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Division of Nature- and Culture-based Tourism (Faculty)
Division of Tourism Science (Graduate School)

Tokyo Metropolitan University
1. Overview and Teaching Staff

1.1 Overview

(1) Division of Nature- and Culture-based Tourism (Faculty)

The course of Nature- and Culture-based Tourism is mainly made up of two fields. The first is concerned with ecotourism, rural tourism and environmental issues, and studies the balance between preservation and reasonable utilization of environmental resources through geographical and ecological approaches. This field contributes to the sustainability of environmental management and control. The other field is concerned with urban tourism, restructuring and planning, and studies reasonable utilization of urban resources through planning and engineering approaches.

(2) Department of Tourism Science (Graduate School)

This department is comprised of two fields: nature tourism and cultural tourism. The nature tourism field takes a scientific approach (incorporating the sciences of geography, ecology, etc.) to research on the conservation of nature and regional tourism resources, and appropriate utilization of these resources. The cultural tourism field, on the other hand, examines urban tourism resources, taking an engineering-oriented approach to community-building by incorporating elements of urban planning and architecture.

The goal is to carry out comprehensive, interdisciplinary research in the two fields of natural tourism and cultural tourism, incorporating humanity science and social science methodology. Along with theoretical and analytical research, the program also emphasizes practical research, including field work, project-based learning (PBL), internships, and more. This program is intended to educate experts capable of working in the fields of tourism policy and environmental management, either in public administration or in private companies. Imparting graduates with advanced knowledge in a broad range of fields, it also provides training in effective decision-making and the ability to put ideas into action.
1.2 Teaching Staff

(1) The cultural tourism field
   Prof. Hideki AZUMA
   Prof. Tetsuo AKIYAMA (until 31/1/10)
   Associate Prof. Susumu KAWAHARA (from 1/4/09)
   Assistant Prof. Itsuki YOSHIDA
   Assistant Prof. Yu OKAMURA

(2) The nature tourism field
   Prof. Toshio KIKUCHI
   Prof. Takashi KOSAKI
   Associate Prof. Shinya NUMATA (from 1/4/09)
   Assistant Prof. Koshiro SUZUKI
   Assistant Prof. Atsunobu KADONO

(3) The tourism policy and informatics field
   Associate Prof. Akira IDE
2. List of Research Activities in FY2009

2.1 Books and Articles


KIKUCHI, T. 2009: Regional characteristics of tourism in Australia. The New Geography, 57(2), 44-55. (in Japanese)


Eugene D. McLaughlin and Levan A. Breaux (Eds.) 2009: Chemical Mineralogy, Smelting and Metallization. 370p, Nova Science Publishers Inc., New York (T. Watanabe, S. Funakawa and...
T. Kosaki : Distribution of Clay Mineral as in Upland Soils under Different Weathering Conditions of Humid Asia, pp19-56

Kosaki, T. (Ed.) 2009: Soil Organic Matter Dynamics in Boreal Ecosystems in Eurasia. 110p, Kyoto University, Japan

Kosaki, T. (Ed.) 2009: Studies on Soil Organic Matter Dynamics and Their Application for Sustainable Agriculture in Humid Tropics, 120p, Kyoto University, Japan


2.2 Presentations

Hiroto Higa, Hiroshi Ohuchi, Susumu Kawahara, “Problem of Tourist Resources about Shuri Castle in Okinawa - Comparison with Matsuyama Castle in Ehime Concerning Flow Planning for tourist -” (in Japanese)


Naganawa, T., Nishiyama, D., Watanabe, Y., Sato, K., Masunaga, T., and Kosaki, T. 2009:


Akira Ide 2009: The Role of Museum in the Process of Disaster Recovery, 6th China Tourism Forum

Akira Ide 2009: The problems of insurance contracts on the web and methods for improvement, 50th IPSJ. (in Japanese)


Akira Ide 2010: PROBLEMS FACED IN ONLINE LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS: EXISTING AND IDEAL WEB INTERFACE, IADAIS IS2010.

Akira Ide 2010: Contracts for life insurance in terms of e-commerce, 14th JAFFEE. (in Japanese)