

Report for Institutional Program for Younger Researcher Overseas Visits, 2010
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Outline of Overseas Visits (About 300~400 words)	
<p>My overseas visit to the Netherlands in March 2011 was hosted by the Van Vollenhove Institute (VVI) and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) of Leiden University. Both these institutions have a long tradition of studying legal system, social and cultural issues in Indonesia. This visit was aimed at learning from the knowledge and research methods developed in these institutions and apply them to my own research in Riau Province, Sumatra.</p> <p>The activities during the visit were to participate in the several seminars and workshops organized by the two institutions during my stay in the Netherlands, actively establishing my networks and contacts among the academics in the Netherlands and collect references and archives for my research work at the Leiden University Library and at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV).</p> <p>The references collections and studies were conducted during any working days when there were no appointments for meetings, seminars or workshops. Most of these activities were conducted in IIAS office where I were provided a working space and internet access as well as University Library collection access by this institution.</p> <p>I attended two seminars organized by IIAS. A seminar on the State and Economic Development in Asia and Europe on March 10th and a seminar on the Energy Program Asia Lecture on March 15th.</p> <p>To broaden my academic networks within scholars in the Netherlands, I also arranged meetings with Dr. Paul Burgers from Utrecht University to explore possible collaboration in the future. The meeting with him on March 21st was fruitful because of the fact that we do research with a topic that is highly correlated. He is currently also conducting research on the development of oil palm plantations in Indonesia. Two of his students that I met during the visit are also currently doing research on this issue in the province of Riau and Kalimantan.</p> <p>In the last two days of my visit (March 30th and March 31st), I actively involved in the first JARAK Workshop. JARAK program is a part of Agriculture Beyond Food project, a project that studies the impact of legislation and policy on the actors in the Jatropha commodity chain. The project also tries to analyze which adjustments in the Indonesian legal system will be required for increasing protection of the land rights and livelihood security of the peasants in the production areas.</p>	
Research Achievement on this Program (300~400 Words)	
<p>References on the internal migration in Indonesia were collected from the main libraries of the Leiden University, and old archives on migrations projects during the Dutch occupation were collected from the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). The references provide interesting information about research results on the influence of migration on local population in Riau. The migration from other regions give little influences on the social and cultural change of the local population, however it does greatly influence the changes in the way of local managing their natural resources.</p> <p>Within the JARAK Network, the Van Vollenhoven Institute concentrates on the legal and social aspects of the development of Jatropha plantation in Indonesia. It is studying the influence of legislation and policy on the 'Jatropha-commodity chain', analyzing which modifications are needed in the Indonesian legal system to better protect the land rights and the continued existence of farmers in the production areas. Part of their work will be on comparative studies into other bio-fuel crops planned or in use in Indonesia. During my visit, I gained a better understanding of the legal aspects of land rights and commodity development in Indonesia in terms of local community development. I learned a lot from the research approach used by the Van Vollenhove Institute and its partners. Special emphasis was on the importance of (historical) land rights of local communities and how these play a role in present day developments in Indonesia. My participation on their workshop also has given me the opportunity to meet other researchers based in the Netherlands that interested in similar subject to my research study.</p>	