

## **The 39th UNU Global Seminar Student Report by Lin Thu Kha Htaik**

### **1. Introduction**

My name is Lin Thu Kha Htaik and I am from Myanmar. I have finished my second year at Okayama University. My main research interest is in economics, business, management, and philanthropy. I attended this seminar to learn more about the agriculture industry and its future. As my father exports honey to Japan, I felt that it would be beneficial for me to learn more about sustainable agriculture.

### **2. Keynote Speech Summary (Day 2; Professor Atsushi Yokota)**

The speech by Prof. Atsushi Yokota made me think about how Japan is always innovating, promoting technologies such as robot farming and remote sensing microsattellites. Technology is advancing rapidly, and we need to constantly adapt to it. I hope that robotic systems and other technologies for agriculture will be more developed, less expensive, and widely usable in developing countries.

The HU project in Zambia was also interesting, particularly in its use of citizen science. The HU project and the JICA programmes made me wonder what could be done for the agricultural sector and the beekeeping and honey industry in Myanmar. The Apiculture Association of Myanmar wants to improve the beekeeping industry and increase honey output. At the recent Mekong Lancang Beekeeping Conference, beekeepers from six countries worked on developing standards and improving the industry. I wonder whether there are collaboration opportunities with Japan.

### **3. Group Discussion Summary**

Our group chose the topic Revitalizing Agriculture in Local Communities and it was an interesting experience. I was delighted to have helpful team members who contributed greatly to group discussion and the delivery of our presentation. The time was tight, but we brainstormed ideas first and then decided on the parts we would be working on. The content shared by Qiang, who is from China, was also very interesting as he shared the real-life cases on how agriculture is being revitalized in his country.

We did not encounter any difficulties other than time limitations. Even so, with the help and contributions from our whole team, we were able to successfully deliver our presentation.

### **4. Overall Feedback**

I am happy to have attended this seminar as I have not only learned new things, but also made new friends. I heard interesting ideas and concepts, and gained better understanding of where the

global agricultural sector is heading. I also gained more knowledge on sustainability and biodiversity and why they are important.

Moreover, the way that this seminar was conducted was great, it was well-organized and easy to understand. However, I think that it would be much better if it was conducted in person.