

International Workshop

Toward Enhanced ASEAN-Japan Mobility Cooperation:

The Issues Surrounding Japan-Southeast Asia's Mobility

September 28th, 2025 (Sunday)

Registration
<https://is.gd/Bzqe0F>



10:00-18:00

Venue: Ritsumeikan University, Osaka Ibaraki Campus, Building B, 4th Floor, Room B412 and Online (via Zoom)



Opening Remarks



10:00-10:15

Moderator

Dr. Yusy Widarahesty

Senior Researcher, Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan
Research Organization, Ritsumeikan University

Welcome
Speech

Prof. Toshiyuki Takeda

Deputy Director, Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan
Research Organization, Ritsumeikan University

Presentation

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10:15-11:00

In "Migrant Workers" we Trust? Bottom-up
Co-existence and the Hard Limits of Japan's
Migration Policies



Dr.

Mario Ivan Lopez

Associate Professor at the Center for
Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto
University

Presentation

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11:00-11:45

ASEAN – Japan Low Wage Labor Migration
Regimes



Dr.

Yusy Widarahesty

Senior Researcher, Ritsumeikan
Asia-Japan Research Organization,
Ritsumeikan University

Presentation

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11:45-12:30

Can Japan Become the "Destination of
Choice" for Foreign Workers? :
Case Study of Vietnamese Workers in Japan.



Dr.

Yoshihisa Saito

Associate Professor, the Graduate
School of International Cooperation
Studies, Kobe University

Lunch Break



12:30-14:00

Presentation

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14:00-14:45

Crisis of Social Reproduction and
Transformation of Migration and Care



Prof.

Reiko Ogawa

Professor, the Graduate School of
Social Sciences, Chiba University

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14:45-15:30

Capability Development among Returned
Vietnamese Technical Interns



Dr.

Jotaro Kato

Associate Professor, Faculty of
Sociology and Social Work,
Meiji Gakuin University

Coffee Break



15:30-15:45

Presentation

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15:45-16:30

Navigating Home: Evolving Local Integration and
Its Influence on the Return and Reintegration of
Filipino Migrant Workers from Japan



Prof.

Anderson V. Villa

Professor, Mindanao State
University, Philippines

Closing Remarks



16:30-17:30

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