Project-Based Learning for Fostering Global Environmental Leaders















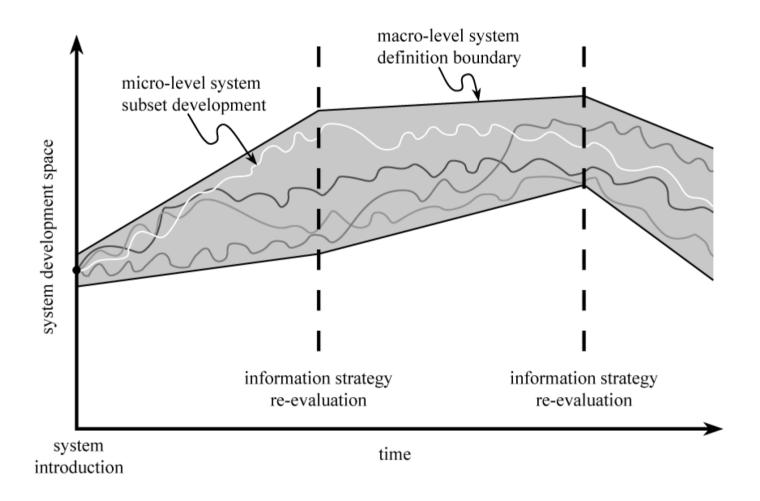


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Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

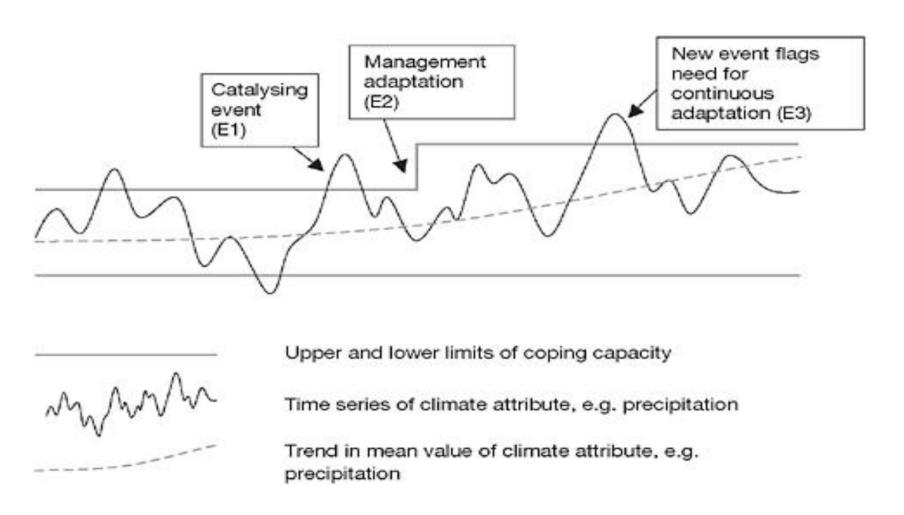
- Mitigation
 - The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) defines mitigation as: "An anthropogenic intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases."
- Adaptation
 - The IPCC defines adaptation as the, "adjustment in natural or human systems to a new or changing environment."
- Mitigation and Adaptation
 - While mitigation tackles the causes of climate change, adaptation tackles the effects of the phenomenon.

What is Adaptive Development?



[–] Benson et al., 2010, Proceedings of the 7th International ISCRAM Conference, Seattle, USA, May 2010.

Adaptive Development to Climate Change



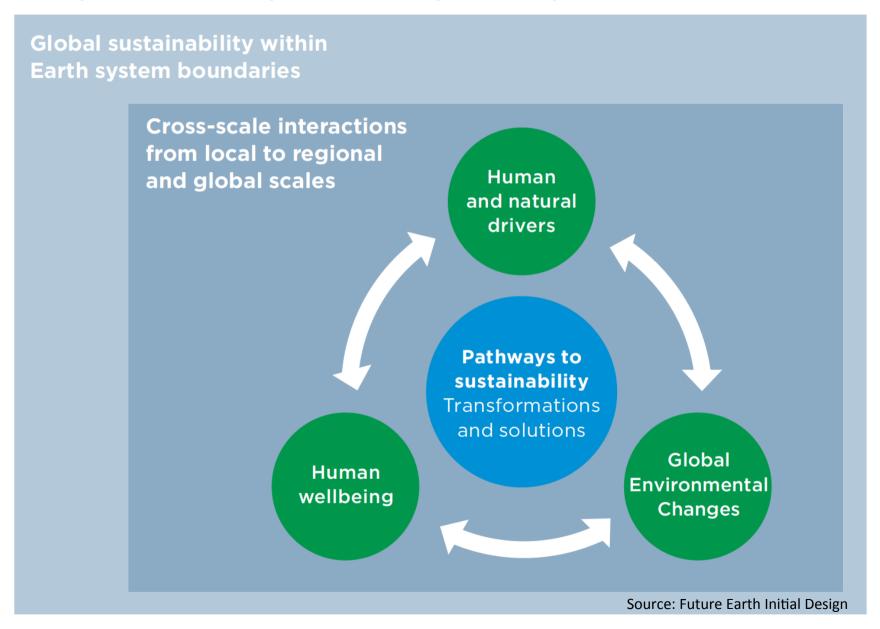
Pelling, Mark. 2011. *Adaptation to Climate Change: From Resilience to Transformation*. Routledge. http://www.amazon.co.uk/Adaptation-Climate-Change-Resilience-Transformation/dp/0415477514.

Adaptive Development

- Adaptive Development adjust the way of development to global change.
 - >Mitigation
- Adaptive Development adjust the way of development to local conditions.
 - >Adaptation
- Adaptive development supports ongoing improvement through user-driven design and modification in the target environment.
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Requires university changing their ways of research and education.

Adaptive Development is a pathway to Future Earth

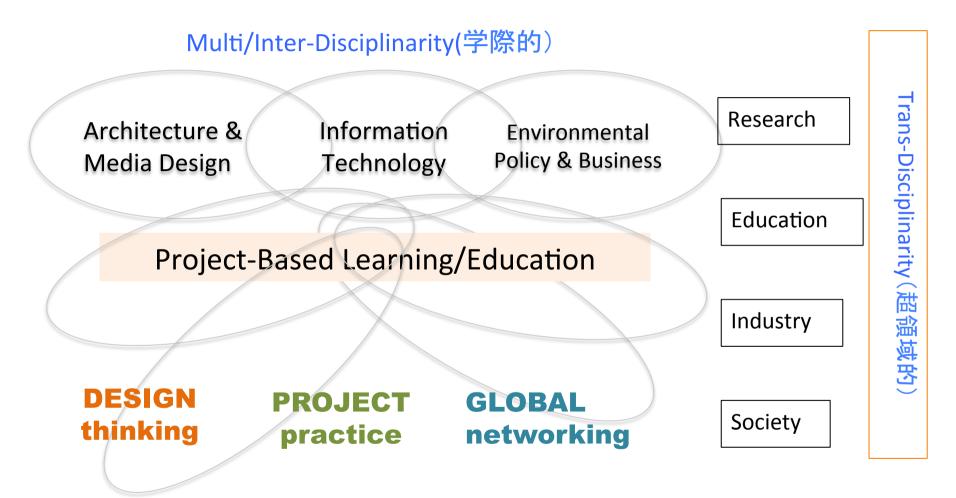


Capacity Building is Key in Practice

- Capacity building is an issue and challenge to all stakeholders: scientists, policymakers, businessmen, and residents etc.
- Dedicated capacity building actions will include building a strong international network of scientists committed to international interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research, a particular focus on early-career scientists and the development of institutional capacity.
- There will be a strong emphasis on enhancing science capacity in lesser developed countries, with regional partners playing an important role.

Source: Future Earth Initial Design

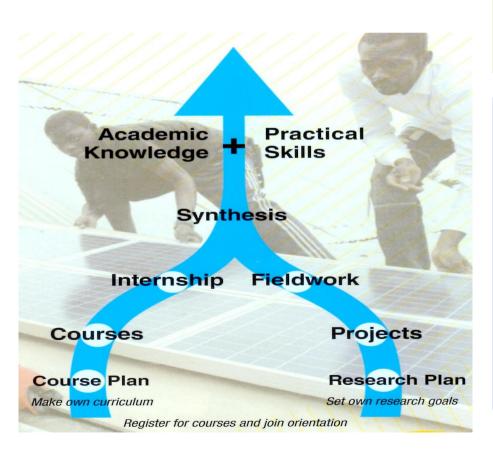
Capacity Building at Keio University Project Based Learning for problem finding and problem solving



- Our Concept: Fostering Global Entrepreneurs and Innovators with capacity of
 - 1 Creativity with Design Thinking, 2 Leadership of Project Practice, 3 Networking Capability

Project-Based Learning at Keio University

Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) was built 20 years ago based on information technology and multidisciplinary approach that would train students to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

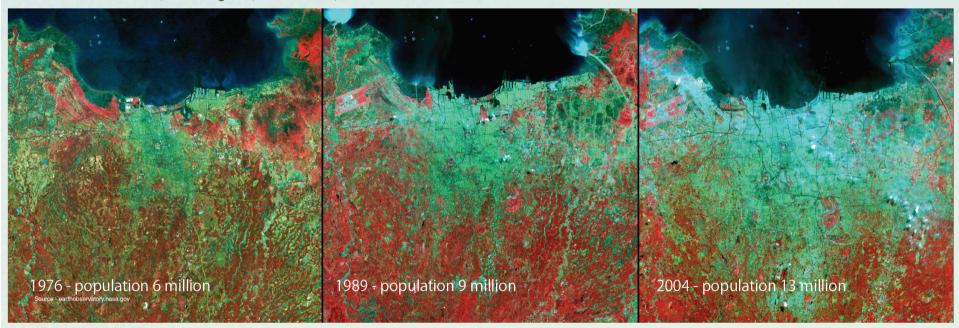


- Core works, including fieldwork and internship, create a shared foundation for all students.
- Studies at SFC are project-based in the fields of environmental policy, environmental science, low carbon society, environmental business, architecture and planning, and communication technology.
- Projects are undertaken by students on their own and with professors as a way of testing ideas developed in the classroom.
- In the process, the students learn how to make plans that span the gap from concept to implementation, how to work with communities, and how to organize their efforts to be efficient and to obtain useful results.
- The outcome can be scientific research, policy formulation, building design, or something entirely new.

Project(1)

Urban growth and Biodiversity, Jakarta, Indonesia

Professor Tomohiro Ichinose, Satoru Itagawa (PhD Candidate)



The Challenge

Our group intends to look into biodiversity in Megacities that are located in the Asian monsoon region, in cities and its vicinity. The Aichi Target of COP10 is to examine dynamics of biodiversity by the year 2020. Therefore, the group intends to come up with an evaluation method, or indices, that reflect the reality of urban biodiversity. At a macro level, land use, community blocks, and other data based on satellite images are in focus."

If we look further into this problem, dragonflies and other kinds of living things need a certain level of environmental quality in order to survive, so at a micro level, we have to examine water quality, surrounding biota, river dike structures, and other factors that make up the real environment, and consider the

relationship between dragonflies and the environment. In rural area around Jakarta there are a lot of reservoirs or ponds for irrigation, for aquaculture, for drainage, and other purposes. These water areas are becoming a part of urbanized areas, but continue to be home to various animal species and are potentially rich in biodiversity. It is therefore necessary to examine small ponds, some smaller than a room, and examine the appearance of dragonflies.

Indonesia is a flood-prone country, having many dams, reservoirs, and the like. As part of disaster prevention policy the infrastructure is typically made from concrete and are not particularly attractive. In reality, however, people gather at the water front, in order to talk or simply to relaxing. The water front is in fact a very precious amenity.

The water is an essential element in forming a community. There are researchers in our group who are looking into the water quality and the utilization of reservoirs, and it may be possible to find some shared mental image regarding water spaces that people hold in the community. There are people in Jakarta fishing in ponds and rivers as a hobby or, sometimes, actually as food. It may be possible to evaluate biodiversity from this angle.

The idea of the future city emerges through back-casting, which, starting from an ideal image of the city, looks into what we should be doing now to arrive at the goal. Such an image can also be obtained by forecasting, assuming that urbanization would proceed like other cities' experience. However from the point of view of preserving biodiversity, back-casting should be the methodology. As Jakarta develops, it should be possible to set a goal and approach a set target.

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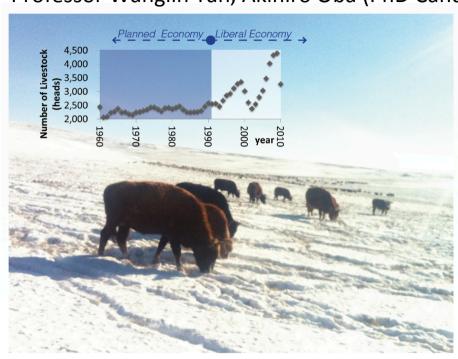
Urban growth and Biodiversity, Jakarta, Indonesia

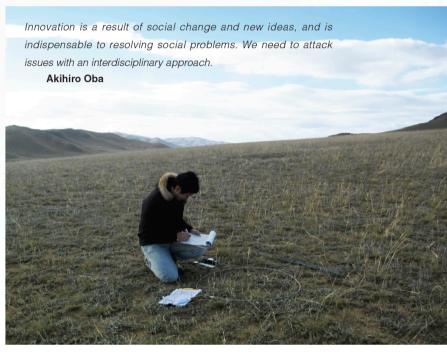


Project2:

Early Adaptation to Climate Change in Mongolia

Professor Wanglin Yan, Akihiro Oba (PhD Candidate)





The Challenge

From the point of view of the government one of the most difficult problems is to maintain conditions so that the traditional nomadic lifestyle does not become impossible. Herding is responsible for some 35% of the employment and when climate or economic effects make it unsustainable an inflow of immigrants into Ulan Bator (the capitol city) or other urban areas chokes the environment and stresses the urban economies. Managing urban problems begins with managing rural ones.

Mongolia is vulnerable to climate change due to its impacts on water and forage resources. Mongolia

is also a country in economic transition towards the market. Mongolia will continue to experience dramatic changes in the seasonality, amplitude, and variability of temperature and precipitation regimes, leading to dry-land degradation and desertification. Pastoral social-ecological systems are changing due to climate change and market forces.

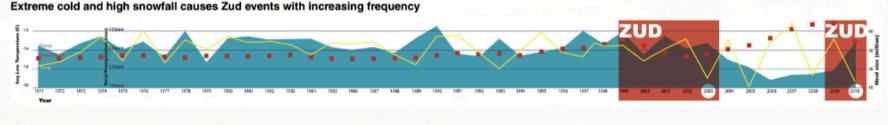
Under the combined pressure of climate change and intense human use of natural resources, the natural environment and human lifestyle of Mongolia is changing rapidly: Gobi desertification, permafrost melting, biodiversity loses, poverty of nomadic herders, loses of livestock, decreases of water sources due to evaporation of semi-arid land, degradation of

pasture rangeland, overgrazing, migration to urban areas, to name a few.

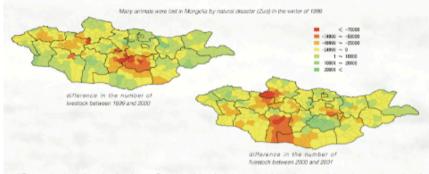
In Mongolia, from 1999 to 2002 and 2009 to 2010, millions of livestock animals died due to starvation after a so-called "Zud" event. This disasters is characterized by heavy snow and extreme cold in the winter.

It is important to integrate climate change adaptation with sustainable development, applying Geo-science technology and innovation for green economy. There is need to apply GIS and Remote Sensing for monitoring and analysis and improve adaptive capacities against climate change.

Early Adaptation to Climate Change in Mongolia



Herd Loss viewed as a national problem

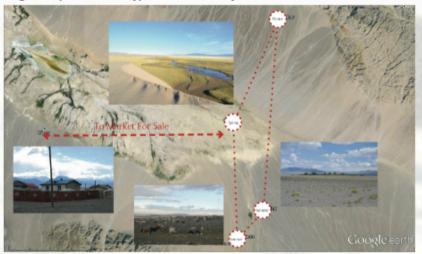


"Capacity building is the key. Sustainable development is only possible when education is provided to the younger generation. When the country is vulnerable to climate change, the issue would have to be dealt with the capable persons from within. For example, the 'Department of Sustainable Development' can be set up within a university. We feel that our project will be able to contribute to that end." Masataka Watanabe



Urban growth is being fed by families migrating from the countryside after natural disaster

Migration patterns of a typical herder family



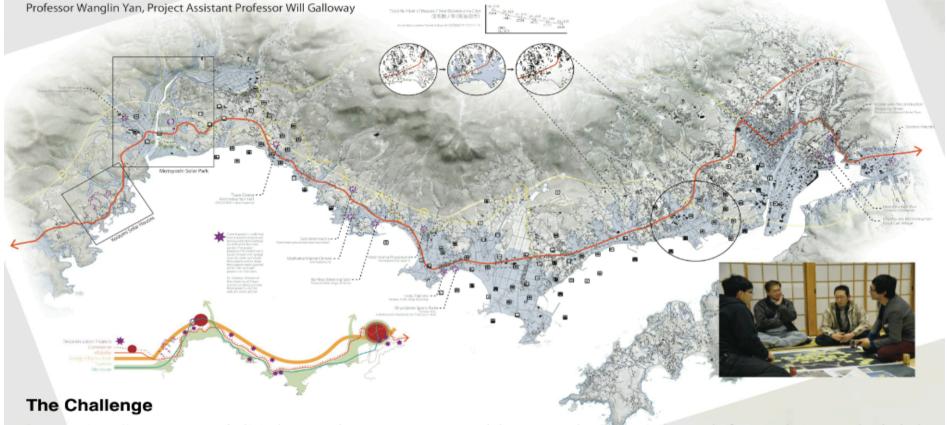


Interview with herder family



Test of information system

Adaptive Poster-Disaster Reconstruction in Shrinking Society



Reconstruction in Kesennuma cannot be limited to a simple re-building of the homes and businesses that were lost.

The demographic future of the region, and of all of Japan, will almost certainly be defined in the next decades by a shrinking and aging population. If we are honest about how to rebuild for that future, then it is essential that those realities can be accommodated without the loss of community, a pillar of resilient society. Traditional urban forms in that regard may not be sufficient.

The devastation caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that hit Tohoku on March 11, 2011 underline the need to build back better, and to create a resilient community typology. This will mean new social forms, but must also include new physical landscapes

that are easy to access and that are more locally sustainable in terms of energy and commerce.

Starting with connectivity at the regional scale we have planned a kind of linear community. Energy, tourism, education, health, commerce, and community are treated as a network. We propose to build back an interconnected group of functions that intertwine like a thread through the region, with important communal activities taking place both in the village setting but also on the main roads that connect each group of residents together.

Important community functions are located on the connections between homes so that the sense of community does not rely on density but instead is embedded in access.

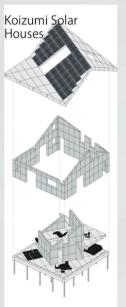
In this way, the future can be accommodated, whether population shrinks or expands, grows old or is filled by youthful immigrants, or an entirely different mix emerges. Technology can also be absorbed and energy systems added and modified as it becomes available. The aim is healthy communities, but the approach is flexible rather than prescriptive.



Adaptive Poster-Disaster Reconstruction in Shrinking Society





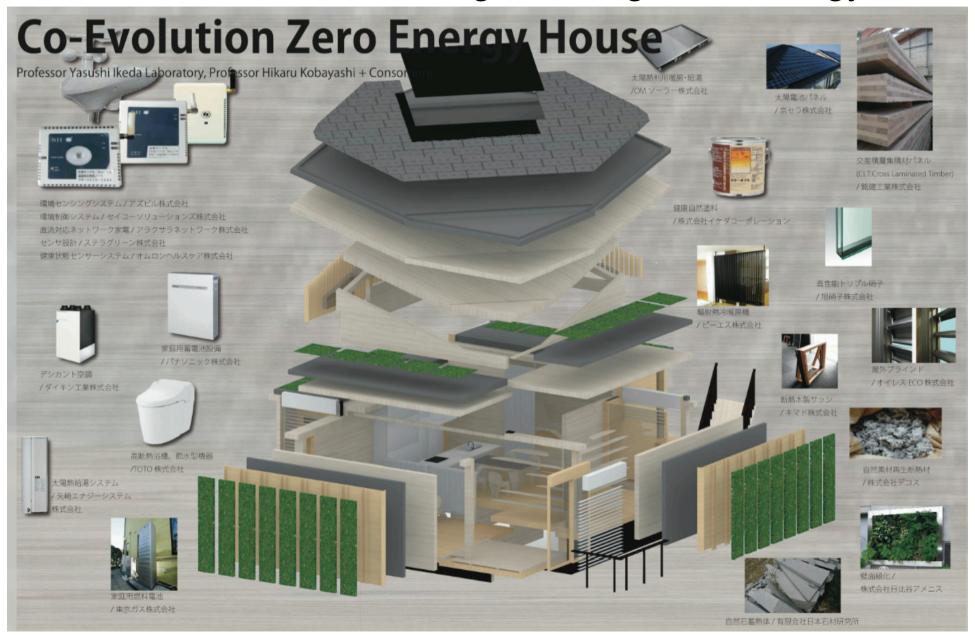








Co-Evolution House with Digital Design Technology



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Project 5 Veneer House Project Professor Hiroto Kobayashi Laboratory



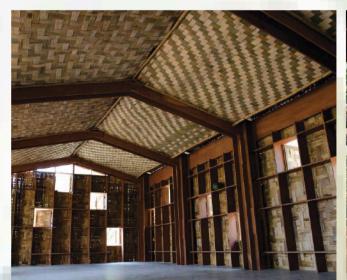






The Challenge

Building low cost houses and community space with the simplest construction methods and materials is essential in the wake of disaster and in areas where construction skills are in short supply. This project is a series of real life tests of construction from Japan to Myanmar that makes use of plywood, cut by hand or computer and assembled with very few tools. Students at Keio SFC designed and built almost all of these projects along with the communities who ultimately use them as part of their education as architects.











Veneer House Project



Project⁶

Agriculture Innovation and Food Security

Agriculture innovation

Enhancing traceability and food security



Automatic watering to reduce workload



Job training and capacity building



Sustainable Agriculture





Adaptive Development

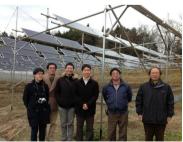
Abundant land





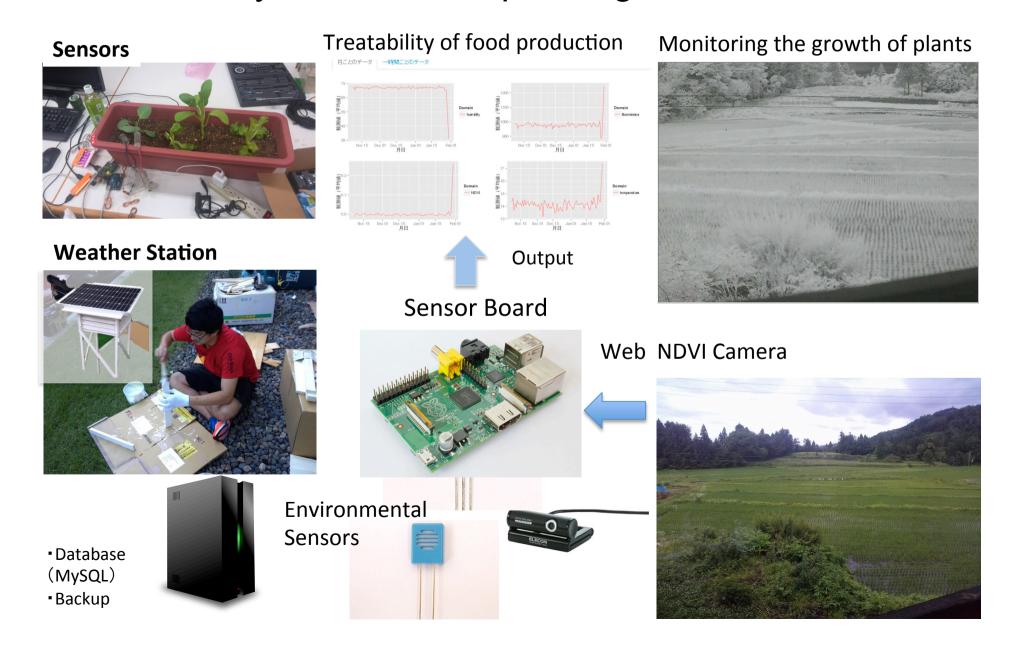


Solar Sharing



Project⁶

Sensor-Net Systems for Adaptive Agriculture



Advantages of Project Based Learning

Students with different disciplines and projects come together, learn Design Thinking, and inspire collaborative projects.

Lecture on Design Thinking offered by Mr. Toru Tanaka from IDEO Tokyo

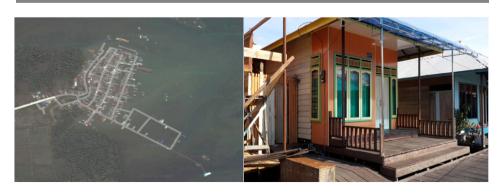
Students of Social and policy Science

Project on impact of sea level rising to water village (Indonesia)



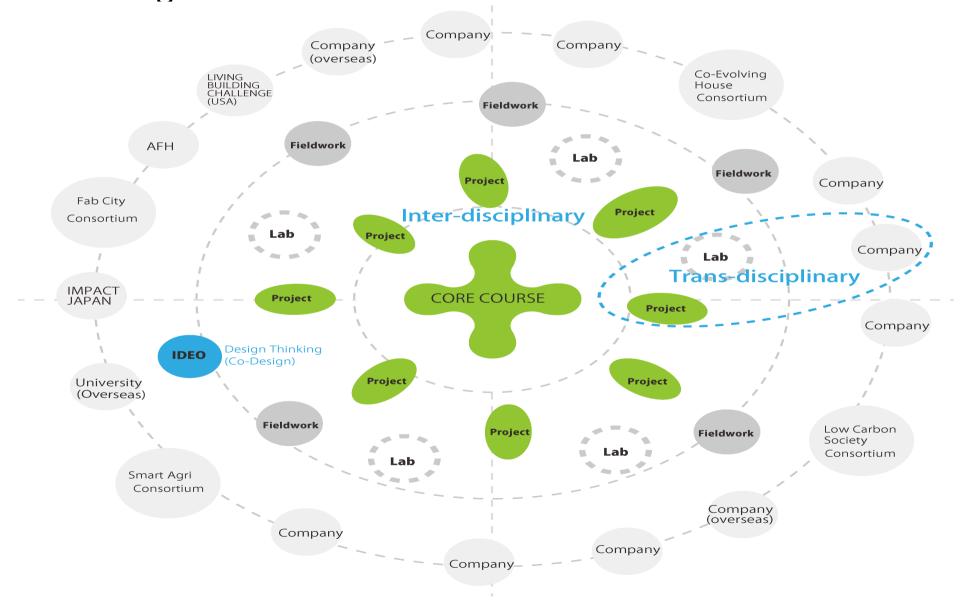
Students of Environmental Design

Co-evolution House (Japanese High Technology)





Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Ecosystems for Fostering Leaders



Closing Remarks

- There is a big gap on research and practice of adaptive development.
- Project based learning bridges scientific knowledge to the fields, the needs for adaptive development.
- Project based learning are collaborations of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary stakeholders. Supporting ecosystems are essential to sustain the approach.