

1. **Event:** 19th Sustainable Shared Growth Seminar
2. **Host:** Sekiguchi Global Research Association (SGRA)
3. **Co-Host:** School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Philippines
4. **Co-Organizers:** College of Architecture University of the Philippines, School of Economics University of Asia and the Pacific
5. **Date:** February 10, 2015
6. **Venue:** School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City
7. **Theme:** The Urban-Rural Gap and Sustainable Shared Growth
8. **Brief Description:** The Philippines is in dire need of achieving shared growth, whereby there is a good balance between efficiency and equity. With the onset of significant changes in the climate, the environment has also become an important factor. There is, therefore, the urgent need for inter-disciplinary, inter-sectoral, and inter-national discussions and actions that would contribute to sustainable shared growth. One major facet of sustainable shared growth is the urban-rural gap, which is manifested in part by the net flow of resources to the city to the detriment of the countryside. While it is in the interest of efficiency that urban development is promoted, this should not overly sacrifice the other goals of equity and environment. This discussion need not be limited to the level of urban-rural but could also be extended to any level where there the centralization vs. decentralization issue becomes relevant to the KKK discussions. [Note: KKK stands for Kahusayan (Efficiency), Katarungan (Equity), and Kalikasan (Environment)] In this sense, urban could be taken as the core, and rural as the periphery.
9. **Program:**
 - 9.1. 0800-0830: Registration
 - 9.2. 0830-0900: Philippine and Japan Flag Ceremony, and Opening Talk by Dr. Max Maquito (SGRA / Temple University Japan Campus)
 - 9.3. 0900-1015: "Agricultural Development" managed by Dr. Jane Toribio, Department of Agrarian Reform
 - 9.4. 1015-1045: Coffee Break
 - 9.5. 1045-1200: "Agri-Industry Linkages" managed by Prof. Jovi Dacanay, School of Economics, University of Asia and the Pacific
 - 9.6. 1200-1300: Lunch
 - 9.7. 1300-1415: "Renewable Energy" managed by En.P. Grace Sapuay, Solid Waste Management Association of the Philippines
 - 9.8. 1415-1530: "Planning and Design Initiatives in Disaster-Stricken Areas, Part 1", by

Arch. Stephanie Gilles, College of Architecture, University of the Philippines

9.9. 1530-1600: Merienda

9.10. 1600-1715: "Planning and Design Initiatives in Disaster-Stricken Areas, Part 2",
by Arch. Mike Tomeldan, College of Architecture, University of the Philippines

9.11. 1715-1730: Closing Remarks

10. Session Blocks

10.1. Agricultural Development (managed by Dr. Jane Toribio)

Agriculture, including fishery and forestry, is a dominant sector in the Philippine Economy. Seventy (70%) of the total population are living in the rural areas and two-thirds (2/3) depend on farming as their livelihood. The agricultural sector contributes 20% of the Gross Domestic Product. Along this line, the Philippine agricultural roadmap put more emphasis on increasing competitiveness towards higher productivity, primarily for self-sufficiency, and directed towards surplus production in preparation for the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement in 2015. Hence, integration of the KKK into this roadmap is advocatory to the reduction of the urban-rural gap.

10.2. Agri-Industry Link (managed by Prof. Jovi Dacanay)

The Renaissance of Agriculture through the ASEAN Integration. Re-engaging agriculture's potential as a driver of overall economic development is our country's contribution to the renaissance of this essential sector in Asia's development process, primarily via the ASEAN Integration. We are experiencing the modernization and commercialization of agriculture, thereby reducing rural-urban income gaps. Interconnectedness with the industrial sector would be among the drivers for more rapid economic growth through technology, utilities and financial access.

10.3. Renewable Energy (managed by En.P. Grace Sapuay)

Energy from renewable sources is abundant around us. In fact, about half of our country's energy resources come from renewable energy. This has helped improved the situation of the country's rural areas since the addition of renewable energy has enabled the expansion of the country's electrification program from the urban areas into the rural areas, providing energy to most of the country's population. However, with the current demand of energy, the nation is once again faced with a looming energy crisis. Boosting the nation's capability to engage in other sources of renewable energy through environmentally sound technologies will greatly help in providing unlimited source of power, fill the urban-rural gap on energy provision and boost the nation's economy.

In this block, sources of renewable energy other than those that are now extensively used, such as waste-to-energy, and other sources will be presented. There will be three

presentations in this block. Two speakers were invited to present on these Renewable energy sources and technology.

10.4. Planning and Design Initiatives in Disaster-Stricken Areas (Part 1 managed by Arch. Stephanie Gilles, Part 2 managed by Arch. Mike Tomeldan)

The recent decades have been witness to dramatic and abrupt alterations in our weather conditions owing to climate change, with devastating impacts wrought by disasters, both natural and man-made. In the Philippines, which lies in the Pacific Ring of Fire, earthquakes, super-typhoons and other climatic phenomena have left an unprecedented mark in our country's history, claiming thousands of lives and millions-worth of infrastructure. In an effort to Build Back Better, professionals from various sectors, both from government, NGO's, private entities, in the local and international realm, have joined forces to protect human lives and properties, equipping themselves with technical expertise and knowledge of the essential steps towards disaster mitigation, preparedness, emergency response, rehabilitation and recovery, working together with communities in hazardous and vulnerable conditions, gearing towards disaster resiliency. This block will be divided into 2 parts: Part 1 will discuss the initial steps in disaster preparedness and mitigation. Part 2 will tackle specific projects on disaster rehabilitation and recovery.

11. Target Participants (Total: at least 100)

11.1. Paper Presenters

11.1.1. Specialists in their respective fields

11.1.2. Submitted abstracts and presentations will be evaluated based on the following criteria

11.1.2.1. Comprehensibility even to non-specialists

11.1.2.2. Coherence of arguments/points made

11.1.2.3. Congruency to the seminar's theme (should touch on at least two of the three K's (Kahusayan [Efficiency], Katarungan [Equity], and Kalikasan [Environment] in the context of the Rural/Urban Gap)

11.1.2.4. Completeness

11.1.3. Abstracts of presentation proposals to be submitted by January 15, 2015 (results of screening by the Organizing Committee will be announced by January 31, 2014) to the SGRA Philippine Secretariat (see below)

11.1.4. Presentation materials (slides either in PPT or PDF format) to be submitted by January 31, 2015 to the SGRA Philippine Secretariat (see below)

11.1.5. Audience (Please submit registration form to the SGRA Philippine Secretariat by January 31, 2015 if you are need of a certification of

participation)

11.2. General public (including corporate, government, civil society)

11.3. Those interested in having a layman's understanding of the various aspects of the seminar's theme

12. Participation Fee: (subsidies may be available)

12.1. 250 pesos (whole day, includes lunch, merienda, and certificate)

12.2. 100 pesos (half day, includes merienda)

13. Recommendation for the 3rd Asia Future Conference (AFC) being organized by SGRA to be held on September 26 to October 3, 2016 in Kita-Kyushu, Japan (details to be announced later)

13.1. Sustainable Shared Growth is one sub-theme

13.2. Those recommended by the screening committee for the 3rd AFC will have to submit a paper based on their accepted presentation for Seminar19

13.3. Awards will be given in the 3rd AFC for Best Papers, Best Presentations, Best Posters (criteria to be announced later)

13.4. Recommended presenters in the 19th KKK Seminar may be provided by SGRA with a partial subsidy to support their participation in the 3rd AFC

13.5. Those who will not be provided with subsidies are still encouraged to join the Philippine delegation to the 3rd AFC

13.6. Subsidy recommendations will also be made based on the presentations to be made on the 20th KKK Seminar to be held sometime in 2015.

14. For reports on the 17th KKK and Seminar 2nd AFC, please see the following links

14.1. http://www.aisf.or.jp/sgra-in-english/2013/11/seminar_17.html

14.2. <http://www.aisf.or.jp/AFC/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Report.pdf>

15. For Inquiries and/or Submissions, please email the SGRA Philippines Secretariat c/o Ms. Lenie Miro at the following address

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