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After the Seminar

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I am impressed to hear the phrase “Asian multilateralism” from a Thai researcher. Normally, we, the Asians, are minorities in international workshops or conferences and have few occasions to talk to each other beyond borders. But it is important to discuss together and find similarities and diversity within Asian people and countries. The word “Asia” often overshadows the reality of our existence. I was also impressed by the phrase, “Silence is the Asian Civilization” from a Korean professor. I do not know if all Asians are not good at arguing, but at least the speakers and I feel that it is difficult to have our students engage in discussions. I hope this workshop was one of the experiences to break up the “silence” and make a step to Asian multilateralism. If we connect even small voices, I believe, we can do something.



(image 8) At the Hama-rikyu Gardens (30 November 2019)