



International Training Program (ITP) of Kagoshima University

1. Implementing Organizations in Kagoshima University (KU)

- Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Department of Nature System Science
- United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Science of Bioresource Production, Science of Life Environment and Conservation, and Science of Marine Resources

2. Title of the Program

International Training Program to Protect Diversity of Bioresources in the Tropical Area

3. Education Staff/ Supervisors

Chief: Eizi Suzuki (plant ecology), **Vice chief:** Tsuyoshi Yoneda (forestry)

Seiki Yamane (insect taxonomy), Sadao Kiyohara (neurophysiology), Mikiko Abe (plant physiology), Toshihiro Ichikawa (oceanography), Takashi Tomiyasu (environmental chemistry), Masanori Sato (environmental biology), Junko Miyamoto (plant taxonomy) Kiyonori Tomiyama (animal ecology), Shigeto Tominaga (horticulture of fruit trees), Katsuo Tsuda (insect taxonomy), Ryunosuke Tateno (plant ecology), Hidetada Noro (algae taxonomy), Ryuta Terada (taxonomy of algae), Hiroyuki Motomura (fish taxonomy)

4. Outline of the Program

KU has developed research and educational capacity in tropical/sub-tropical fauna and flora over many years, leveraging the unique location of the University. Recently the research field has expanded from not only the adjacent area of Kagoshima but to the islands in Southeast Asia. For example the Borneo Island and the Sumatra Island in Malaysia and Indonesia are rich in tropical biodiversity. In those areas we have created sister-university relationships which will help accommodate our young researchers in this program.

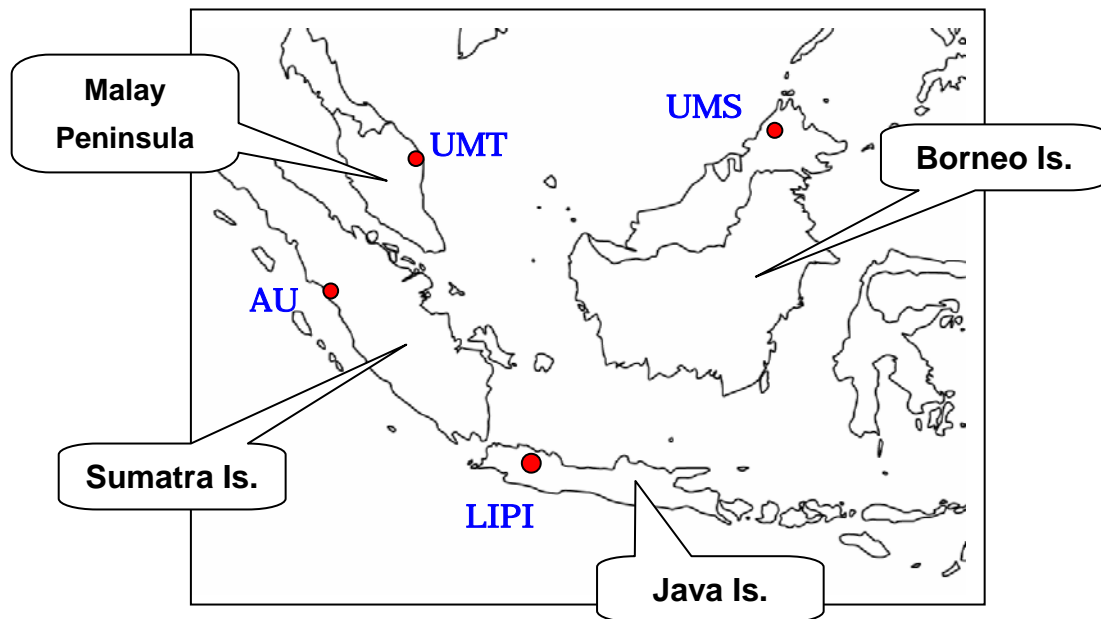
ITP initially seeks to raise the research abilities of KU's young researchers including postgraduates, post-doctors and assistant research staff. This program is financed by JSPS and lasts until 2012. In the future this program may help protect against global environmental problems.

5. Partner Institutions and their Locations

- **The Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)** Research Center for Biology
- **Andalas University (AU)** Faculty of Science
- **University of Malaysia Sabah (UMS)** Borneo Marine Research Institute, and Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation
- **University of Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)** Institute of Oceanography



Map of 4 partner Institutions



6. Future Plan

Although ITP is already enhancing research capacity of KU in this particular area, cooperation among Asian partner institutions and KU should be strengthened by means of obtaining research funds. Moreover we will find more multilateral funds such as JICA and international donors to extend our cooperation to the whole ASEAN region in the field of environment sciences.

7. Contact Persons

<p>Prof. Hidetoshi TAKAMA Coordinator of ITP in Kagoshima University Program Director, Kagoshima University Center for International Planning Tel +81-99-285-7096 Fax +81-99-285-7083 Email: htakama@ms.kagoshima-u.ac.jp</p>	<p>Prof. Eizi Suzuki Chief Supervisor of ITP in Kagoshima University Professor of Plant Ecology, Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science, Kagoshima University Tel/fax +81-99-285-8942 Email: suzuki@sci.kagoshima-u.ac.jp</p>
---	---