

SHORT-TERM GRANTS For MACROECONOMICS AND POLICY WORKSHOP

April 1, 2020 – February 10, 2021

Activities Report

1. Project Title:

13rd GRIPS International Conference of Macroeconomics and Policies (joint with U of Tokyo) and 2nd GRIPS-NTU Macroeconomic Policy and Sustainable Development Workshop

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REPORT

Cancelation of 3rd GRIPS-UTokyo Workshop on Macroeconomics and Policy and 2nd GRIPS-NTU Macroeconomic Policy and Sustainable Development Workshop due to COVID-19

We hired an RA, Etsub, during October and November 2020 for reviewing potential speakers with their recent research and coordinating relevant issues. However, after consulting with some people and our partners at U Tokyo and NTU, we found it's difficult to arrange an international conference/workshop during this fiscal year with participants from various countries as we planned initially. Due to the prolonged travel restrictions and uncertainty of COVID-19 pandemic, it is impossible for our potential speakers from the US and Europe to make any travel arrangements. We also have discussed about organizing a virtual conference. However, the time difference also makes the online option difficult. In November, 2020, our partners at U Tokyo and NTU and we all agreed with the decision of postponing our joint conference/workshop to next fiscal year.

On Nov. 20th, 2020, we officially returned the remaining budget to GRIPS Policy Research Center because of the inability to organize the initially planned conference/workshop in FY2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to apply for the same grant and organize the conference/workshop in FY2021.