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Advanced Global Agricultural Sciences I IPADS Development Studies

Terrestrial Environment (1)

Global climate, Light, Atmosphere, Geology, and Chemical environment

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Trans-disciplinary approach

Wide knowledge is required in the domestic and global fields

- Example (real case)
- In the Eastern Savanna of Colombia (Llanos Orientales), large-scale rice-pasture system was introduced and the productivity has been raised impressively. But in 1995, an uncommon symptom of the disease of rice plant was discovered. It looked like a virus disease. What action should Rice Program at CIAT take, as the International Institute responsible for rice researches of whole Latin America? What is the role each scientist should take if the program had following scientists of different experts.

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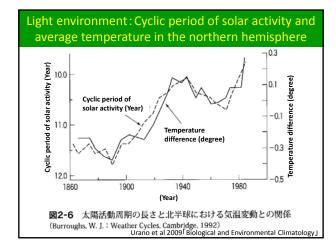
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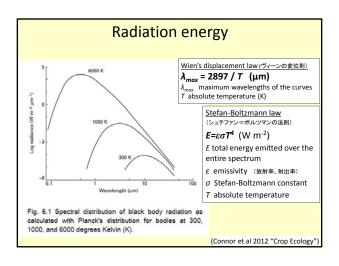
- 1. Plant pathologist
- 2. Rice breeder
- 3. Agricultural economist, Household economics specialist
- 4. Agronomist (specialist for production technologies)
- 5. National extension services

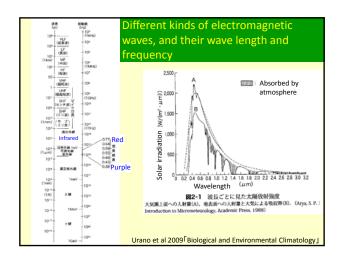
One cannot cover all the disciplines, but should have basic knowledge to understand and appreciate other specialists' opinions to be able to actively participate in the discussion.

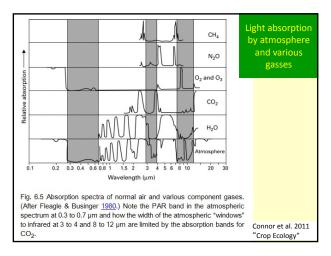
Elements of terrestrial environment surrounding biological creatures

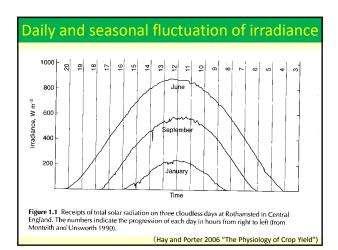
- Light
- Water
- Gas
- Soil
- · Ion, elements
- Organic matter

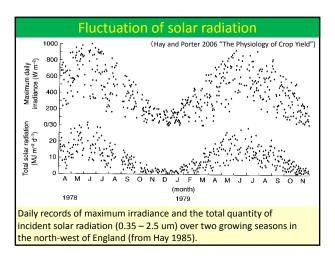


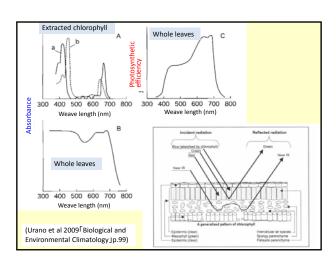


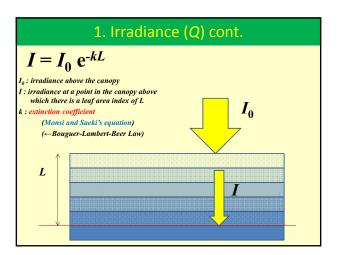


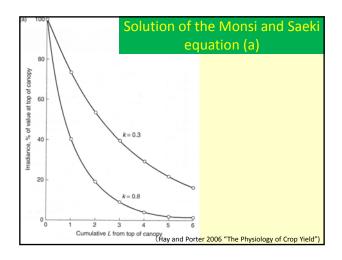


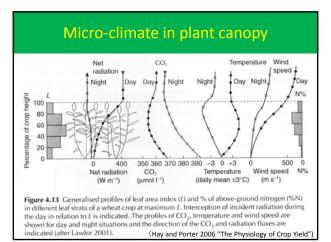
















Roles of atmospheric gasses

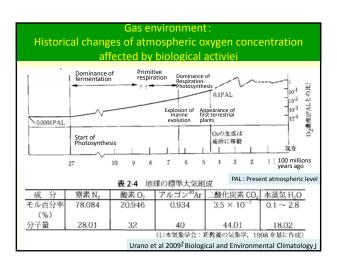
• CO₂ : Photosynthesis

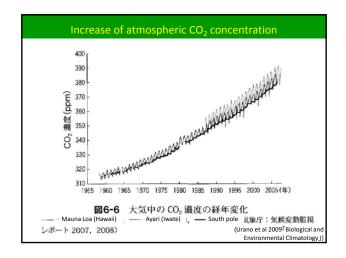
• O₂ : Respiration

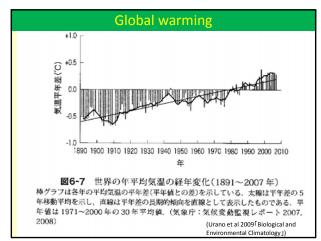
• N₂ : Nitrogen fixation

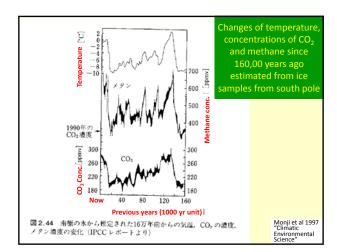
• CH₄, NOx : Greenhouse effect gas

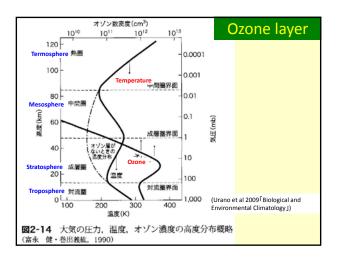
Ozone (O₃)

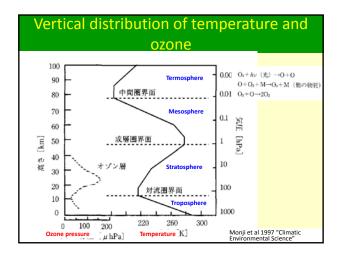


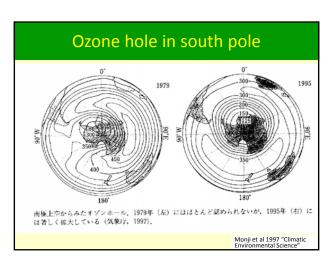


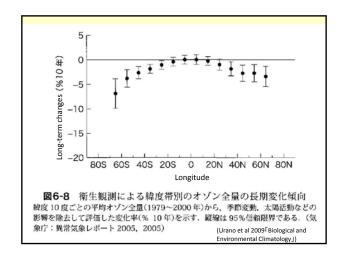


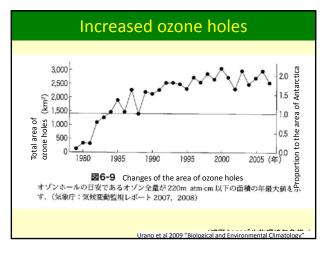


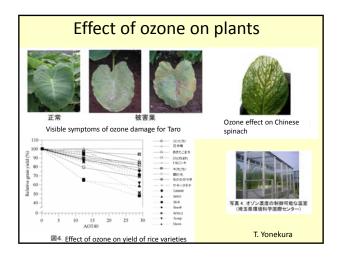




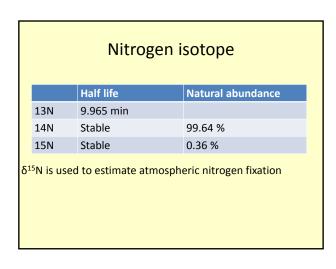


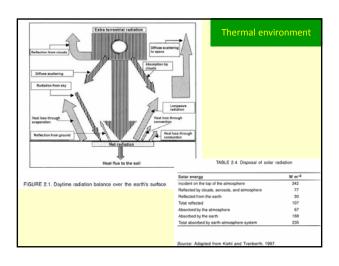


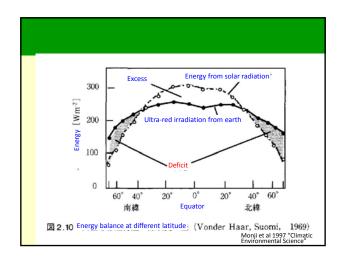


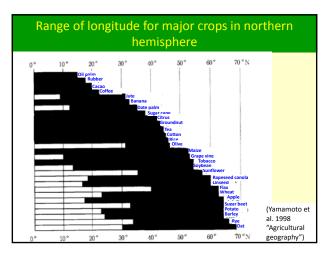


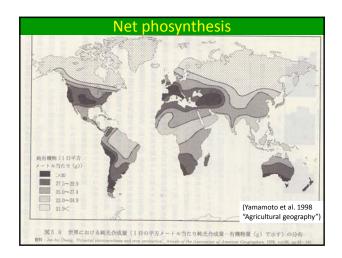
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12C	Stable	98.9 %	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
13C	Stable	1.1 %	
14C	5704 yr	10 ⁻¹⁰ %	図8 宇宙線でできた。Cは植物や動物の体内にはいる
(Kigoshi 1978 [Measuring Ages.]) Primary cosmic ray produces secondary cosmic ray at the stratosphere. 14C is produced by the interaction between neutron in the secondary ray and nitrogen, and immediately bound with oxygen to produce ¹⁴CO₂ and diffuse into the atmosphere. Natural decay of ¹⁴C is approximately balanced with the supply from stratosphere. →¹⁴C Dating The plants fix lighter carbon more rapidly, and the plants contain less ¹³C. Δ¹³C is -27‰ for C₃ plants and -12‰ for C₄ plants. (carbon discrimination)			

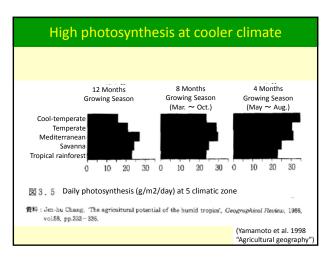




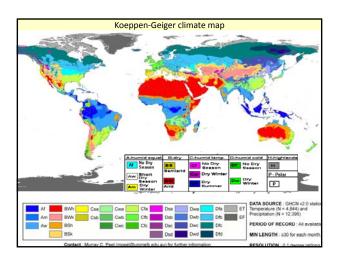


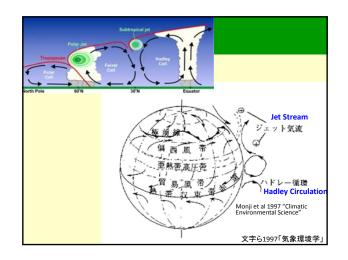


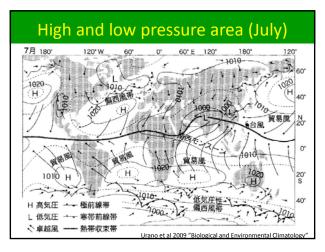


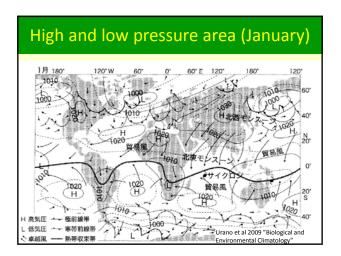


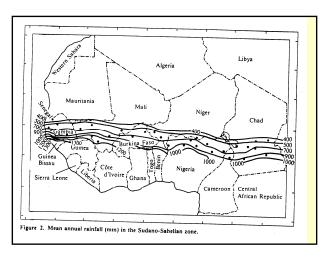
ATMOSPHERIC CIRCULATION : CLIMATE AND WEATHER

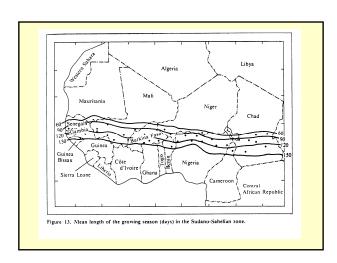


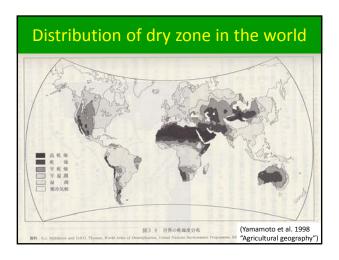




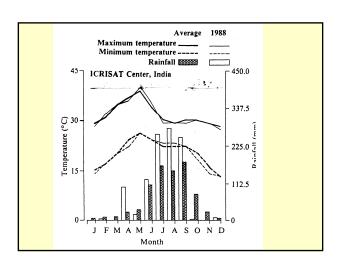






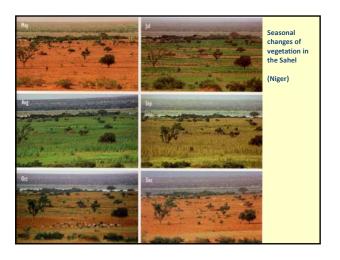


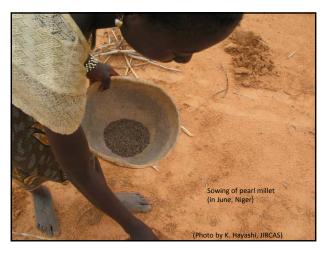
Examples of extreme weather in the world (1) Semi-Arid Tropics (1) Tropics (2) Rainy season ----- 2 to 7 months (mean monthly rainfall > mean potential evapotranspiration) 2 to 4.5 months: dry SAT (thorn Savannah vegetation) 4.5 to 7 months: wet-dry SAT (dry Savanna vegetation) [after Troll (1965)]



















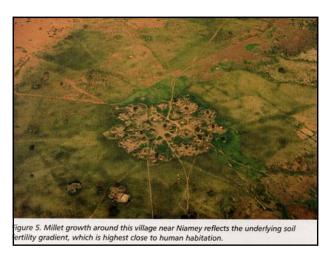


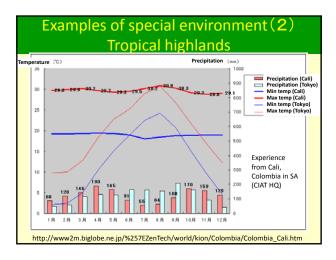


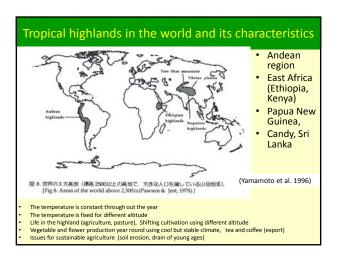


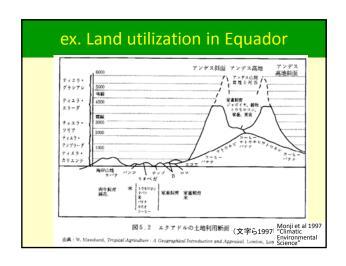


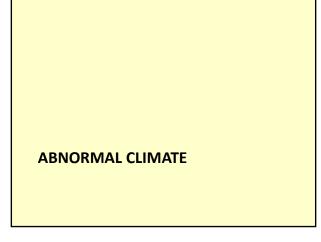


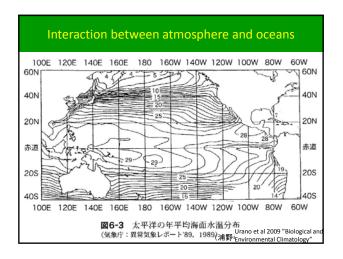


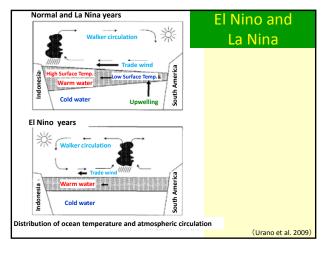


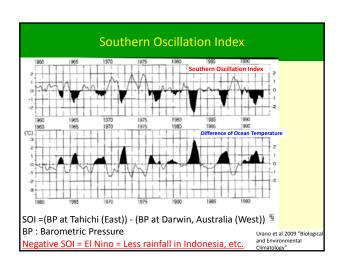


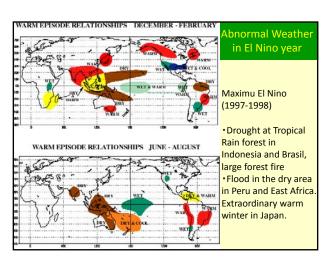


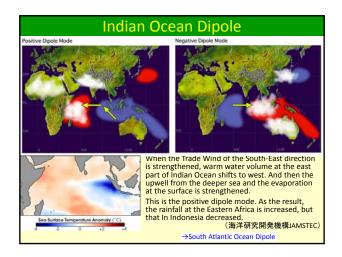


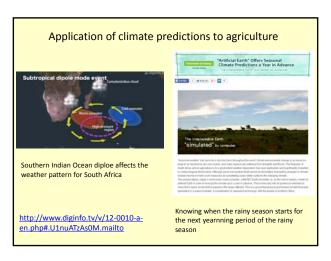


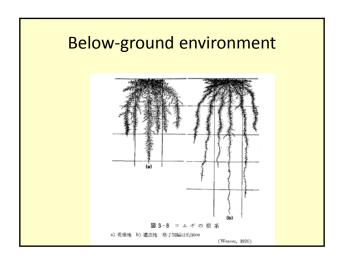


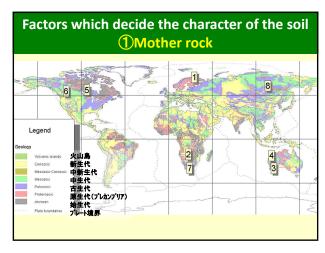


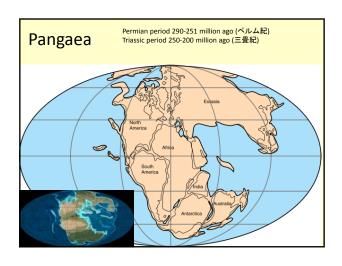


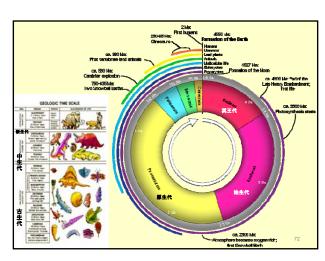




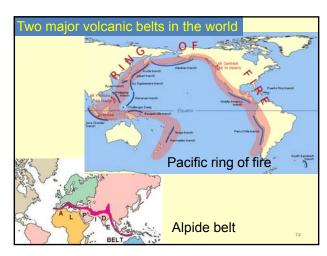


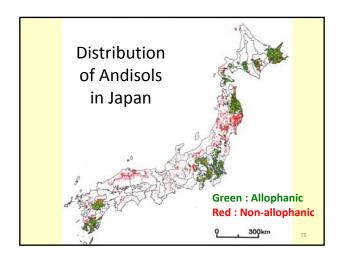


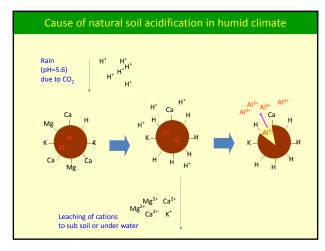












Soil acidity problem

(1) Cause of natural soil acidification in humid climate

- 1. Theoretically rain water is acid (pH=5.6) because it is saturated with CO₂ in the atmosphere.
- In the region where the rainfall exceeds evaporation, the proton (H+) in the water <u>displaces the cations</u> on the surface of the soil colloids.
- 3. Then the cations are leached.
- 4. The remaining H⁺ destroyed part of the clay mineral which consists of Al-Si-Fe and liberate them.
- Al3+, due to its selective adsorption, displaces H+ and become the <u>major exchangeable cation</u> in the acid soils.
- If the acidification proceeds, the clay minerals are further destroyed and more Al³⁺ will exists in the soil solution.

Structure of clay minerals (eg. kaolinite) Kaolinite Kaolinite Al and Si are in the core of the clay minerals

Additional soil acidification mechanisms

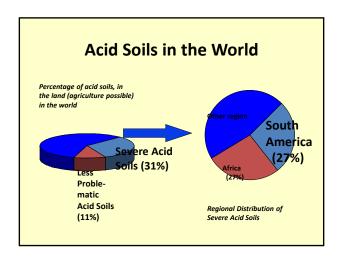
 Ammonium fertilizer application and organic matter decomposition acidify the soils through <u>nitrification</u>

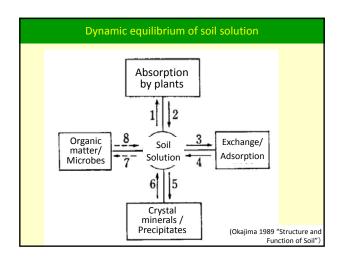
$${\rm NH_4}^+ + {\rm 2O_2} \rightarrow {\rm NO_3}^- + {\rm 2H^+} + {\rm H_2O}$$

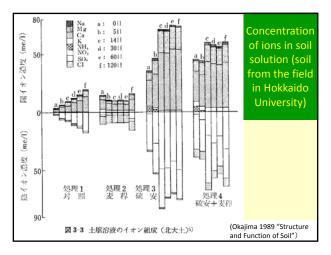
 Acid rain caused by petroleum combustion NO₂ + H₂O → HNO₃ (nitric acid)

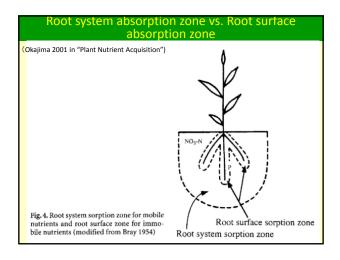
 $SO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_4$ (sulfuric acid)

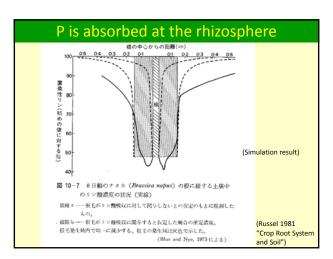
 Uptake of cations (Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, K) by plants and N₂-fixation produces H⁺

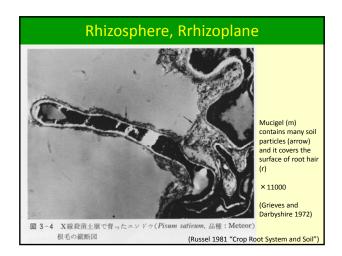


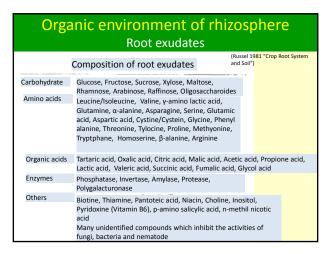


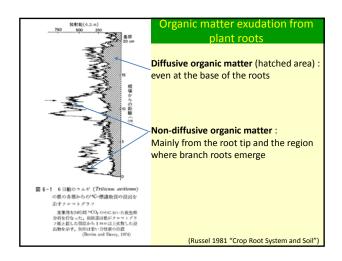


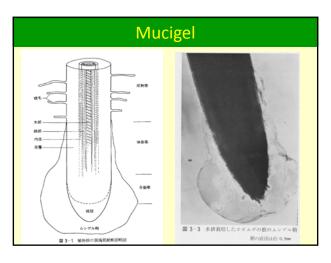


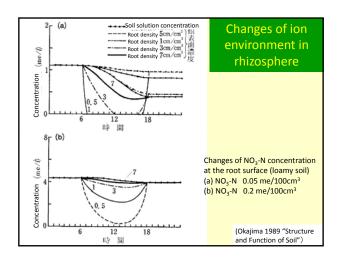


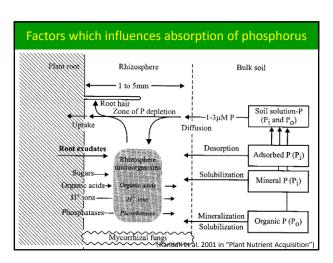












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Topics covered in this lecture

- 1. Multi-dimensional understand of above- and below-ground environments
- Hints to start thinking about abnormal weather and climate change
- Understanding of the climate and geography unfamiliar for
- 4. The uniqueness of belowground environments for plants
- TPick up one environmental factor that you are interested in, and summarize the content of the seminar regarding the factor (400 letters in Japanese or ca. 200 words in English)
- Deadline: by the midnight of 15 April 2015 (Wed)