

Future prospects

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As presented in this report, various topics related to aquatic problems have been addressed by researchers of OU and SYKE in this project. During this project period, our collaboration has been related mainly to scientific approaches, but it has not remained restricted to them. We have enjoyed mutual understanding through the scientific discussion and social events that have taken place during our reciprocal visits. We have sought mutual understanding in terms of culture and history, which has deepened our collaborations and has made them much more fruitful.

This project officially ends in June 2014, but we regard that event as a starting point for our next step forward. Now we have come to understand that there are many not only important but also interesting problems that we share. We are poised to proceed to wider and deeper research collaborative efforts.

Furthermore, several young scientists and graduate students have participated in this project. Especially for them, this project has provided an invaluable experience. We believe they will extend international collaborative efforts of this kind throughout their scientific careers.

