



The Graduate School of Science's

# 5<sup>th</sup> monthly **Seminar**

entitled "*Region-Based Professional Development for **Science, Technology, and Innovation** Coordinators towards Grant Challenges*".



Date: **25**  
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**Time:** 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

**How?** Online using **Microsoft Teams**  
(The talk will be in English)

## Who should attend?

Research grant seeker, research administrator, researcher, faculty and graduate student who are interested in research grant should attend. To attend, **RUPPer** or **non-RUPPer** can access the Google Form via the URL below for **FREE** registration before **22 Sept. 2020**.

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**Speaker:** **Dr. Taro Sonobe**, University Research Administrator (URA), Kyoto University, Japan  
**Moderator:** Dr. Tharith Sriv

**Short Bio.:** Dr. Taro Sonobe is a research administrator and sub-leader of the International Group at Kyoto University Research Administration (KURA) office in **Kyoto University**, where he has been working as URA since 2007. Currently, he is also a member of Provost-Office and **International Strategy Office** at Kyoto University. He has also served as Deputy-Directors for Kyoto University ASEAN Center in Bangkok, Thailand, as well as **Kyoto University European Center in Heidelberg**, Germany.

# Region-based Professional Development for Science, Technology, and Innovation Coordinators Towards Grant Challenges

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Due to the excessive acceleration of competition-based mechanism in academic society and individual researcher, a serious disparity in research capital and output among institutions and individuals is occurring locally as well as globally. Termination of input for resources such as research grant and key person is crucial for sustainability of academic and scientific collaboration. There is a huge pressure on researchers at academic institution to manage their research environment in order to response to various stakeholders in the society.

However, the social requirements are diverse among countries and regions based on such as their original tradition, culture and national development policy including science and technology policy. It is the challenging issue for academic society and institution to develop the professional capacity to manage regional and academic diversity with partners for promoting research collaboration.

This paper emphasizes on key factor of fostering the science, technology, and innovation coordinators (STI coordinator) in academic and scientific collaboration in response to regional and academic diversity. A long-term case study of fostering a Japanese STI coordinator with Kyoto University from 2004 is introduced as a reference of region-based professional development for STI coordinator towards sustaining research collaboration.

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