

KWEF-AIT Research Grant (KARG)

Background

Kurita Water and Environmental Foundation (KWEF) is a public interest incorporated foundation aiming at contribution to the development of new technology of water and environmental protection. Since it was established in 1997, about 800 grants were awarded out of total application of about 6,000 with total amount of the grants of about 500 m Jpn Yen. The KWEF, in collaboration with Asian institute of Technology (AIT), has launched a new research grant program (KWEF-AIT Research Grant, KARG) for young researchers mainly in emerging countries in South East Asia.

Purpose

KARG aims to promote human resource development through researches to solve water and/or environmental problems in South East Asia. The focal research area in 2015 is water-related Environmental Engineering.

Total grant amount in 2015

Three million Jpn yen in total for ca. 10 projects (max 300,000 Jpn yen each)

Target countries in 2015

Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam

2015 Research Period

From September 1st, 2015

To August 31st, 2016

Definition of young researcher

Less than or equal to 40 years old in principle (PhD candidates are also encouraged to apply.)

Pre-screening in each countries

Pre-screening will be done in respective countries. The contact points are:

For Thailand, KARG-secretariat, KARG-sec@ait.asia

For Indonesia, Prof. Tjandra Sentiadi, Institut Teknologi Bandung, tjandra@che.itb.ac.id

For Vietnam, Dr. Viet-Ahn Nguyen, Hanoi University of Civil Engineering, vietanhctn@gmail.com

Application form (see attached)

All application forms should be sent to the KARG-secretariat as well as the respective contact points, by e-mail, by May 15th, 2015, from Indonesia or Vietnam, and by the end of May (May 31st, 2015) in Thailand.

Member of the selection committee

Prof. Chongrak Polprasert (Chairperson), Thammasat University, Thailand

Assoc. Prof. Chart Chiemchaisri (Secretary), Kasetsart University, Thailand

Prof. Tjandra Setiadi, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia

Assoc. Prof. Viet-Ahn Nguyen, Hanoi University of Civil Engineering, Vietnam

Prof. Motoyuki Suzuki, Representative of KWEF

Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto, Representative of AIT

Due Dates

Open for application: April 1st - May 15th, 2015 (Indonesia and Vietnam), April 1st - May 31st, 2015 (Thailand)

Pre-screening in each country: by the selection committee meeting

The selection committee meeting: June 12th, 2015

Final Approval by the KWEF Board: July 10th, 2015

Result notification: by the end of July, 2015

Award ceremony: August 21st, 2015 (venue Asian Institute of Technology)