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## **Japanese Scientists visit MNS**

The UPV Museum of Natural Sciences (MNS) has found its role as a venue for fish taxonomy research when Japanese scientists

visited the University of the Philippines Visayas. For a while, the Museum became home for visiting scientists and researchers



from Japan, Dr. Satoshi Ishikawa, Project Leader and Associate Professor from the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) together with Dr. F. Muto from TOKAI University and Mr. Yuka Ogata, a Research Fellow from the University of Tokyo from August 14 to August 16, 2012. Their visit was in connection with their project on "Coastal Area Capability Enhancement in Southeast Asia". Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, UPV Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension and faculty of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences served as their host.

They conducted laboratory activities at the museum such as fish identification, photography, cataloguing and preservation of specimens. The specimen collections from the field research they conducted are now contained at the museum laboratory for future research as an initial effort to modernize and improve the technology procedures to be used by the MNS in the collection management.