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Project Successes

Yatsuo Ran a café for the first time M2 Tadashi Hirabayashi(Space planning lab.)



The Yatsuo Team ran a café called Sennokaze at the Kazenoichi event held on August 11th in Kamishinmachi. The Kazenoichi event was started in 2003 as an attempt by the Kamishinmachi Commerce Association to invigorate the area. They hold an event every month, except during winter.

The team's purpose was partially to put our plans of the past few years to the test all relating to our efforts to encourage sightseeing in the center of the town. We exhibited our community-based planning efforts along the road, but most of the visitors were interested more in the drinks. We did, however, make some money on selling beverages to passers-by.

Kitakata Making Noren workshop was held text_Kakibaya

In the heat of Kitakata's summer six high school students and twelve residents and shop owners participated in a workshop making noren. Participants worked hard sewing and painting the noren panels, but had a good time. Additionally, team members conducted interviews and surveys with the locals and had meetings with Professor Kitazawa regarding the upcoming "Kurahaku" event which will take place in October.



Tomo Setouchi Survey M1 Nagisa Yamada



After conducting surveys and visiting three ports in four days, the Tomo team compiled and presented the results on the final day of the August visit to Tomo. On the first day, all members went to Awa Island. Fewer than 300 people live on the island, but it is a beautiful place and the residents have recently begun a community-based planning effort to encourage sightseeing. Members returned to Honshu across the Seto bridge on the second day, and divided into groups on the third to conduct surveys in Onomichi and Murotsu.

On the final day all members gathered together in Tomo and made presentations in conjunction with the Ito lab of Nihon University. It was a good opportunity for all the teams to gather information.

Asakusa Project started at last M1 Junya Suzuki

The Asakusa Project has finally been started. The targeted sight is called Kanonura and extends from Senso Shrine to the north on Kototoi Street, which is frequented by travelers.

During the first visit, members heard the sounds of the shamisen, watched geishas come and go, yet the flow of people did not slow down. However, the area has been in decline recently due to poor access and a lack of some of its characteristic resources, so that it appears as little more than an ordinary shopping street. How can we make the best use of the neighborhood association and the new Tokyo Tower?



Melbourne Workshop Presentations

M1 Nagisa Yamada

Members of our lab who participated in the collaborative workshop with students from the University of Melbourne gave presentations on July 18th. All of the presentations dealt with the relationships between cities and global warming.

Yui D2



Second year doctoral course student Yui Wimonrart created several scenarios with different water levels with other students and gave her presentation about alternative energy for the sustainable city.

Suzuki M1



First year master's course student Junya Suzuki used images of a sunken city and suggested different ways of life on the water.

other members' works



The Workshop ends at this presentation but we should think the relationship between global warming and city should be.

Lin and Han Finished their Doctoral Theses

Naoto Nakajima

Both Lin Chung Chieh and Han Haoying defended their theses this summer.



Lin's thesis was "The Urban Historic Area's Landscape Transformation with Application of Transfer of Development Rights – The Preservation and Revitalization of Dihua Street in Taipei"

while Han's was titled "Implementation Strategies for Urban growth Management in China – a Case Study of Beijing".



They came through the question and answer session confidently answering inquiries from professors Oonishi, Ohkata, Kidokoro, Koizumi, and Liebs. Other students also attended the session. Both students passed with honors within three years.

Foreign Student Home Visit – Nattapong from Thailand

interviewed Hiraoka, Kakibaya, and Yahara

Nattapong, a first year student in the master's course student lives in the Hon-Komagome area just north of campus. We visited him and he cooked us a stir fry and tom yam soup.



Q: Where is your favorite place in Japan?

A: Shibuya. I lived near there when I was studying Japanese, so I know the place really well.

Q: What do you think are some strange characteristics of Japanese cities?

A: There are very few garbage bins. (It's pretty amazing that everyone takes their trash home with them.)

Q: What do you like about Japan?

A: The food! My favorite dishes are ochazuke, lightly pickled vegetables, and soba (I was really surprised by how people eat noodles cold).

Q: What's your message for our lab?

A: Be nice to me!

