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<b>【Title of your presentation at a seminar / symposium / conference】</b>  IRCJS-GCOE Joint Symposium (January 8~10) January 9, 10:00~13:00, Session 4: Women in Asian Modernity Title: Troubles of New Women on the Border of the Public and Private Space in the Early Modern Korea Place: International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) Number of Participants (Approx.): 50		



**【Report of evaluating your results / achievements of this GCOE Asian Erasmus Pilot Program】**

1. Education

My current research is clarifying the colonial modernity through gender issues in the early modern Korea. Especially, I focus on the emergence of women in the public sphere, covering the theme of New women on the border of public and intimate sphere and the correlation of women, urban space, and capitalism. This historical approach is expected to illustrate how the urban modernity related with gender mechanism in colonial Korea.

I gave a presentation of my current research about gender issues in the early modern Korea in the International Conference which was held on Jan. 8 - 10, 2009. I could meet many senior scholars at the conference majoring in different area within gender studies and got important information and was inspired by the different perspectives. I joined the construction of Asian network of researchers during the conference.

I also participated in "Young Researchers' International Workshop", which was a useful chance of sharing academic communication between the junior scholars(graduate students) and senior scholars. I believe the participation at this workshop produced a good educational effect for each other through active discussions.

2. Research

The Global COE Program in Kyoto University is trying to trace historical changes in gender roles in Asia in the era of modernization with the agenda of "Reconstruction of the Intimate and Public Spheres". I have been researching "women in the modern public sphere as workers such as modern girl, gisaeng (female entertainer), cafe waitress," and "New women on the border of the public and private space in colonial Korea". I could have an opportunity to discuss and share many things about gender issues in the process of constructing public and intimate sphere in Asia from a comparative perspective by participating in the Global COE Program in Kyoto University.

I also researched the relocation of working class women from Korea to Japan in colonial period, and I collected many materials about this subject with the help of the host researcher, comparing with the situation of Japanese working class women at Kyoto university library, by dealing with various materials, such as official documents, personal anthologies, literary works, letters, memoirs, and mass media. I believe that the research at Kyoto University will be very helpful to my in-depth study on each particular subject. I really appreciate the Global COE Program in Kyoto University of inviting me as a visiting scholar and your deep considerations for my stay. Special thanks to Prof. Emiko Ochiai, at the Sociology Department.