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Regional Revitalization in Japan Brought About by Bangladeshi IT Professionals

Speaker:

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- ◆ **Date:** **18:30-20:00, August 31, 2023**

- ◆ **Venue:** **5th Floor, Lecture Room M, GRIPS**
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- ◆ **Organizer: GRIPS Innovation, Science and Technology Policy Program (GIST)**

- ◆ **Language: English (No Interpreter)**

- ◆ **Outline**

  There is a project initiated by JICA and the Bangladesh government, which was led by the aspiration to provide IT professionals in Bangladesh with a valuable credential - a national certification. This project then evolved with the aim of addressing two pressing issues: the

shortage of IT talent in Japan, and the scarcity of IT job opportunities in Bangladesh. It has become a collaborative platform engaging IT companies, universities, government bodies, and local authorities in both countries, with the goal of helping Bangladeshi IT professionals thrive in Japan. In this seminar, I explore how these projects have been carried forward and implemented. I also discuss the inception and operation of the so-called "Miyazaki-Bangladesh model", a cooperative framework involving industry, government, and academia. Lastly, drawing from these experiences, I propose recommendations for future policies on nurturing and accepting foreign IT talent in Japan.

◆ **Speaker's Short bio**

Dr. Tsuyoshi Kano is an associate professor at Kanazawa Institute of Technology. He is also a co-founder and CEO of an NPO, ICT for Development Japan. He obtained a PhD in Information, University of Michigan. His research interest is technology & social change, especially in ICT for Development (ICT4D). His background is both international development and information technology. He has eleven years of experience in the international development sector (including three years of stay in Bangladesh) and four years of experience as a software engineer. He is especially interested in (1) ICT industry development: smart city, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and (2) ICT human resource development: management and digital skill development.

◆ **Program**

18:30-18:35	**Introduction by Prof. Michiko Iizuka (Moderator)**
18:35-19:35	**Presentation by Speaker**
19:35-20:00	**Open discussion and close**

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