

Woman Leaders promoting ESD based on local community

One year training program at Graduate School of Kobe College

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START from Autumn Semester 2010!



Prof. Ken Ii
Program Leader
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OVERVIEW

We will offer a new one year training program for female students in Asia and Africa starting in the autumn 2010. We will accept five graduate students who study environmental sciences, human behavior sciences, and biotechnology, or who are interested in ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) in this program. The purpose of this program is to educate women leaders who will promote ESD based on their local communities of their home countries. This program is financially supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology, Japan, and the trainees will study together with five Japanese graduate students. The curriculum contains an internship opportunity at a local NPO LEAF (Learning and Ecological Activities Foundation for Children) in Nishinomiya city, and special live lectures via Internet by the professors

of various universities in Asia. The trainees will also receive a certificate from the president of Kobe College. We hope the trainees will learn in practical ways how Japanese women contribute to the establishment of environment friendly communities that promote sustainable development. We also hope the students who complete this program will promote ESD in their local communities.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROGRAM

Candidates for this course are female graduate students in Asia and Africa. We will assist the candidates to get financial support from various sources including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.



PROGRAM SUMMARY (Year-long plan is summarized in Figure 1)

Through lectures and the internship the trainees will acquire skills to promote ESD in their local communities and deepen their understanding of environmental pollution and ESD by comparing the situations in Japan with those in Asian countries. The trainees begin the program in September and finish August of the following year.

Internship with NPO LEAF (4 credits each semester)

NPO LEAF is a non profit organization that promotes ESD in Nishinomiya city. Their aim is to contribute to the development of a sustainable society by initiating community-based environmental learning activities at schools and in local communities, in liaison with various civic groups, corporations and government agencies. (<http://www.leaf.or.jp/e100index.htm>) The program trainees will be involved in their activities including eco-learning activities for children and local residents, hosting JICA trainees from Asian countries.

Autumn semester: Major assignments are supporting eco-learning activities for children and local residents, and JICA trainers from Chile.

Spring Semester: Major assignments are supporting eco-activities of local residents, and education program undergraduates of Kobe College.

Lecture: Learning from the Japanese situation (2 credits each semester)

Professors in our department and guest professors will give lectures about the environmental pollution and progress of ESD in Japan. These issues will be discussed from various perspectives such as ecological sciences, technology, environmental science, medical sciences, economics and social sciences, and psychology. The lectures will be given in English. Graduate students in a simultaneous interpreter training course of our English department will occasionally assist communication between professors and students.

Autumn semester: Environmental pollution in Japan

Spring Semester: Progress of ESD in Japan

Live lecture via Internet: Learning from the Asian situation (2 credits each semester)

Our college has developed an Internet-live lecture system equipped with remote simultaneous interpreting function (<http://www.kobe-c.ac.jp/enkaku08/index.html>). Using this system, we can connect our classroom via Internet to various universities in the world. In this lecture, the collaborating professors in Asian universities will give lectures and report on current environmental pollution and the progress of ESD in their countries.

Autumn semester: Environmental pollution in Asia

Spring Semester: Progress of ESD in Asia



Lecture from Yuan Ze Univ. (Taiwan) using live lecture system



Education program for undergraduate “Woman Leader reWoman leaders contributing to Re-vitalization of Local Communities”

Fieldwork during spring break (1 credit)

We will have short trip to one of the World National Heritage sites in Japan (such as Yakushima, Shirakami-sanchi etc.). The trainees will exchange views on promoting community-based ESD with the women working there as volunteers or as NPO staff.

Two week internship during summer break (1 credit)

The trainees will have a chance to work in the city government or collaborating companies as internship trainees for two weeks.

DOUBLE DEGREE

The trainees completing this program receive 18 course credits in one year. They may receive a master degree of Human Sciences from Kobe College if they fulfill the following conditions.

- 1) get 12 extra credits on specified subjects in their home university
- 2) submit master thesis written in English to Kobe College
- 3) give a presentation on their thesis to Kobe College professors using Internet video conference system.

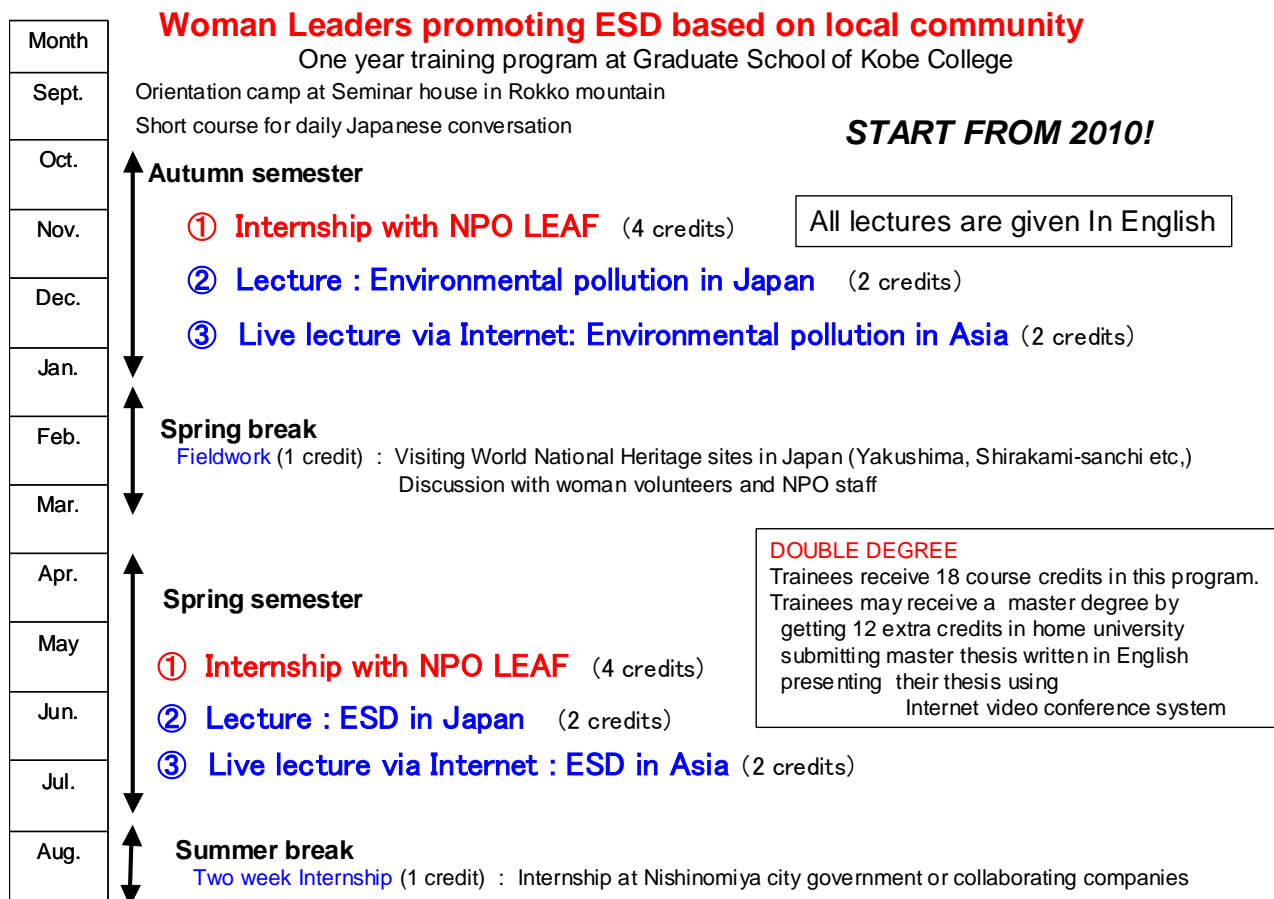
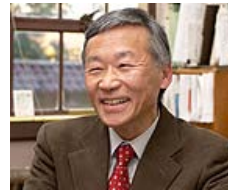


Figure 1 Year-long Plan of the Program

Professors



Prof. Masashi Nishida
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Medical Science



Prof. Yoshikazu Yamamoto
Hydrospheric
Environment Sciences



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Prof. Tomoji Endo
Animal Behavior Sciences



Prof. Masaaki Terashima
Molecular Food Functionality



Prof. Hiroshi Deguchi
Multimedia Science



Prof. Hiroshi Yama
Cognitive Psychology



Prof. Reiji Nozaki
Plant Sciences



Prof. Hiroya Harino
Environmental Toxicology



Prof. Chihiro Kobayashi
Social Psychology



Prof. Shiho Miyake
Environmental Education



Presentation of Master thesis to Nishinomiya citizens



Internship in Indonesia

About Graduate School of Human Sciences (<http://humangrad.kobe-c.ac.jp/index.html>)

Graduate School of Human Sciences consists of four research groups; clinical psychology, human behavior sciences, environmental sciences, and health sciences. It is a small but interdisciplinary institution. We focus on education programs to train future women leaders in the society. Our two education program have acquired financial support (2007-2009) from Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan as “Initiative for Attractive Education in Graduate Schools”.



Weekly seminar of graduate students



Study room for graduate students

About Kobe College (<http://www.kobe-c.ac.jp/ekc/index.html>)

Kobe College is a place of higher learning for women. After it was established in 1875, Kobe College promoted an educational philosophy based on Christianity and on the development of character and the intellect to live richly. It is also a liberal arts and sciences institution. The origin of liberal arts and sciences dates back to the systematic Greek and Roman academies of "septem artes liberales" (seven liberal arts): grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. Kobe College's liberal arts and sciences education nurtures independently-minded individuals. The college's diverse curricula are designed to cultivate critical and balanced thinking skills.

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