

Indo-Japanese Dialogue Luncheon Seminar
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10, 2012

I. Topics

- Customary Laws in Mewat, Haryana
- The State of Devolution in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Haryana
- Empowering Panchayats for Devolution of Power through the Right to Information Act

II. Organized by

- Institute of Rural Research and Development (IRRAD), India
- Research Group No. 5, Cross-Disciplinary Studies, Slavic Research Centre, Hokkaido University, Japan
- Department of Scientific Research on Innovative Areas beyond the Contours of State, Research Institute for World Languages, Osaka University, Japan

III. Schedule

10:00–10:10 a.m.

“IRRAD and its activities in Mewat”

IRRAD staff

10:10–10:20 a.m.

Q and A about IRRAD

IRRAD staff

10:20–10:50 a.m.

Customary laws in Mewat, Haryana

Dr. Badruddin Badar

10:50–10:55 a.m.

Comparative perspectives from Turkey’s experience

Dr. Fumiko Sawae

10:55–11:20 a.m.

Open discussion on customary laws in India

Moderated by Dr. Badruddin Badar

11:20–11:30 a.m.

Tea Break

11:30–11:45 a.m.

The state of devolution in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in Haryana

Mr. G.V. Gupta

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Empowering panchayats for devolution of power through the Right to Information Act

Mr. Pankaj K P Shreyaskar

12:00 noon – 12:05 p.m.

Comparative perspectives from China’s decentralization process

Dr. Yasuyuki Miyake

12:05–12:30 p.m.

Open discussion on the state of devolution in PRIs in India

Moderated by Mr. G.V. Gupta

12:30–1:10 p.m.

Lunch at IRRAD’s cafeteria

1:10–1:30 p.m.

IRRAD building tour