

Laos and Gender Issues

: Bananas, Ethnic Minorities, and Lao Women's Union



■ **Date & Time:** Wed, November **8**, 2023, **10:00** – 12:00

■ **Venue:** I²CNER Hall AB and Zoom hybrid

■ **Language:** Japanese

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Q-AOS will hold a symposium, "Laos and Gender Issues". First, a video message from H.E. Mrs. Phongsamouth ANLAVAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic will be delivered. For the keynote address, we are pleased to invite Dr. Satomi Higashi, Associate Professor at Saitama University, who will present a lecture on migrant labor and its impact on women and families due to banana plantation development through field research. In addition, Ms. Souphavan SENESAVATH, an international student at Kyushu University, will give an overview of Laos and gender, and Professor Atsuo Sato of Kyushu University will provide a lecture on Lao Women's Union and gender equality. Finally, a panelist talk session will be held.

Time	Program
10:00	Welcome to the session, guest introduction Moderator: Wakako SATOMURA(Q-AOS)
10:05	Opening Remarks Prof. Shimizu Shuji (Vice President, Kyushu University, Director of Q-AOS)
10:10	Video Message H.E. Mrs. Phongsamouth ANLAVAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
	Presentations
10:20	Overview of Laos and Gender Issues Ms. Souphavanh SENESAVATH (Doctoral Student, Kyushu University)
10:30	Gender Issues Surrounding Banana Plantations: Focusing on the Impact on Family Relationships Due to Migrant Labor Assoc. Prof. Satomi Higashi (Saitama University)
11:15	Role of the Lao Women's Union in Gender Equality Prof. Atsuo Sato (Kyushu University)
11:30	Panelist Talk Session
11:45	Q&A session with the audience



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