

Evaluation Sheet 【FR4】

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Title of the Project	Megacities and the Global Environment		
Research Term	FR4	Project Leader	MURAMATSU Shin
<p>General advice and comments of the PEC:</p> <p>The PEC confirms the importance of the broad problems the project is addressing. A large amount of work has been undertaken, but the efforts seem to lack central direction and activities appear unconnected. Entering in its final year, the project seriously needs to consider what it can do to successfully complete its work and ensure it reaches wide audiences. A specific plan for this should be developed that will help RIHN confirm that it is worth supporting this last year of work. Specifically, the PEC has the following concerns, questions and suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The project goals are not clear and efforts are dispersed – how will you integrate the findings of your work?2. How are you going to generalize from the Jakarta case study (or compare it to other relevant cases) and build a case your research has been concerned with global environmental change?3. The PEC feels its earlier comments have not been adequately addressed.4. The CSI is interesting, but seems to have been developed in relative isolation of related initiatives in the world. This index should be placed in context of existing work by basing it in an explicit literature review and subjecting it to peer review.5. It will be of crucial importance to develop a plan for how the research findings will be published in international journals.			