

EREC Comments

*This evaluation takes place in the transition from Feasibility Study to Full Research, i.e. Selection of Full Research project.

Proposed FR Title	A World Ecology of Disasters in Development in East Asia: Integrating Values into Decision-Making by Shifting Worldviews
FS Title	Disasters and Development in East Asian Regionalism in the Anthropocene
Leader of the Proposed FR (Principal Investigator of FS)	Takeshi Ito
Proposed Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Co-creation of the Earth-human System (TANIGUCHI Makoto)

General advice and comments of the EREC

Disasters are a very important topic for Japan and internationally. The focus on East Asia is appropriate because of the importance of experience with disasters in the region, as well as the need for regional knowledge integration that the project identifies as underlying the cases of disasters.

The team has developed a very complex conceptual framework. The next crucial step is to identify how to operationalize the framework for the case studies and make it understandable to the intended audiences, especially policymakers and practitioners.

The proposal reflects a great deal of collaboration between the project lead and co-lead, and with the other team members which amplifies the diversity within the project. Further leadership may be required to be clear about the working hypotheses, methodologies, and syntheses to be able to communicate with policymakers. The methodology for environmental analysis that connects to human behaviors in the context of responding to hazards can be strengthened.