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NEAR Center strives to be a center of excellence for North East Asian Studies,
while actively engaging with postgraduate students and local communities

Scenes from NEAR



Workshop with School of International Studies, Peking University



**Research Tour in Korea
Panmunjom Demilitarized Zone**



**Joint Symposium with University of Ulsan for
20th Anniversary of the Partnership**



2014 First Citizen Researchers' Meeting

Main Activities (2015 / 2016)

1. Gathering and Providing Information

■Website

Home page: <http://hamada.u-shimane.ac.jp/research/organization/near/>

Search “NEAR Center” on the internet.

■Periodicals

- NEAR News (semiannual newsletter)
- Shimane Journal of North East Asia Research (annual peer-reviewed journal)

These can be viewed and downloaded from the website. See “Publication” on the website.

■Publications and Events

Books (all in Japanese)

- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『北東アジア地域研究序説』2000年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *North East Asian Regional Studies*. March 2000, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 増田祐司編『21世紀の北東アジアと世界』2001年3月、国際書院。(Yuji Masuda (ed.), *North East Asia and in 21st Century*. March 2001, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『21世紀北東アジアの地域発展』2002年3月、日本評論社。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *Development of North East Asian Region in the 21st Century*. March 2002, Nihon Hyoronsha.)
- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『北東アジア世界の形成と展開』2002年3月、日本評論社。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *North East Asian World: Its Formation and Development*. March 2002, Nihon Hyoronsha.)
- 宇野重昭編『北東アジア研究と開発研究』2002年6月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno (ed.), *Northeast Asian Research and Development Studies*. June 2002, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭編『北東アジアにおける中国と日本』2003年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno (ed.), *China and Japan in the Context of North East Asia*. March 2003, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、勝村哲也、今岡日出紀編『海洋資源開発とオーシャン・ガバナンス』2004年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, Tetsuya Katsumura and Hideki Imaoka (eds.), *Development of Marine Resources and Ocean Governance: The Environment of the Coastal Regions along the Sea of Japan*. March 2004, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、鹿錫俊編『中国における共同体の再編と内発的自治の試み』2005年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Xijun Lu (eds.), *Community Rearrangement in China and Attempting to Practice Endogenous Self-Governance: Field Research in Jiangsu Province*. March 2005, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 島根県立大学西周研究会編『西周と日本の近代』2005年3月、ペリかん社。(Research Group on Nishi Amane, the University of Shimane (ed.), *Nishi Amane and Japanese Modernity*. March 2005,

Perikansha.)

- ・宇野重昭、別枝行夫、福原裕二編『日本・中国からみた朝鮮半島問題』2007年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, Yukio Besshi and Yuji Fukuhara (eds.), *Japan and China Struggling with "The Korean Problem": Reflection in the Eyes of the Two Countries*. March 2007, Kokusai Shoin.)
- ・デービッド・レーン著、溝端佐登史・林裕明・小西豊著訳『国家社会主義の興亡—体制転換の政治経済学—』2007年7月、明石書店。(Japanese Translation of David Lane, *The Rise and Fall of State Socialism*. Satoshi Mizohata, Hiroaki Hayashi, and Yutaka Konishi (trans.), July 2007, Akashi Shoten.)
- ・宇野重昭、唐燕霞編『転機に立つ日中関係とアメリカ』2008年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Tang Yanxia (eds.), *Japan-China Relations at A Crossroads and the Influence of the U. S.*. March 2008, Kokusai Shoin.)
- ・宇野重昭、小林博編『北東アジアの地域協力の可能性』2009年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Hiroshi Kobayashi (eds.), *The Possibilities of Regional Co-operation among North East Asian Countries*. March 2009, Kokusai Shoin.)
- ・飯田泰三、李曉東編『転形期における中国と日本：その苦悩と展望』2012年10月、国際書院。(Taizo Iida and Li Xiaodong (eds.), *China and Japan in Transformation: Problems and Prospects*. October 2012, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・金日宇・文素然著、井上治監訳、石田徹・木下順子訳『韓国・済州島と遊牧騎馬文化』2015年1月、明石書店。(Japanese translation of Kim Ilwoo and Mun Soyeon, *Nomadic Horse riding Culture in Jeju Island, South Korea*. Osamu Inoue, Toru Ishida, and Junko Kinoshita (Trans.), January 2015, Akashi Shoten)
- ・飯田泰三編『北東アジアの地域交流——古代から現代、そして未来へ——』2015年6月、国際書院。(Taizo Iida (ed), *Regional Exchanges in Northeast Asia: From Antiquity to the Present, and toward the Future*. June 2015, Kokusai Shoin)

A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia

- ・宇野重昭『北東アジア学創成シリーズ第1巻・北東アジア学への道』2012年11月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, *A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia Volume 1 Searching for Modern History in North-east Asia: Japan and China versus Western World*. November 2012, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・福原裕二『北東アジア学創成シリーズ第2巻・北東アジアと朝鮮半島研究』2015年7月、国際書院。(Yuji Fukuhara, *A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia Volume 2 New Approaches and Perspectives to the Contemporary Korean Peninsula: Its Implication for Northeast Asian Studies*. July 2015, Kokusai Shoin)

The publication of the subsequent volumes (seven volumes in total) in this series is in progress.

Working Papers and Symposium Reports (past three years, all in Japanese)

- ・ Atsushi Inoue (ed.), *New Issues on Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia*. March 2014.

Symposia (past three years)

- *Developments and Cooperation in North-east Asia with regards to the Post-financial Crisis.* (September 2012, co-hosted with Institute of Japanese Studies (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, Keimyung University)
- *New Issues on Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia.* (July 2013, co-hosted with Institute of International Studies, Fudan University)
- *Cases and Methods in East Asian Studies.* (September 2013, co-hosted with Institute of East Asian Civilizations, Northeast Normal University)
- *Shimane International Academic Symposium, " Regional Exchanges beyond Boundaries in Northeast Asia: From Antiquity to the Present, and toward the Future."* (November 2013, co-hosted with the Executive Committee of 'Visit Shimane, the Home of Eight Myriads of Kami' Project)
- *Symposium on History and Life of Takeshima / Ulleungdo.* (December 2013, hosted by the University of Shimane)
- *Uniqueness and Universality of Chinese Development: Debating "China's Model."* (February 2014, co-hosted with School of International Studies, Peking University)
- *Great Power China –Responsibility as a Sovereign State in International Society –*(September 2014, co-hosted with School of International Studies, Peking University.
- *Symposium with University of Ulsan for 20th Anniversary of the Partnership –Prospects on Japan Korea Relations – the Bonds between Ulsan and Shimane within Northeast Asia.* (October 2014, co-hosted with University of Ulsan)
- *Seeking Coexistence in the Rapidly Changing Northeast Asia.* (November 2014, co-hosted with Northeast Normal University)

2. Research Activities

■Main Projects

Project on the Foundation of North East Asian Studies

The aim of this project is to lay the foundation for “North East Asian Studies.” This is pursued through “Seminar on North East Asia”, which is held about six times a year.

Research Project on the History of Exchange between Japan and Korean Peninsula

This project academically analyzes historical and international relations between Japan and South/North Korea from broad perspectives, in order to promote exchanges in North East Asia around and beyond Japan and the Korean Peninsula. Research seminar on “History of Exchange between Japan and Korea” is organized four times a year.

Researches on North East Asian Region

In order to approach the issues surrounding the foundation of "North East Asian Studies" from wider point of view, our members set up some research groups, acquiring internal and external funding, and pursue unique researches in various areas.

■Research Units

Since the academic year 2013, NEAR Center has employed a "research unit" system as a matrix that promotes joint research projects. There are three units: a "history, culture, and thought" unit, a "politics, economics, and international relation" unit, and a "cross-boundary of northeastern Asia" unit. With this system, we have been making efforts to build a more organic framework for research. We are launching international research unit on documents of Mongolian history this year.

■Other Research Activities

Trans-Area Studies on Asia/ Publishing of "A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia"

In collaboration with NEAR Center, Graduate School at the University of Shimane can offer a unique doctoral program in "Trans-Area Studies on North East Asia." In order to strengthen our postgraduate education, the researchers at NEAR Center conduct researches, taking into account the conception of the "trans-area". North East Asian World has been formed through various historical developments and wide interactions of people, things, and cultures. Our researchers examine this region in the context of globalization from interdisciplinary point of view. The achievements of those researches are published as "A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia."

Research on Nishi Amane

Nishi Amane, who were born in Tsuwano, is a philosopher who contributed to the development of Japanese modernity from the end of Edo period to Meiji era, by bringing in various thoughts from the West and Asia. NEAR Center organizes a research group on his thought, and the outcome has been published in 2005 as 『西岡と日本の近代』（ペリカン社、2005年） (*Nishi Amane and Japanese Modernity* (2005, Pericansha)). Symposia and seminars are held jointly with local residents in Tsuwano in Autumn every year.

3. Working with Postgraduate School

■Research Associate Program at NEAR Center

Under this program, excellent graduate students at our doctoral course are appointed as Research Associates, and their researches are actively supported by the Center.

Research Associates receive three-year research funding, and the researches carried out under this scheme can get credited toward their degree.

4. Partnership with Local Community

■Citizen Researcher Program at NEAR Center

The origin of Citizen Researcher Program traces back to the graduate courses called “NEAR College.” The course was established right after the graduate school was founded and its purpose was to break ground on graduate studies. There were a lot of outstanding and experienced human resources who are already in the real world. Because of this, the program was officially launched in 2006 as a part of Good Practice project funded by Ministry of Education (MEXT). In and around Shimane, there are many local residents who are equipped with rich experience and valuable knowledge. In order to stimulate postgraduate students’ research and learning by fully utilizing such resources, NEAR Center invites local residents to register as “citizen researchers”, and to conduct researches jointly with our researchers and postgraduate students. It is a very unique and highly acclaimed program in the country.

■Activities of Citizen Researchers

General Meeting and Research Forum

General meetings and research conferences are a place for citizen researchers, NEAR Center researchers, and graduate students to get together and to discuss the management of the program, as well as the plans and ideas for the future activities. It is also designed to be a forum of discuss where the research outcomes of citizen researchers are presented and discussed. Meetings may include presentations by citizen researchers, reports of joint research between citizen researchers and postgraduate students, and group discussion.

Group Research Salon

The Salon is a gathering where citizen researchers organize their own research groups and conduct joint research, while intensively exchanging information with each other, as well as with NEAR Center researchers and postgraduate students. This has been the core of the Program, and it is expected that creative activities are made possibly by organically linking citizen researchers, NEAR Center, and postgraduate students.

Joint Research by Citizen Researchers and Postgraduate Students

This is a unique feature of our “Citizen Researcher Program”. Postgraduate students organize their own research groups with citizen researchers and NEAR Center researchers, and some excellent and viable researches are funded by the Center. In the academic year 2013, three joint researches got funded, and research topics from the past two years include the followings.

Academic Year 2013

- Modern Mongolian Urban Society from the Perspective of Low-income Families with Poor Educational

Background: Analysis of Expectations by Parents and Children on the Academic Career and the Future.

- A Study on the Lifestyle Changes and Self-consciousness of Tunakkay Evenks in Da Hinggan Ling: A Focus on the Change and the Current State of Lifestyles in and outside of a Forest.
- A Sociological Study on Nursing Care for the Elderly, the Family Norms, and Gender norms in Chaoxianzu: in case of an elderly couple in Muling City, Heilongjiang.

Academic Year 2014

- Acceptance of Chinese Culture in Japan— from the perspective of the Influence of Confucius Institute in Japan—
- Policy of Automobile Industry by the Chinese government and respond to the Chinese market by Japanese Automobile manufacturers and parts manufacturers—a case of MAZDA and its affiliated parts companies—
- A Cross-national Comparison between Japan and China on policies for local development by young generation— Focusing on Little village officials in China—

Publication of Reports

In the academic year 2008, a report, *Two Years of “NEAR Center Citizen Researcher Program”: 2006-2007* was published, and it was followed by *Report on the Activities of “NEAR Center Citizen Researcher Program” 2008-2010*, which was published in the academic year 2010.

5. Creating Databases

■ Document Lists on Korean Peninsula

- **The Document List of the History of Takeshima/Dokdo**
- **The Document List of Japan-South Korea Conference**
- **The Document List of Japan-South Korea Relations(1952-74):
The Thirteenth Publication**

These documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website. See “Library, NEAR Center Library” on the website.

6. External Funding

■ Research Projects with External Funding

- INOUE Atsushi "Research on the Phases of Korean Confucianism in East Asia" (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (“KAKEN”))

- INOUE Osamu "Comprehensive Study of the History Book "明鏡(gegen toil)" Translated into Mongolian in the 17th Century" (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))
- FUKUHARA Yuji "Overcoming the Tangle of Fishery Problems and Territorial Disputes: Empirical Study of Territory as a Living Area"(Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))
- TOYOTA Tomoyo "A Study on Quantitative Evaluation of Effectiveness of Greenhouse Gas Reduction by Integrated Infrastructure Exports "(Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))
- EGUCHI Shingo "The 'Mass line' Campaign in Contemporary China and its Political and Social Governance: A Focus on the Leadership of the Communist Party of China during the Era of Social Change" (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))
- LI Xiaodong "The Creation of Social Solidarity in the Disparity Society in China: analysis on support for vulnerable groups in a basic community" (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))
- TOYOTA Tomoyo "A Study on Development of Local Production for Local Consumption Model by Energy Using Wood Biomass and on its Ripple Effect" Nippon Life Inst. Foundation
- ISHIDA Toru " A Basic Study on 'Yakkanshi (envoys dispatched from Korean Dynasty to So-clan in Tsushima Island)' in Japan-Korea Relations in the Pre-modern Times" (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research ("KAKEN"))

Researchers at NEAR Center

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Research Areas: Japanese Intellectual History, Confucianism of East Asia.

Deputy Director (doubled as a researcher)

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Research Areas: International Relations, Security of East Asia, US Policies on Asia-Pacific.

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Visiting Researchers at NEAR Center (as of April 2015) in random order

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