

- 1. Event:** 14<sup>th</sup> Shared Growth Seminar
- 2. Hosts:** School of Labor and Industrial Relations (SOLAIR) of the University of the Philippines (UP) and Sekiguchi Global Research Association (SGRA)
- 3. Co-Sponsors (Co-Organizers):** UP College of Architecture, UP Department of Mechanical Engineering, Philippine Center for Water and Sanitation
- 4. Date:** April 26, 2012 (Thursday)
- 5. Venue:** SOLAIR, Bonifacio Hall, E. Jacinto St., UP Diliman, Quezon City
- 6. Theme:** The Urban-Rural Gap and Sustainable Shared Growth
- 7. 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 citizen multi-sectoral 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.
- 8. Program:**
  - 8.1. 0900-0930: Registration
  - 8.2. 0930-1000: Opening Remarks: SOLAIR Dean Jonathan Sale (and others)
  - 8.3. 1000-1200: Plenary Sessions (could be combined with parallel sessions)
  - 8.4. 1200-1300: Lunch
  - 8.5. 1300-1600: Afternoon Parallel Sessions with Merienda Break
  - 8.6. 1600-1630: Final Plenary Session
- 9. Tentative Streams**
  - 9.1. Agricultural Initiatives, to be chaired/organized by Prof. Benjie Teodosio (UP SOLAIR) and Dr. Max Maquito (UP SOLAIR, SGRA)
  - 9.2. Water Supply and Sanitation, to be chaired/organized by Lyn Capistrano (Philippine Center for Water and Sanitation) and Dr. Max Maquito (UP SOLAIR, SGRA)
  - 9.3. Disaster-Resilient Societies, to be chaired/organized by Prof. Romeo Santos, Prof. Mike Tomeldan, and Stephanie Gilles (UP College of Architecture)
  - 9.4. Designing the Sustainable Environment, to be chaired/organized by Prof. Mike Tomeldan, Joy Arcenas, and Josie Santos-de Asis (UP College of Architecture)
  - 9.5. Urban-Rural Poor Communities, to be chaired/organized by Prof. Toru Nakanishi (University of Tokyo) and Dr. Max Maquito (UP SOLAIR, SGRA)
  - 9.6. Appropriate Renewable/Recycled Energy Technologies, to be chaired/organized by

Prof. Happy Denoga and Juvy Balbarona (UP Mechanical Engineering Department)

9.7. Other Streams (based on submitted paper proposals)

**10. Target Participants** (Total: at least 100)

10.1. Paper Presenters

10.1.1. specialists in their respective fields

10.1.2. submitted papers should be comprehensible to the general public

10.1.3. paper abstracts to be Submitted by March 25, 2012

10.1.4. presentation materials (full paper draft and/or PowerPoint slides) to be submitted by April 12, 2012

10.2. Audience

10.2.1. general public (including corporate, government, civil society)

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

**11. Participation Fee:** 300 pesos

**12. Recommendation** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia Future Conference (AFC) being organized by SGRA to be held on March 2013 in Shanghai

12.1. Outstanding papers will be recommended to the Operating Committee of the AFC for partial subsidy of their participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> AFC in Shanghai to be provided by SGRA. See this link for more details on AFC. <http://www.aisf.or.jp/AFC/>

12.2. The recommendations will be made by a Screening Committee, mainly composed of the Operating Committee for the 14<sup>th</sup> Shared Growth Seminar

12.3. Screening will be mainly based on the full-paper/PPT presentations in April 26, 2012

12.4. Participants intending to apply for such recommendation for subsidy should also submit their paper abstracts to the AFC website

12.5. Non-presenter participants to the April 26, 2012 Seminar could also be recommended for the privileges available to observers in the 1<sup>st</sup> AFC. Where it is possible, arrangements for group participation from the Philippines could also be facilitated.

12.6. Papers submitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> AFC could be more technical since there will be three separate sessions for the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities

**13. For Inquiries and/or Submissions**, please contact the seminar secretariat c/o Ms. Lenie M. Miro (sgra\_ph@yahoo.com)