

## A Visiting Researcher arrives in Japan

### To write up a PhD dissertation

Dr. Tumennast Gelenkhoo, who has conducted research activities as the 5th VR, arrived in Japan from Mongolia in July 2022; we call him "Tumen-sensei" at his request. He will stay in Japan until September 2023, aiming to write up and submit his PhD dissertation in 2023.

Dr. Tumen has engaged in education and research as an associate professor at the School of Social Science, National University of Mongolia. His current research topic is "Cultural competence in social work with communities: In the case of Mongolian nomadic community." He has conducted studies based on a survey in Mongolian nomadic communities, which are expected to have an association with the ARIISW's research findings of Buddhist social work and international social work. We would appreciate the cooperation and assistance from the social work research network worldwide.

Message from Dr. Tumen: "I am pleased to join an Asian social work researchers' network. Becoming a visiting researcher at ARIISW provides an opportunity to study social work in the context of the culture, religion, and thoughts of people in Asian countries."



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### Preannouncement: PhD degree conferment ceremony

As announced in Kara 39, Dr. Dechen Doma (2nd VR; the Royal University of Bhutan) and Rev. Dr. Omalpe Somananda (4th VR; the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka) obtained a PhD degree in Social Welfare through the ROMPAKU program in March 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to attend the degree conferment ceremony in March, but the ARIISW is now planning to invite them to attend the ceremony and give a memorial lecture on their studies in September 2022. Further information will be announced when the arrangement is finalized.

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<https://www.shukutoku.ac.jp/en/about/facilities/asiancenter.html>