KC3023 Contemporary Global Issues A - The State and NGOs in Asia -

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[Course Aim]
Understand salient features of NGOs in Asian countries
Understand how NGOs take different form in different local contexts.
Learn the academic discourses on civil society, social capital and the third sector.

[Contents of Course]
This course will give information and idea about the salient features of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in some Asian countries and why such features appeared. Related concepts such as “civil society” and “social capital” are also discussed. The students are requested to contribute information about the third sector development in Japan and the US. Each student is requested to pick up an NGO in developing countries and submit a term paper.

[Course Schedule]
1 Introduction: The Third Sector in the economic, social, and political system
2 Civil society and social capital discourse
3 NPOs and NGOs: An overview
4 Comparative perspectives: Bangladesh and Singapore
5 Comparative perspectives: Thailand and the Philippines
6 Comparative perspectives: China and Vietnam
7 Comparative perspectives: Pakistan and Sri Lanka
8 Comparative perspectives: South Korea and Taiwan
9 Comparative perspectives: Malaysia and Indonesia
10 Comparative perspectives: India and Hong Kong
11 NGO sector in the state structure: A perspective from Asia
12 NGO/NPO in Japan: Its development and institutional arrangements (some contribution from students)
13 NPOs in the United States: Their development and institutional arrangements (some contribution from students)
14 Case studies of NGO (Students’ research and presentation)
15 Case studies of NGO (Students’ research and presentation) and the summary of lecture

[Preparation / Advice]
Read materials that are provided by the instructor.
Review the class to find out a topic that may be studied for the term end report.

[Texts]
No text. Reading materials will be distributed in the class.

[Reference]
Shinichi Shigetomi (ed.), The State and NGOs: Perspectives from Asia. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies,

[Grading]
Class contribution (including presentation)(50%), term-end report (50%)

[Other]
The students are required to submit a term end report about a topic related to NGO/NPO sector or a case of NGO/NPO activities. They are also requested to present the main discussion of the report in the class.