Waseda University Global COE Program,
'Global Institute for Asian Regional Integration'
Investigative Research Assistance Achievement Report

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Itinerary: 06/30/2009   (Month/Date/Year)

Destination (Name of city and country)

1. Monterey Institute of International Studies, California, USA.
2. " 43rd Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast Conference (ASPAC 2009" Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, California, USA, June 19-21.

Research objectives

1. To attend and present paper in "43rd Annual Asian Studies Conference on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC2009" Soka University of America, Aliso   Viejo, California, USA

Research project

Social Integration and Networking (Human Rights Governance in Asia)

Achievement

The 2009 ASPAC conference titled "Environment, Culture and Globalization in the Asia-Pacific", held between June 19-21, 2009 in Soka University of America, California, USA. The main aim of this conference was to promote a better understanding of Asia by exchange research and knowledge among academic communities about the changing momentum and integration in Asia Pacific region in different fields. Besides attending different sessions related to changes and integration in Asia Pacific regions in different fields I presented my paper titled 'Regional Integration to Address Poverty and Human Insecurities in Asia: An assessment from human rights and development cooperation perspective'. It was helpful for me to understand issues related to regional integration and cooperation in Asia in human rights and development cooperation fields.

Abstract of the Paper presented:

Title: Regional Integration to Address Poverty and Human Insecurities in South Asia: An assessment from human rights and development cooperation perspective

Brief Description: The main aim of this paper is to show, the link between development, human rights and human security and to analyze how South Asian and East Asian regional integration may create opportunities for greater Asian regional integration. With increasing trends of globalization, human insecurity issues in one country easily become concerns or even threats for neighboring as well as for far distant countries. Against this background, regional integration strategies are receiving

priority attention in the international arena. This paper explores how South Asian nations are addressing issues of poverty and other common threats to secure the lives of about one-fifth of the world's population living there. The analysis shows that South Asian integration was initially focused on economic integration to achieve sustainable development, but against the globalization trends, mere economic growth has failed to solve key issues of human insecurity and the regional countries' focus has begun to shift to social issues. Although they have achieved some successes, conflicts over common problems among the South Asian countries as well as the non-interference principle they have adopted in integration mechanisms have prevented them from achieving the targeted goal of poverty reduction and human security promotion. This paper argues that in the face of new threats such as climate change, infectious diseases, and food crisis, South Asian nations need to develop an integration strategy that is in line with East Asian as well as global strategies and that such strategies and initiatives will create opportunities for greater "Asian Integration" and for the building of an "Asian Community," which is free from the curse of poverty and other sources of human insecurity.

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