

<b>Theme</b>	Sustainability in Miyagi, Japan
<b>Instructors</b>	Chuanfei Wang, Oribe Gohara
<b>Dates</b>	September 2nd - 5th, 2024
<b>Locations</b>	Higashimatsushima and Kesenuma, Miyagi
<b>Collaborators</b>	In-outbound Sendai Matsushima Inc.
<b>Number of participants</b>	8 students maximum
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This course is designed as a SCOPE Field Workshop and everything (including instructions, assignments, classes before and after the fieldtrip) is conducted in English. However, students in the Faculty of Sustainability Studies can choose to register this course as a Field Study.</p> <p>This Field Workshop (FW) / Field Study (FS) offers hands-on experiences outside the classroom to further learn about sustainability with a focus on sustainable tourism as a strategy for revitalizing rural Japan in the aftermath of earthquake and Tsunami. The goals of this FW/FS are to learn from local stakeholders who are devoted to issues relating to rebuilding sustainable and resilient community and neighborhood, and to make connections between what is studied in the classroom and observations from the fieldtrips.</p> <p>This FW/FS consists of a four-day trip (September 2th - 5th, 2024) to Miyagi Prefecture, as well as classes that are scheduled before and after the fieldtrip.</p> <p>In this FW/FS we will consider the aspects of sustainability with a focus on issues including: resilient community building, legacy of natural disaster, coexistence and balance between humanity and the natural world, and the conservation of cultural heritage.</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	<p><b>September 2 (Monday) - Shiogama: Matsushima as a UN Sustainable Tourism Destination and its historical and cultural tradition</b></p> <p>Late morning: We will meet at the ticket gate of JR Sendai Station  Guest talk: “Obtaining UN certification for sustainable tourism in Matsushima Bay”  Lunch at local fish market  Afternoon: The connection between Matsushima Bay and salt production  Accommodation: KIBOTCHA (a hotel reformed from a primary school). There will be BBQ dinner (<b>excluding from the fee</b>). Participants will share the hotel room (including breakfast of the next day).</p> <p><b>September 3 (Tuesday) – Yamoto, Higashimatsushima: sustainability in the sea</b></p> <p>Morning: workshop with seaweed fisherman Mr. Aizawa whose products are presented to the Imperial Family  Lunch at Chanko Haginoi: local udon noodles made with Mr. Aizawa's seaweed (<b>excluding from the fee</b>)  Afternoon and overnight: We will move to accommodation at Oshika Family Village, a beautiful campground. We will stay here overnight. After arrival, we will hold a talk time for sharing our views and opinions by the day, then prepare dinner (<b>excluding from the fee</b>).</p>

Schedule	<p><b>September 4 (Wednesday) – Kesennuma: ocean farming as an example of human intervention in sustainability</b></p> <p>Morning: “Forest is a lover of the sea”</p> <p>This is oyster farm site. The learning time here is long, including lectures and observation on boat if we are lucky on a nice weather day. Participants will learn from the owner of the farm by listening to his talk and observing oysters in the water area. There will be an oyster tasting at the end.</p> <p>Move to urban Kesennuma and stay in a business hotel (breakfast of the next day is included in the fee). Participants will have free time for dinner (<b>excluding from the fee</b>).</p> <p><b>September 5 (Thursday) – Kesennuma: legacy of natural disasters to local community</b></p> <p>Morning: Visit Kesennuma Fish Market and Kesennuma City East Japan Great Earthquake Relics and Heritage Museum</p> <p>Lunch at Oya Kaigan. Participants will have free time for lunch (<b>excluding from the fee</b>).</p> <p>Afternoon: Move to Rikuzen Takata to learn about the tsunami and the rebuilding of the city. After this visit, we will move back to Sendai station together.</p> <p>Field Study trip ends.</p> <p>*Specific times subject to change.</p> <p><b><u>Other Important Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>Deadline for application: 23:55 p.m. on Saturday, June 15</b></p> <p>Complete the application form and submit it through the Learning Management System (Hoppii) under the Assignment section.</p> <p>Preparatory and ex-post classes: See the schedule in the section, “Classes before and after the Fieldtrips.” Attendance in these classes is mandatory.</p>
<b>Precautions for Covid-19</b>	We will follow the precautions set forth by the government as well as the university.
<b>Expenses</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">約 75,000 円</p> <p>Program fee, including lodging and local transportation during the trip, is approximately 75,000 yen. This does not include the expenses for transportation to Sendai, and meals (except for those indicated in the schedule above) during the trip.</p>
<b>Financial Incentive</b>	4,500 yen will be awarded to participants in the Faculty of Sustainability Studies/SCOPE, who apply for the incentive program (the details will be announced on Hoppii).
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	Participation of students from SCOPE, as well as the Faculty of Sustainability Studies, will be prioritized. If more than 8 students apply for this Field Study, however, instructors will select participants based on the essay submitted with the application.
<b>Classes before and after the Fieldtrips</b>	<p>Preparatory Lecture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday and Friday)</li> <li>2. Time will be announced later on.</li> </ol> <p>Lectures and discussions preparing for the knowledge required to understand the sites.</p> <p>Post-trip class: date and time to be determined.</p> <p>Reflections and conclusions on the fieldtrips.</p> <p>*Attendance in preparatory lectures and ex-post class is mandatory.</p>

<p><b>Important Notice</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you are interested in the Field Study, sign up on Hoppii (Class code: AA0174). The details of the visits and related information will be provided on Hoppii.</li> <li>2. If you decided to apply, upload the application form from the Assignment section of Hoppii by the deadline. The application form is available on Hoppii as well.</li> <li>3. Cancellation or schedule changes may be necessary depending on the COVID-19 situation.</li> <li>4. <u>You must participate in the activities on ALL dates listed above, including preparatory and ex-post classes.</u> Since this is a credit-based course, it may negatively affect your chance of earning the credits from the course, if you fail to attend any of the field trips and/or classes.</li> <li>5. Do not cancel after we have approved your participation. Cancellation after approval may incur the payment of program fee by the applicant.</li> <li>6. This program is also conducted as Field Workshop, which is a Global Open class.</li> <li>7. Once you successfully completed this Field Study, you will earn credits in Fall 2024 (rather than Spring 2024). Note that if you take a leave of absence in Spring 2024, the credits will not be awarded.</li> <li>8. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Chuanfei Wang (<a href="mailto:chuanfei.wang.48@hosei.ac.jp">chuanfei.wang.48@hosei.ac.jp</a>) or Prof. Oribe Gohara (<a href="mailto:oribe.gohara.34@hosei.ac.jp">oribe.gohara.34@hosei.ac.jp</a>).</li> </ol>
<p><b>Alternatives in Case of Cancellation</b></p>	<p>If we find out before the preparatory class that we will not be able to visit the sites due to the spread of COVID-19, the program will be cancelled with no alternatives. If we determine that we cannot visit sites after the preparatory class, the visits will be substituted with lectures and the writing of a paper.</p>
<p><b>Evaluation and Grading</b></p>	<p>Participation and report</p>