"YAMA no HI" - the 11th Mountain Day in Ikoinomori, Higashi-Hiroshima, Japan

Day/Date/Time: Sunday/ June 03, 2012/ 09:30 - 16:00

Venue: IKOI no MORI ~ Recreational Forest

I was invited by Prof. Nobukazu NAKAGOSHI to attend and give a speech as part of during the Mountain Day Hiroshima event called "YAMA no HI" in Japanese that was held in IKOInoMORI last Sunday, June 03rd, 2012.

Eri SAKAGUCHI, a Master's student of the Landscape Ecology Lab. IDEC, Hiroshima University, picked me up from my apartment, at 08:45 AM together with other students Takuya and Youichi, and we left for the venue, Ikoinomori Higashi-Hiroshima.

The opening ceremony of "YAMA no HI" started at 9:30 AM. I delivered a speech in Japanese. I talked about the landscape service comparison between Indonesia (based on my research) and Japan (especially in Ikoinomori, Higashi Hiroshima). I was briefed on landscape service practices in Saijo, Higashi-Hiroshima City by Eri Sakaguchi who has been conducting research in Ikoinomori. Additional information was also have gained from host of this opening ceremony, Asami OGURA, Ph.D.

Landscape/Ecosystem/Environmental services in Higashi-Hiroshima City are practiced by all the stakeholders including local government, private companies, NGOs and local communities. They conserve and protect "Ikoinomori" Forest in the upper stream part of catchment area. They have fostered open greenery spaces and landscape beautification, managed water resources, conserved bio-diversity, and sequestrated Carbon for human welfare. In the down stream, people in Saijo area can recieve the benefits of these landscape services, including sustainable
high quality drinking water, and also water resources for irrigation. We found land suitability for paddy field was high. High quality rice for "sake" breweries is also produced. Therefore, many sake breweries have been founded in Saijo since the Muromachi period. In accordance with "Willingness to Pay" policy, now, every sake brewery donates 1 yen per bottle to sustain the Ikoinomori.

HIROSHIMA [YAMA NO HI] ~ Hiroshima Mountain Day, is held annually on the first Sunday of June. Today's event was the 11th "Yama no Hi", which was celebrated in eleven cities in Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan. Higashi-Hiroshima was one of the 11 venues, and many activities involved in forest management were held in these 11 cities and towns.

The Program of "YAMA no HI" at IKOINOMRI was, as follows:

1. Ground work (forest management and making wood chips) - 300 participants including stakeholders: Participants practiced first-hand how to conserve forest areas to conserve sustainable water.

2. Lecture on Biomass fuel - 300 participants: talk on how to save energy in daily life.

3. Pellet maker as a fuel source demonstration - 300 participantss: pellet utilization to reduce heater energy consumption

4. Log cutting experience - 30 girl and boy scouts from some Primary Schools in Higashi-Hiroshima City

5. Introduction Class on mountain climbing from - 50 participants from companies in Hiroshima
6. Bird Watching Program - 30 participants

7. Forest Nature Game - 20 participants from Higashi-Hiroshima Nature Game Club

8. Tasting of Herbal Tea and making Herbal Soap - 50 participants from the Forest Herbs Research Clubs

Saijo, Higashi-Hiroshima City

June 5th, 2012

Hadi Susilo Arifin

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**Task 3.** Water Tasting of Mountain Day in Saijo, Japan - Click here PPT "Yama no Hi Water tasting"

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