### 7<sup>th</sup> High Level Seminar of Environmentally Sustainable Cities

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## **Learning From Our Neighbors:**

The Toyota Foundation's International Grant Program and Hokkaido Renewable Energy Workshop / Symposium (Oct. 2015)



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### Overview of the Toyota Foundation



- An independent grant-making foundation established in 1974
- Endowment from TMC: JPY 40 billion (USD 350 million FY2014)
- Chair: Mr. Hiroshi OKUDA / President: Ms. Atsuko TOYAMA
- Annual income: JPY 660 million (USD 6 million)
- Annual grant: JPY 360 million (USD 3 million)
- Main grant programs: Research Grant, International Grant, Grant Program for Community Action (Japan only)
  - -> All "call for proposal" basis via foundation website

(<a href="https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/">https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/</a>)

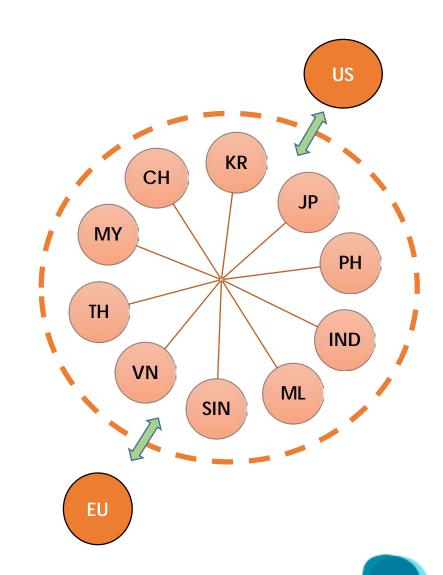




### International Grant Program (2013 - ongoing)



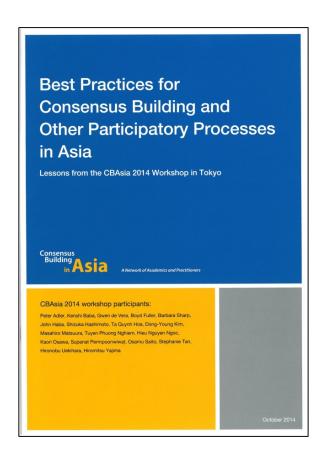
- Focus: Shift from quasi-development assistance program to knowledge exchange on "Common issues" in Asia (Aging, International Migration, Renewable Energies)
- Supporting: a) Policy review and policy recommendations;
   b) Mutual exchange visits
- Goal: Build peer networks of researchers / practitioners in East and Southeast Asia
- Final Goal: Create a new partnership among Asian countries based on "Mutual learning and Empathy"



### Some successful projects from IGP







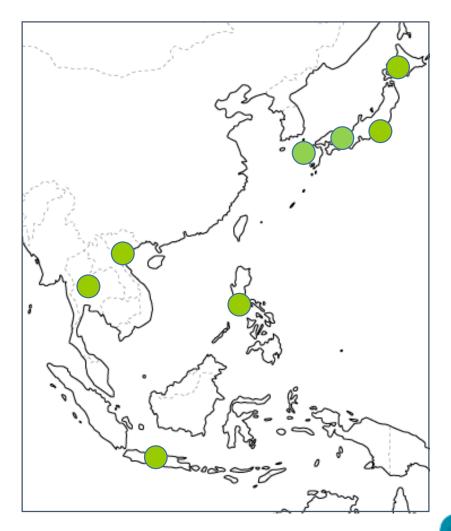
- Community-based elderly care in Thailand
- Best practices for consensus building in Asia

### Renewable Energy Topic (in 2014 IGP)



- Theme: Renewable energy practices for sustainable community development
- Beneficiaries (by country):
   Indonesia, the Philippines,
   Thailand, Vietnam, Japan
- What each project did:
   Creating policy
   recommendation on RE use
   in community levels
- Interesting results and people, but isolated (no connection)

#### (Project Countries)



### Hokkaido RE Workshop / Symposium



- 2-5 Oct, 2015 at Hokkaido
- Co-organized with local foundation, university, and NPO
- 40 Researchers / Practitioners / Policy makers from 7 countries (incl. China and Korea)
- Field visits (Ashibetsu / Yuubari)
- Workshops (closed)
- Symposium (open)

(Field visit)





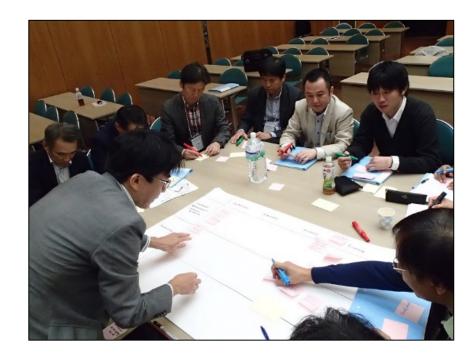
#### (Symposium)





# Final Workshop (Oct. 5, 2015)















### Output: Challenges to the RE development, and possible solutions

maintenance implementation planning **Facility siting** Scaling up from the Lack of knowledge small projects on the citizens size Long-term planning for siting RE facilities Share lessons with a Capacity building wider audience Mapping the RE potentials in the region **Building** momentum for the project Inadequate Exhibit tangible benefits incentive for RE *Identify key issues that* investments slow down the Explore carbon taxes and development other tools as disincentive to fossil fuels Creating Stimulate the nationalcollaborative level dialogue governance *Involve community* structure members, gov't agencies, private sector (finance), Maintenance cost and experts Stipulate ground rules for By 5 Oct. 2015 Toyota Foundation Hokkaido the management

Workshop Participants

(Summary by Prof. Matsuura, Univ. of Tokyo)

#### Lessons and Reflections from IGP 2013-2015



- Era of "donor-recipient" relationship is ending, era of "sharing common issues" is coming
- Innovative efforts are there, but few to connect those knowledge and experience (like this seminar)
- Most of private foundations need to utilize their relatively small resources to bring impact – taking risks, focus, and connecting people
- There are differences, but also commonality especially in community-based initiatives and processes
- A question from one high-school student in Hokkaido symposium