality
  - Master course
    - Philippines 4 (DOLE, DBP, DENR, PPA)
    - Vietnam 3, Bangladesh 2, Indonesia 1
  - Doctor course
    - Japan 2, Vietnam 2, Laos 1
- Student Background
  - Government officials
  - College lectures, etc.



# Math grade for JDS Students

## Philippines

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2016 | 11       | 80   | 100          |
| 2016 | 5        | 87   | 96           |
|      |          |      |              |
|      |          |      |              |
| 2017 | 11       | 62   | 89           |
| 2017 | 3        | 60   | 85           |

## Cambodia

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2016 | 8        | 75   | 96           |
| 2016 | 9        | 70   | W            |
| 2016 | 9        | 80   | 92           |
|      |          |      |              |
| 2017 | 10       | 90   | 89           |
| 2017 | 9        | 86   | 87           |
| 2017 | 11       | 85   | 90           |

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90-100

Excellent

80-89

Very good

70-79

Good

60-69

Average



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## Philippines

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2018 | 10       | 74   | 82           |
| 2018 | 5        | 76   | 80           |

## Cambodia

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2018 | 12       | W    | 79           |
| 2018 | 15       | W    | 78           |
| 2018 | 12       | W    | 76           |

## Vietnam

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2018 | 17       | W    | 89           |
| 2018 | 20       | W    | 79           |
| 2018 | 16       | 97   | 86           |
| 2018 | 18       | W    | 76           |

## Bangladesh

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2018 | 16       | 88   | 77           |
| 2018 | 16       | W    | 75           |

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## Philippines

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2019 | 6        | 74   | 98           |
| 2019 | 5        | 72   | 99           |
| 2020 | 5        | -    | 89           |
| 2020 | 7        | -    | 88           |
| 2021 | 11       | 62   | 89           |
| 2021 | 3        | 60   | 85           |
| 2021 | 3        | 50   | 83           |
| 2021 | 6        | 69   | 86           |

## Vietnam

| year | JDS-Math | Math | Econometrics |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| 2019 | 16       | 95   | 100          |
| 2019 | 15       | 95   | 85           |
| 2020 | 8        | 81   | 83           |
| 2020 | 16       | 88   | 85           |
| 2020 | 10       | 78   | 80           |
| 2020 | 12       | 80   | 82           |
| 2021 | 11       | 89   | 89           |
| 2021 | 14       | 88   | 93           |

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|--------|-----------|
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| 70-79  | Good      |
| 60-69  | Average   |

# Guidance for research Proposal

- The evaluation factors of research proposal
  - Research issue
  - Research question
  - Literature review
  - Research methods
  - Data availability
  - (Feasibility)

# Guidance for Research Proposal

- Posing a Question
  - Start with a general topic, then narrow it to a specific.
- Literature Review
  - A good research contains a review of relevant literature. Locate your study on academic literature.
    - On-line services are useful for “lit-review.”
- Data Collection
  - A good research should be backed by available data.
  - “Enough control” is most important to a analysis.

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \text{other factors} + u$$

# Guidance for Research Proposal

- Posing a question
  - Recent Research Issues 1
    - The Labor Force Participation Cost of Sexual Crimes in the Philippines (PHL)
    - Economic Growth and Renewable Energy Nexus of ASEAN Economies (PHL)
    - The role of consumption on economic growth in Viet Nam (VNM)
    - Economic and non-economic determinants of the FDI inflows into Vietnamese provinces (VNM)

# Guidance for Research Proposal

- Posing a question
  - Recent Research Issues 2
    - The impact of wealth inequality on longevity (PHL)
    - Women empowerment & domestic violence (KHM)
    - International R&D spillovers & growth (PHL)
    - The factors of labor force participation in TVET (PHL)
    - Structural transformation & poverty reduction (PHL)
    - Rice productivity & (in)formal credit (VNM)
    - Household expenditure & natural disaster (VNM)

# Guidance for Research Proposal

- Posing a question
  - Recent Research Issues: Indonesia
    - Human capital & economic growth in Indonesia
    - Role of agriculture in Aceh economy
    - Indonesia-TPP trade potential
    - Trade openness & gender wage gap
    - Spillover effects from FDI on labor productivity
    - Global crude oil price & Indonesian food price
    - Minimum wages impact on labor productivity, etc.

# Guidance for Research Proposal

- Posing a question
  - Empirical studies: Data & methods
    - Large sample size (Panel or pooled cross section data)
    - Time series analysis (stationary, VAR, ECM, etc.)
  - Examples of Research issues
    - Structural transformation, migration
    - Productivity, wage
    - Gender issues
    - Agriculture, manufacture, etc.