Linguapax Asia 2011, an activity of UNESCO for the protection of endangered languages, was held on December 3rd, 2011. Approximately, fifty participants attended the one-day symposium in Kiyoshi Togasaki Memorial Dialogue House on ICU campus. There were invited scholars and guests as well as students from ICU and various universities. Speakers came from Spain, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, UK, North America, the Philippines and Japan. A range of stimulating lectures were presented on topics such as Social media, the Mayan language, Ryukyuan, education in Vietnam, concepts of literacy, the use of the internet in supporting indigenous language networks, plurilingualism in India and Europe, language awareness in schools in Yokohama and multiculturalism policy in Australia. The theme of ‘Literacy in Multilingual Societies’ was well served and dynamic discussion continued throughout the day. The symposium was a resounding success. A small second-hand book sale was held and the proceeds were sent to victims of the Tohoku earthquake of 2011. Also, poster presentations were held by students of ICU and Gakushuin University.

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