

Satellite Session #1 – Joint Course: Environmental Chemicals and Human Health

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Between Thursday 2 and Saturday 4 November 2017, under the framework of the FY 2017 Learning Satellite project and the 20th Seoul National University (SNU) – Hokkaido University (HU) Joint Symposium, an Inter-graduate School Class *Health, Society and Environment III, Environmental and Chemicals and Human Health* was held at Graduate School of Public Health, SNU.

Four HU faculties and seven SNU faculties provided lectures for this course. Eleven HU students including nine international students, nine SNU graduate students, and three graduate students from Mahidol University in Thailand attended this course. Attendees from HU comprised of those from Graduate Schools of Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Science, Environmental Science, and Health Sciences. Besides domestic students, Philippines, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Indonesia, P.R. China, Ethiopia, Taiwan, and Egypt also made the course interdisciplinary and highly internationalised.

As a self-introduction and opening, health impact by environmental chemicals was proposed as a starting point question, and induced lectures including research outcomes at SNU and HU, regarding health impact by the exposure of environmental chemicals. Also, the pre-course assignments were presented by teams composed with graduate students from the three universities, followed by active discussion. The field work of this course was a visit to Eco-Expo Korea 2017, and became a place to learn the model cases of environment-friendly companies and new green products in Korea.

Evaluations by the attendees showed their satisfaction and intention to recommend this course to others. Particularly team assignments was efficient to deepen exchange among universities. Faculties from Mahidol University, Taiwan National Cheng Kung University and Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences who observed the course appraised the course and told their interest to take part in this joint course in the future. The next year symposium will be held at HU.

Left: Team Work / Right: Group Photo of the Participants

