

## Mr. Yukio Kamino — Japan



Yukio with Indonesian Children (2014, Yogyakarta)

Yukio's adulthood reveals his dedication to the ever greater wholeness. As an undergrad in Tokyo, he was devoted to activities for the integrity of his (Keio) university. For his career, he decided to serve the well-being of South (suffering side of the globalizing whole humanity), moved to U.S.A. to enhance himself, and earned MA in Political Science

(University of Colorado) and PhD in International Studies (University of Denver).

Their theses, both in African studies, illuminated profound problems in two sides: the 'Observed' side of Africa/South, facing the malfunctions of 'real world,' and the 'Observing' side of Western social science whose serious flaws seem to have promoted such problems facing the 'Observed.' Realization of these issues subsequently led him to submit to UN ECOSOC the proposals for African welfare advanced by 14 Asian NGOs.

By the turn of century, Human-to-Nature relationship had become so destructive that the 21st century was emerging as a 'Century of Ecological Catastrophe.' Already learned how 'Perspective' shapes 'Reality,' Yukio quickly noticed that the ever spreading modern worldviews originating in the West was rapidly mutilating the whole ecosphere on which human and other forms of life are based. Convinced that neoliberalism had become a destructive-delimiting factor to Ecology, Humanity, Community, and Personality, he engaged on the solidarity of the whole to possibly attain alternative, profoundly healthier ways to satisfy our material and spiritual needs. He was Chief Facilitator for the Movement to Promote 'UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development' (2002 WSSD, South Africa), subsequently unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly for 2005-2014.

As Senior Researcher and Coordinator of OISCA International, he promotes 'Ecological' civilization with a conviction that worldwide moral transformation is essential. His recent publications include "Envisioning Self in Wholeness: Meeting Planetary Transformation with a Renewed Identity" (2011 WEEC, Australia); "Ecosphere in Catastrophe: From Globalisation to Ethos for Planetary Life" (in co-edited *TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGY: Global Challenges and Local Responses in Africa and Asia*, 2012); among others.