

The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW),
Shukutoku University

A delegation of the Indonesian government visits ARIISW!

An eight-member delegation from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), the Republic of Indonesia, visited Shukutoku University on 10 November. This event was the first time that we have accepted an overseas delegation since the Covid-19 pandemic started.

In the morning, they visited Shukutoku Kyosei-en, a special nursing home for elderly people. In the afternoon they attended a welcome speech from the university's President Koji Yamaguchi, followed by a speech by Mr Dadang Iskandar on behalf of the Minister to address their strong intention to establish a program of exchange and cooperation with the university. At the meeting to discuss this exchange program, Prof Yasuhiro Yuki, of Shukutoku's College of Integrated Human and Social Welfare Studies, gave a lecture on 'Social Security in Japan', followed by a session with the ARIISW.

In the ARIISW session, after welcoming remarks by the ARIISW's Director Noriko Totsuka, Ms Kana Matsuo our Senior Researcher, gave an overview of the institute and its activities. Then, Dr Josef Gohori, Chief Researcher, gave an introductory talk about Buddhist social work research. The Indonesian delegation also gave a similar talk about the system and practice of social rehabilitation in Indonesia. It was a wonderful opportunity for both sides to learn from each other.

Finally, we shared opinions on future cooperation between the Indonesian side and Shukutoku University including the ARIISW. Dr Tatsuru Akimoto, ARIISW's Honorary Director, also talked of his experiences of long-standing exchange with Indonesian stakeholders and his expectations for further collaboration. It is to be hoped that various joint activities will be undertaken in the future.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Japan College of Social Work and all those who cooperated with us in welcoming the delegation.



◆News from the ARIISW can be found on the following website.

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