



URP Melbourne sub-center

メルボルン・サブセンター

2009, our first full year of being a member of the URP, has been a year of project planning and assessment of social inclusion issues in part of Melbourne. We began the year with a two-day workshop, involving a substantial group of members from Osaka City University, joint with staff of the University of Melbourne and our associated University, Victoria University and local community social workers. In this workshop and a number of subsequent meetings, we have been planning and organizing our 'action research' in the inner western region of Melbourne. This has involved a series of discussions with community and government leaders, data collection about demographic and socioeconomic elements of social exclusion, and workshops generating ideas for our initiatives. We are actively seeking funding from various agencies for the implementation of such action research. Our plan going forward is to survey socially excluded people in that region in order to measure their 'demand' and from that to brainstorm solutions, then to catalyze the implementation of those solutions. Important research outcomes would result from the trialing of methodologies from all these steps, assessment of the nature and extent of social inclusion, and measurements of the effectiveness of any such interventions.

■ Danny Samson (メルボルン大学商経学部教授)



From front: Ms. Samantha Boorn, Mr. Max Ogden
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初年度の2009年は、一地域の社会的包摂問題の事業計画と査定を行った。年頭に様々な関係者が参加したワークショップを行い、市の西部に「実地調査チーム」を結成した。地域社会や行政の指導者と議論を重ね、社会的排除に関する人口統計・社会経済的要因のデータを集め、構想発案の為のワークショップを開催した。いずれは、地域の社会的排除対象者の需要を測定しその打開策を調査の上、解決策の実施を促進したい。



URP Bangkok sub-center

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バンコク・サブセンター

Over the past seven years, the Bangkok Sub-center has been able to celebrate our warm winter with research fellows from Osaka City University who have come to Bangkok with their research results in hand to present at our annual academic forum. In 2010, the 8th Academic Forum on "Empowering Urban Culture and Creativity: Art, PubliCITY, and Transformation" was very special for many reasons. First, we extended a warm welcome to approximately 200 participants from North America, Europe, and Asia. Second, this forum provided an important venue for examining the directions of the developing cultural network in both public and private sectors. Third, the forum included the former Mayor of Bangkok, and a current advisor to Thailand's Prime Minister, Mr. Apirak Kosayodhin, as our keynote speaker. His speech helped broaden the audience's perspective of Bangkok as a creative city since the government has transformed this idea into a key concept in order to provide an economic catalyst to better urban living conditions and quality of life. As a member of the URP, we continue to extend our projects into the direction of social inclusion issues and empowering urban culture through arts in various parts of Bangkok.

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チュラロンコン大学学生の発表でのパフォーマンス

バンコク・サブセンターでは、過去7年に渡り、研究成果を携えてバンコクを訪れる大阪市立大学の研究者の方々とともに、毎年冬季にアカデミック・フォーラムを開催してきた。今年度の第8回アカデミック・フォーラム「都市文化や創造力をエンパワーする：アート、PubliCITY、及び変容」はいろいろな意味で特別であった。まず、欧米やアジアから約200人の参加があり、官民両セクターで成長する文化ネットワークの方向を検討する重要な機会となった。基調講演は元バンコク市長で現タイ王国首相アドバイザーのApirak Kosayodhin氏により行われた。その講演内容によれば、より良い都市生活環境やクオリティ・オブ・ライフのための経済的触媒を提供するキーコンセプトとして、政府はバンコク市に「創造都市論」を導入するとのことである。URPのメンバーの一員として、我々はバンコク各地の社会包摂の課題やアートを通じた都市文化のエンパワーメントなどの事業に継続的に取り組む。

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