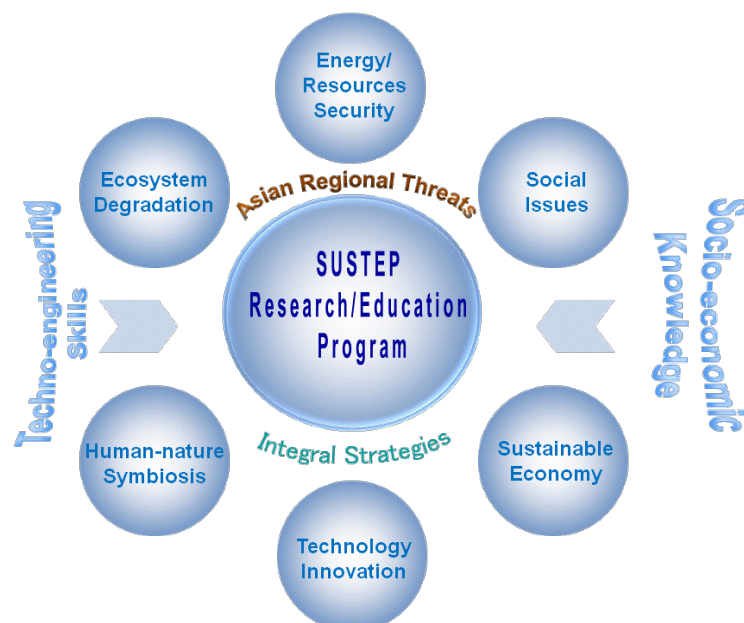


**IV International Sustainability Science, Technology and Policy, Asia  
(SUSTEP Asia) Workshop  
May 22 (Fri) - 24 (Sun) 2015,  
National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan**

**Concept**

Globalization overcomes geographical barriers and integrates economies, societies and cultures into a global communication and supply network. Universities play a central role by connecting across boundaries, inducing knowledge flow, and promoting international learning. In this sense, higher education and R&D are the only tools for the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge that will eventually lead us into a sustainable, prosper and peaceful world. While societies have different challenges to overcome, the implementation of an effective framework for knowledge dissemination is the first step in this journey. Considering these urgent needs, the University of Tsukuba launched the Sustainability Science, Technology, and Policy Program (SUSTEP) to foster global leaders, who are highly trained in science/technology, humanity/social sciences, and diplomacy/leadership. SUSTEP is an important initiative towards promoting globalization of Universities in Asia. SUSTEP provides an international and interdisciplinary forum to promote a deeper understanding of the various academic approaches to achieve a sustainable Asia. In the three previous International Summits organized by SUSTEP we set the foundations to promote collaborative education and research networking between consortium universities as well as address the pillars to implement credit transfer schemes, and the mechanisms to promote students/faculty mobility among consortium universities. In this event we will outline the recent efforts of our School in achieving the internationalization of our Program.



## Participating Universities

- Taiwan Normal University, Taipei (**Host University**)
- University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki
- Fudan University, Shanghai
- University of Science, Vietnam National University of Hanoi, Hanoi
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh
- Universitas Gadjah Mada, Jogjakarta

## Program

### March 22: Welcome Ceremony

The Workshop started with the Welcome Ceremony. Prof. Chung-Ling Ouyang, Chair of the Department of Geography, gave the welcome greetings to all participants.



## March 23: International Seminar

During the International Seminar each consortium university presented their latest research achievements. We also explored the potential possibilities to launch joint research projects.





## March 24 Business Meeting

In the first stage each university presented the latest implementation initiatives towards internationalization of their English Programs. We had the chance to share our common challenges and opportunities in introducing complete programs in English.



### March 24: Business Meeting (Wrap up Session)

In this session we summarized the outcomes of the previous session. We also identified the main challenges and barriers to achieve a successful international education and exchange system among partner universities. Finally we reached a preliminary agreement on various issues related to future steps:

- Since credit exchange implementation among all partner universities has many barriers (difference in school year calendar, credits standardization, lack of MOU among partner universities) we should encourage and disseminate individual efforts such as the short-term (one semester) student exchange program hosted by University of Tsukuba with the participation of partner universities from Indonesia and Vietnam.
- It would be more practical to complete all required credits at home university and conduct research in the second year at partner university (Fudan University is currently implementing a similar experience)
  - In this case how will the tuition fees be managed: the student will continue paying his/her tuition fees at home university and should be exempted from paying any fees at host university (this should be agreed by participating universities). The host university will help the student with all administrative process
  - This way we can promote student mobility through short stay (summer) or one semester exchange programs.
- University of Tsukuba and UGM will provide their webpage platforms for information dissemination.
- In the near future Universities should provide a ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICE to speed up paper work and facilitate students mobility
- Next SUSTEP meeting could be held in parallel with an international event organized by a partner university. The University should share the information in advance to allow time for preparation.

