

Asia Week 2025 Report

企画名 Title	The 5th KYUSHU-SNU JOINT SYMPOSIUM (第5回九州大学・ソウル大学校ジョイントシンポジウム)
開催日時 Date & Time	2025/11/4(Tue) 9:30~16:30
参加人数 Number of Participants	現地/In-person: 52 オンライン/online: 0 (In-person only)
開催概要	
主な概要 Outline	<p>On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Kyushu University hosted the 5th KYUSHU-SNU JOINT SYMPOSIUM in collaboration with Seoul National University (SNU) at the Ito Campus. This year marked a new chapter, as the symposium was organized primarily by faculty members. With over 50 participants, the event served as a significant milestone in deepening academic exchange and collaborative research between the two institutions</p> <p>Plenary Session 総会 Time: 9:30-11:35</p> <p>The session opened with welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● President Tatsuro Ishibashi (Kyushu University)● Vice President Taekyoon Kim (SNU) <p>Associate Professor Toshinori Tanaka (Q-AOS, Kyushu University) introduced the collaboration with SNU's Graduate School of Environmental Studies. He highlighted the environmental degradation linked to 20th-century economic growth and warned of the ongoing "Sixth Mass Extinction Species." He emphasized the importance of comprehensive nature conservation, including ecosystems beyond protected areas and regions closely linked to human activity.</p> <p>Following this, two keynote lectures were delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Professor Emeritus Tetsukazu Yahara (Kyushu University) "Towards a New Future in Harmony with Nature" Yahara proposed five guiding principles for building a society that lives in harmony with nature.

● Professor Donghwan An (SNU, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development)

“Strategies for Rural Renewal in the New Era”

An addressed the challenges of climate change and population decline, advocating for sustainable rural development models.



Group Photo

Parallel Sessions

Time: 13:00-15:00

In the afternoon, three parallel sessions were held, each organized by researchers from Kyushu University and SNU, focusing on urban, rural, and natural environments.

Session 1: Green Infrastructure in Urban Areas

Organized by:

(Kyushu) Associate Professor Prasanna DIVIGALPITIYA, Faculty of Human-Environment Studies

(SNU) Professor Tae-Hyoung GIM, Graduate School of Environmental Sciences



SNU

Kyushu University

左 : Professor Tae-Hyoung GIM

Associate Professor Prasanna

右 : Professor KANG Junsuk

DIVIGALPITIYA

Session 2: New Ruralism climate change adaptation and sustainable rural model

Organized by:

(Kyushu) Associate Professor Satoshi WATANABE, Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies

(SNU) Professor Yonghoon SON, Graduate School of Environmental Studies



Group Photo

The scene at the breakout session

Fifth from the left : Kyushu University • Associate Professor Satoshi WATANABE

Third from the right : SNU • Professor LEE In-Bok

Fourth from the right : SNU • Professor AN Donghwan

Fifth from the right : SNU • Professor SON, Yonghoon

Session 3: Biodiversity Conservation in Natural Areas

Organized by:

(Kyushu) Associate Professor Yuichiro FUJIOKA, Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies

(SNU) Professor Youngkeun SONG, Graduate School of Environmental Studies



The scene at the breakout session

Group Photo

Third from the left : Kyushu University · Associate Professor Yuichiro FUJIOKA

Second from the right : SNU · Researcher Ms. KIM

Third from the right : SNU · Professor SONG, Youngkeun

Closing Session

Time: 15:30-16:30

After the parallel sessions, representatives from each group presented summaries of their discussions. A general discussion followed, offering reflections and future directions.

Closing Remarks were delivered by

- Executive Vice President Kenji Iwata (Kyushu University)

He expressed appreciation for the day's insights and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration for a sustainable future.

Biodiversity Conservation Zone Tour

Time: 16:30-18:00

Following the closing session, participants joined a guided tour of the Biodiversity Conservation Zone located on Kyushu University's Ito Campus. Led by Professor Emeritus Tetsukazu Yahara, a leading expert in plant ecology, the tour offered insights into how the university preserves its natural environment and integrates it into education and research. Participants experienced firsthand the richness of the local ecosystem and the university's commitment to sustainability.



Tour Highlights



Right: Professor Emeritus Yahara