Islands of the World VIII
“Changing Islands – Changing Worlds”
Kinmen (Quemoy) Island, Taiwan
1 – 7 November

Key Note Speakers

Lino Brignolio
Small Island Developing States and the "New Review of the Barbados Programme of Oceans"

Ramon Grynpberg
Small Island States and the WTO “Negotiations of the Opening”

Hiroshi Kakuza
Networking: Small Islands in the Maritime World

H.M. Michael Hsiao
"Island-oriented Sustainable Development in Taiwan: A Success Guide"

John Terrell
"Shards of the Barbados Programme of Action"

Konai Hsiu-Thaman
IITC-PRMII: Towards Cultural and Cognitive Development in Small Island Communities

Lacia Liu Sevinghaus
"The Role of Culture in Island Sustainable Development"

Randy Thaman
"Island Sports": Under Threat The Contributions of Sport to Island Development and Identity in Small Island Communities

Gerard Persoon
"Ecotourism and Resource Management in Southeast Asian Islands"

Godfrey Balducchino
"The Impact of Bridges and other Fixed Links on Island Communities: When Islands are interconnected"

Shen-Hsiang Chien
"Sustainable Water Resource Strategies in Taiwan: Challenges & Promising Practices"

Gillian Cambers
"Island Healing"

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Some Facts

• over 150 scholars, coming from various regions throughout the world
• fourteen keynote speakers
• more than 120 papers/ abstracts had been received and were presented
• conference participants represented diverse small islands from twenty-seven different countries: Australia, British Virgin Islands, Canada, China, Cook Islands, Denmark, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Palau, Puerto Rico, Seychelles, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Trinidad and Tobago-West Indies, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the USA

Kinmen Declaration

The archipelago of the Island of the World VIII Conference taking place on Kinmen Island, Taiwan, 1-7 November 2014, is the 34 km² former military base in the heart of the strait of Taiwan which is set to become a symbol of peaceful coexistence and sustainable development. Kinmen faces a perilous situation of shrinking islands, rapid population decline, economic and social decline, as well as environmental degradation. The Kinmen Declaration is an international agreement in which more than 150 scholars who are representatives of diverse islands from all over the world have agreed to cooperate for the sake of sustainable development and peace. The Kinmen Declaration includes the following resolutions in addition to the environmental sustainability, cultural and tourism development, political, socio-economic development and peace:

1. The declaration encourages a comprehensive set of collaborative strategies for sustainable development, including cultural, economic, political, social and environmental dimensions.
2. The declaration recognizes the critical importance of cultural and social development in the sustainable development of small islands.
3. The declaration encourages the establishment of a framework for knowledge sharing and collaboration among small island scholars.
4. The declaration supports the establishment of a network of small island scholars for the purpose of knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Kinmen County Government

Kinmen (or Quemoy, ca. 135 km², population ca 89,000) lies in Xiamen (Amoy) Bay off the southeast coast of China, 8 km east of the island and harbor city of Xiamen and nearly 200 km west of Taiwan. During the Cold War, the island was heavily fortified as the front line to against Communists’ China and protect Taiwan. Cross-strait relations have markedly improved since 1990 and back to civilian County Government. Kinmen has transited “from battlefield to cross-strait bridge” nowadays. The economy of Kinmen is now based mostly on tourism and the famous Kaoshing liquor.

Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Banquet / Farewell Party

Conference

Cultural Events

Field Trips

Closing Ceremony

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