Report of
IEEE Technical Tour of Japan
20 – 28 May 2012

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The Technical Tour of Japan, approved by the IEEE Life Members Committee, started on 20 May from Kyoto and ended on 28 May 2012 at Tokyo. The 27 participants visited the IEEE Milestone sites and the related museums, as well as historical heritages in Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya and Tokyo districts.

The tour could be considered success with the cooperation of *JCHC and *LMAG Tokyo, three Sections in Japan; Kansai, Nagoya and Tokyo, also with good support of the local IEEE members and JTB Business World Tokyo Corp.

*JCHC: Japan Council History Committee
*LMAG: Life Members Affinity Group
Technical Tour of Japan
Itinerary 1 (Kansai Section)

Day 1 [Arrival Day]: Sunday, 20 May  Welcome to Japan
   Check-in to the Westin Miyako, Kyoto (3 nights)
Day 2: Monday, 21 May – Sharp Museum and Nara Tour
   Watching of the annular eclipse before breakfast
   a) Sharp Historical Hall in Tenri, Nara (two Milestones)
   b) Great Buddha of Todai-ji and other temples in Nara
   c) Welcome dinner at the Japanese restaurant in Kyoto
Day 3: Tuesday, 22 May – Keage Hydropower Station and temples in Kyoto
   a) Keage Power Station and Lake Biwa Canal Museum
   b) Kinkaku-ji, Kiyomizu-dera, and other temples in Kyoto
Itinerary 2 (Nagoya Section)

Day 4: Wednesday, 23 May – Railway Park in Nagoya
Bus drive to Nagoya (two and half hour)
   a) Railway Museum of the Central Japan Railway Co.
      (Milestone: Tokaido Shinkansen)
   b) Dinner in Tokugawaen Garden Restaurant
      Stay in Nagoya Tokyu Hotel (1 night)

Day 5: Thursday, 24 May – Yosami and Toyota Museums
   a) Memorial Museum of Yosami Transmitting Station (Milestone)
   b) Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology
   c) Ride on Shinkansen Express Train from Nagoya station and
      arrive at Tokyo station
      Stay in Prince Sakura Tower Tokyo (4 nights)
**Itinerary 3 (Tokyo Section 1)**

Day 6: Friday, 25 May - NHK Museum and Seiko Museum  
  a) NHK Broadcast Museum (Milestone: Satellite Broadcast)  
  b) Seiko Museum (Milestone: Quartz Wristwatch)  
  c) Asakusa temple and cruise dinner on Sumida river

Day 7: Saturday, 26 May - Toshiba Museum, TEPCO Museum, and VHS Hall  
  a) Toshiba Science Museum, Kawasaki (Milestone: JWP)  
  b) TEPCO Electric Power Historical Museum, Yokohama  
  c) VHS Hall and Takayanagi Museum, JVC Yokosuka  
    (Milestones: VHS Recorder and Takayanagi TV)  
  d) Dinner in Yokohama Chinatown
Itinerary 4  (Tokyo Section 2)

Day 8: Sunday, 27 May - Edo-Tokyo Museum and Town walk
   a) Edo Tokyo Museum and
       Akihabara Electric Town
   b) Shopping (Ginza / Nihonbashi)
   c) Farewell dinner at Il Leone in Shin-Takanawa

Day 9: Monday, 28 May - End of Tour
   End of Tour after breakfast.
Keage Power Station, 22 May
Welcome dinner at Ganko Restaurant in Kyoto, 21 May
Railway Park of the Central Japan Railway, 23 May
Tokugawaen Garden Restaurant

Ms. Iwata, wife of Nagoya Section Chair
NHK Museum, 25 May
Toshiba Science Museum, 26 May
JVC Yokosuka, 26 May
Edo-Tokyo Museum, 27 May
Dinner Cruise on the Sumida River, 25 May

Ad Hoc Joint Quartet at the Farewell, 27 May

Tokyo Skytree, 634m high
After the Farewell Dinner at Il Leone, 27 May
We hope all participants could deepen their insight into the histories of Japanese technology and culture, through the visits to the related corporations, museums, temples and shrines.

We are very happy to have 27 oversea participants, 26 from the US and one from the UK, to the Japan Tour overcoming many difficulties. In spite of hard schedule for those whose average age is over 72, the tour ended as planned without any delays nor troubles.

Some local IEEE members in Japan joined the tour at their domestic area and promoted the friendship with visitors.

Also many thanks to the related people and organizations cooperated to welcome the guests and bring the success of the tour.
See you in Japan again