

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

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**Itinerary**                                      2009/12 / 1 / ~ 2009/12 / 5 /      (Month/Date/Year)

**Destination (Name of city and country)**

Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Research objectives**

- To attend the 2009 Amsterdam Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, hosted by IHDP Earth System Governance Project, Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands Research School for Socio-Economic and Natural Sciences of the Environment (SENSE).
- As a presenter, in order to understand international trend in environmental governance study and meet leading scholars in the field.
- As a researcher whose interest is focus on regional cooperation, in order to get idea and information from European regional cases.

**Research project**

The Effectiveness of Regional Environmental Institutions

The transnational network within regional environmental institutions categorize the focus areas into regional and area-specific impacts of air pollution, marine and basin pollution, acid rain and yellow wind, and habitat and ecosystem conservation for wild animals and plants. In many cases, regional boundaries share similarly strong impacts on the same environmental issue, because they are mutually interdependent geographically and ecologically. However, regional environmental institutions are often related to non-environmental matters such as political disputes or economic cooperation. The research project is to find answers to solve the cooperation problems that many Asian countries experiencing through regional and international environmental institutions. The objective of the research project is to ascertain potential way to improve effectiveness of international environmental institutions.

### Achievement

2009 Amsterdam Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change was the biggest conference in the year about Environmental Governance. The Earth System Governance Project seeks to analyse the interrelated and increasingly integrated system of formal and informal rules, rule-making systems, and actor-networks at all levels of human society that are set up to steer societies towards preventing, mitigating, and adapting to global and local environmental change and earth system transformation.

([www.earthsystemgovernance.org](http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org)) I could have following achievement.

Since it was the biggest conference in the year 2009 on the topic, I could have a general glance of the international environmental governance study from the wide perspective.

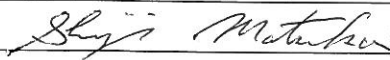

I also could find the gap between European approach on the issue with Japanese approach that was largely reflected in presenters' literature review. This, I believe will help myself to produce knowledge that can be shared in different level and region of the world in near future.

As many of participants were going to COP15 after the conference ended, I found tips what people expects for future direction in the study as theory and practice.

I had fruitful networking with peoples from different institutions and countries who are concerning the environmental governance in multi-level context.

### Confirmed by person in charge of project promotion (signature and seal)

Academic Adviser

Sub Adviser

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