

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Sixth Workshop on Social Capital and Development Trends in the Japanese and Swedish Countryside

Ishigaki Island, JAPAN
July 1-2, 2009

Organized by

MARG (Marginal Area Research Group)

BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Under the current progressive movement of globalization enhanced by the development of transportation networks and innovations of information systems, the existence of rural regions stands on the edge of a precipice. Regional problems that rural areas are faced with are characterized by depopulation, aging society, degradation of natural resources, just to mention a few influencing factors. So far, the national and local governments have taken various policies to overcome these problems, while limits of governmental capacity have often been demonstrated. In this context, it is the time for us to build a new paradigm of community governance in order to enhance the substance of rural regions. Especially, collaborative management of a local community supported by various stakeholders, e.g. local residents, voluntary associations, tourists, and so on is required. One of the most important concepts that we should take into consideration is the concept of "social capital." In general, social capital refers to networks filled with norms of one's community that enhance trust, concern for one's associates, and cooperation. In several fields of research and public policy making, the concept of social capital swept to prominence as a key issue for community governance. Discussing and materializing the concept of social capital in a local community will contribute in enhancing the rural substance and development.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss common topics of rural regions of Sweden and Japan, with the concept of social capital as common denominator. This workshop is the fifth workshop with this theme. The

former workshops were held in Östersund, Sweden, 2004, Nichinan, Tottori, Japan, 2005, Vindeln, Sweden, 2006, Kitami, Hokkaido, Japan 2007, and Jönköping, Sweden, 2008. The workshop of 2009 will be held in "Japan's Rural Capital", Ishigaki Island, Okinawa, and will continue the fruitful discussions on rural development issues and the role of social capital.

Topics of interest in this workshop include (but not limited):

1. Social Capital and its Management
2. Commons and its Management
3. Community Governance
4. Voluntarism, Partnership, and Local Engagement
5. Sustainable Management of Forest Resources
6. Development of Rural Regions
7. Tourism and Local Development

PARTICIPANT

This seminar is open for participants from universities, research institutions, government institutions, practitioners, developer and for people who are concerned about social capital and rural development. The papers are also expected coming from various countries.

COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Travel costs to and from Ishigaki Island are paid by the participants. Meals and accommodation for the Swedish participants, during the period 30 June - 4 July, are covered by the organizers. Other participants' meals are covered by the organizers 30 June - 4 July, accommodation costs are paid by the participants themselves.

VENUE

N. Ohama Memorial Hall, Ishigaki, Okinawa, Japan
Address: Tonoshiro 2-70 Ishigaki-city, Okinawa
Tel: 81-980-84-1551/ Fax: 81-980-84-1552
http://jaima.net/modules/memorial/index.php?content_id=1 (only Japanese available)
Look at the Map on the next page

IMPORTANT DATES

10th April: Deadline for abstract submission
10th May: Information on acceptance of abstracts
10th June: Deadline for submission of finished papers
1st-2nd July: Workshop
3rd-4th July: Post-workshop excursion

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should contain maximum 300 words, be written in English and in MS Word. The abstracts should include title, author(s), affiliation, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send your abstracts to hayeong@psa2.mbox.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp.

PUBLICATION

Selected papers from the workshop will be published as proceedings.

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ACCOMMODATION

Chisun Resort, Ishigaki Island, Okinawa, Japan
 Address: Tonoshiro, Ishigaki-shi, Okinawa, 907-0004
 Tel: 81-980-82-6161 / Fax: 81-980-82-2981
<http://www.solarehotels.com/english/chisun/resort-ishigaki/guestroom/detail.html>

Accommodation for all participations should be reserved by the organizers. Let us know the room type (Single or Standard Twin) and the meal type you want (Vegetarian comfort food, only sea food, no pork and so on) by e-mail: hayeong@psa2.mbox.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp.

TRANSPORTATION

HANEDA Airport (Tokyo) > ISHIGAKI Airport

F.No.	Departs	Arrives	Duration
JTA71	06:25	09:55	3:30
JTA73	13:35	17:05	3:30

KANSAI Airport (Osaka) > ISHIGAKI Airport

F.No.	Departs	Arrives	Duration
JTA 83	10:25	13:15	2:30

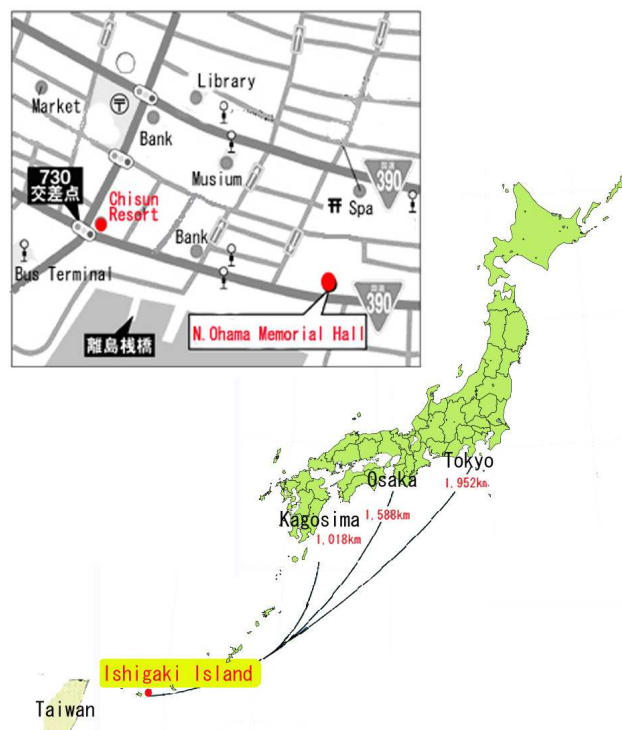
ISHIGAKI Airport > HANEDA Airport (Tokyo)

F.No.	Departs	Arrives	Duration	Stopover
JTA 74	12:05	15:40	3:30	Miyako Island

ISHIGAKI Airport > KANSAI Airport (Osaka)

F.No.	Departs	Arrives	Duration	Stopover
JTA 88	16:15	19:25	3:10	Miyako Island

MAP



TENTATIVE PROGRAM

DAY1 (1 July 2009)

Plenary

- 09:00 - 10:20 Opening greeting
- 10:20 - 10:40 Keynote lecture1
- 10:40 - 12:00 Keynote lecture2
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 Session 1
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 17:00 Session 2
- 18:00 - 20:00 Conference Dinner

DAY2 (2 July 2009)

- 09:00 - 10:20 Session 3
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 - 12:00 Session 4
- 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 Session 5
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:30 Session 6
- 16:30 - 17:30 Closing Remarks
- 18:00 - 20:00 Conference Dinner