

Event Report

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1 Event summary

Japan SYWL (Student branches, Young professionals, Women in engineering, and Life members) workshop 2020 was held on 17th Oct at Hiroshima Garden Palace Hotel and Online. There were 41 people who attended and they were engineers and researchers from various generations, regions, and fields. The theme of the event was “Make a new normal –changing the future –”. Based on the theme, the participants were separated to 3 to 4 members teams and discussed on how our lifestyle will be after COVID-19. In the last part, all teams gave presentations on the ideas which they had discussed.

- Web-site: <https://ieec-jp.org/japancouncil/affinitygroup/SYWL2020/index.html>

2 Event Schedule

Table 1 Event schedule

No.	Contents	Start	End
1	Reception	9:45	10:00
2	Opening Talk (Dr. Ryuichi Takemura, Japan Council YP Coordinator)	10:00	10:10
3	Keynote Speech (Ms. Fumie Uchida, Senior Engineer, Micron Memory Japan)	10:10	10:30
4	Group Discussion and Presentation	10:30	12:30
5	Closing speech (Prof. Toshio Fukuda, IEEE President)		
6	Closing Talk (Prof. Natsuko Noda, Japan Council WIE Chair)	12:30	13:00

3 Workshop

The event consisted of 5 parts: Introduction, keynote, group discussion, presentation, closing speech. In the introduction part, Ryuichi Takemura, the chair of this event, provided the attendees with the goal of the event, which is, "Pandemic to Opportunity – Collaborative Leadership Towards Technology Advancement for Humanity".

In the keynote part, Fumie Uchida from Micron Memory Japan gave us a talk titled "Make our new normal – Diverse our innovation with diversity trend." She introduced the current situation of female

researchers in the field on a global scale as well as her 15-year career coming across challenges from work and daily life. The audience at present and online were greatly touched.

In the group discussion and presentation parts, the participants were separated into 3 to 4 member teams (10 teams in total) and discussed how future technologies would be. Each team made a 5-minute presentation based on the idea they discussed. For example, one team came up with the idea that we need to accept that in a long period in the future, we need to adapt to putting research and work online or in a hybrid way. Today, while facing the "Pandemic to Opportunity" situation, we need to be ready at any time to meet more unknown challenges.

At last, Prof. Toshio Fukuda, the current IEEE president, gave us the closing speech. Prof. Fukuda calls on young researchers to participate bravely instead of being bound by reality and spell IEEE as "I Enjoy Eating Eating." Thanks to these words with humor and warmth, our workshop ended successfully in a relaxed atmosphere.

4 Budget summary

Table 2 Budget summary

No.	Items	Budget	Settlement	Difference	Note
1	Venue rental	¥163,800	¥131,040	¥32,760	¥163,800(subtotal) – ¥32,760 (discount) Room Name: Nishiki, Term: 9:00-13:00
2	Audio system rental	¥1,040	¥55,300	¥ -54,260	¥58,100(subtotal)-¥2,800(discount)
3	Infection inhibition	¥10,000	¥15,364	¥ -5,364	¥10,220(infection prevention sheet) +¥1,194(Hand sanitizer) +¥3,950(clinical thermometer)
4	Snacks	¥10,000	¥1,922	¥ 8,078	-
5	Name plate template	¥0	¥170	¥ -170	-
6	Postage	¥0	¥2,530	¥ -2,530	For sending webcams
	Sum total	¥184,840	¥206,326	¥ -21,486	

5 Impression

Despite the corona crisis, more than 20 IEEE members gathered at the onsite venue. It was challenging to hold the onsite event together with the online event. We found some points needed to be improved such as the difficulty in conveying the excitement of the on-site side to the online side. Although we are in such a difficult situation to connect each member, we will revitalize IEEE's activities by taking advantage of each merit of both online and local activities.

6 Acknowledgement

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Fumie Uchida from Micron Memory Japan for having the great encouraging presentation. Finally, we thank to Japan council, SAC, YP, WIE, and LMAG members for supporting this event.

7 Photos



Figure 1 Group photo



Figure 2 Venue



Figure 3 Presentation



Figure 4 Keynote talk by Prof. Takako Hashimoto



Figure 5 closing speech by IEEE President (Prof. Takako Hashimoto)