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“Unraveling the Complexities of Climate Action through Area Studies”

Program

Opening Remarks	
HISATA Keiji	Senior Negotiator, Global Environmental Affairs Office, GX Policy Group, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan
Part I Presentation	
Moderator/Commentator CHENG Fang-Ting	Senior Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO
Mekong Basin Governance and International Cooperation under Frequent Climate Disasters OTSUKA Kenji	Director-General, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO
From Water Disputes to the Climate-Security Nexus: The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) and Regional Geopolitics in the Nile Basi (GERD) DARWISHEH Housam	Research Fellow, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO
The Nickel-coal Nexus in Southeast Asia: Examining the Carbon Foundation of Green Supply Chains DE LOS REYES Julie Ann	Associate Professor, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University
Part II Presentation	
Moderator/Commentator HATTORI Takashi	Professor, KIER
Climate Change and Plastic Pollution KOJIMA Michikazu	Senior Research Fellow, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO
Capacity Building for the Implementation of Climate Change Adaptation: The Case of REDD+ in Papua New Guinea YAMADA Kosei	Research Fellow, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO
Panel Discussion	
Moderator HATTORI Takashi	Ditto
Discussant IGARASHI Yusuke	Associate Professor, KIER
Panelists All speakers	