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<p><u>1. Policy Innovations for Successful Societies: Canada-Japan-Korea Social Policy Research Collaboration Workshop</u></p> <p>I had the pleasure and honour to participate in this workshop on policy and 'successful societies' thanks to strong support from the COE and an invitation from Professor Ito Peng. The topics of this three-day event ranged from demographic transformations and care migration to human capital development and youth training, the last two being closest to my own current work on Japanese 'NEETs' and youth independence policy. My own presentation argued that policy innovations in the sphere of Japanese youth policy have proceeded 'quietly' and in the background, under the implicit leadership of key bureaucrats and NPOs, rather than in a top-down fashion. Activation measures that in the West have predominantly targeted individuals have in Japan assumed a form that may be referred to as 'activation through the family'. The invaluable feedback and encouragement I received at the conference has encouraged me to submit an improved version of my paper for review to the Journal of Youth Studies this spring.</p> <p><u>2. 23rd Annual Conference of the Japanese Studies Association of Canada</u></p> <p>While my presentation at this event closely resembled the one I gave at the 'Policy Innovations for Successful Societies' on 5 October 2010, partaking in Canada's leading Japanese Studies conference allowed me to make important contacts with other (junior and senior) members of the field in North America. The feedback I received was highly useful and</p>		



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challenged me to sketch out the wider connections of my study to understand its full implications. In addition to explaining why activation had in Japan become 'activation in the family', I stressed the symbolic elements in the making and execution of Japanese youth policy, whereby labels such as 'NEET' and 'employment support' helped bring support for and legitimize nuanced initiatives that would be hard to explain comprehensively and succinctly to members of the mainstream media and political leadership. I remain deeply grateful to the COE for making my participation in this conference possible.