

Comments on the Research Programs

The process for advice will be broadly guided by the following criteria:

- The program has clear objectives, strategy and identity;
- The program provides individual projects with a sense of identity by offering novel perspectives beyond each project, and by seeking synergy between them;
- The program contributes to the implementation of RIHN mission through collaboration between programs and with other sections of RIHN community.

Program Three Comments Summary

The Committee received the reports and presentations of Program Three with considerable interest and approval. With three projects in full swing (and winding down in the case of FEAST) and each engaged intensively in participatory research in many sites from Japan to Africa, the Program is yielding a wealth of findings and insights. The Future Design approach promoted by the Program has begun to make its way into the activities of the projects and is subject of research of the Program Researcher. Future Design fits well with the bottom-up orientation of the three projects, and, gradually, this approach is beginning to contribute to an identifiable identity for the Program. Nevertheless, further conceptual integration of the projects' research under the Program umbrella needs to be enhanced.