

## Grantee information

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**Project title:**

Policy Brokering of Community Knowledge for Sustainability Transition in Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Thailand

**Abstract:**

In the last decade, a new research and policy community began to emerge around the notion of sustainability transition. However, this line of inquiry is invariably skewed since it has relied heavily on abstracting from Western culture, thinking, and experience. This collaborative research aims to explore the meaning and possibilities of sustainability transitions from the social, political, and economic perspectives of Asia, in particular. It is important as Asia's development causes had shown signs of being unsustainable, as evinced, for example by the widespread conversion of forested lands, agricultural intensification, and rapid biodiversity loss. Each cause involved complex and changing environmental dynamics that impact on human livelihoods and well-being. Empirical evidence from API's Regional Projects from 2008-2012 show, however, that Asian civil society, local communities, and governments are now appropriating sustainability transitions in many different contexts, over a period of great change. We are interested in analyzing and communicating such phenomena to the broader scientific and policy community.

**Deliverables:**

A series of writing workshops to prepare five research papers which will be presented in the Plenary Session of the Science Council of Asia International Conference: Future Earth Research for Global Sustainability, 17-19 June 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

**Outputs:**

In addition to the research and policy papers, conference proceedings and special issue journal, the project proponents, are expected to write about their

collective findings in mainstream newspapers or news media in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, and the Philippines.