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### The 2020 Third Meeting of Tokyo Section Executive Committee

The 2020 Third Meeting of Tokyo Section Executive Committee was held online at 3:00p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, with 20 participants including 2 observers.

Minutes \*Japanese-only

Schedule for 2020 Forth Meeting Wednesday, December 2

Kikai Shinko Kaikan

### **Presenting Pin Badges to Continuing Members**

The development of IEEE activities has been achieved by the members' great support. Tokyo Section is pleased to announce that it creates pin badges and presents them to the eligible members as a keepsake, showing our appreciation to the members' engagement, and hoping to help promote fellowship and partnership among the members down the road.

Membership period and Badge color	Badge face	Membership period and Badge color	Badge face
5 Years Blue	<b>IEEE</b>	25 Years Yellow	<b>IEEE</b>
10 Years Purple		30 Years Red	<b>WIEEE</b>
20 years Green		40 Years Black	

The badges come in six colors depending on the membership years as in the table. Eligible members will receive a badge around February each year. Tokyo Section would be glad if the members accept the badges and they help enhance members' involvement in IEEE activities in the future.

(Reported by Membership Development Committee Chair, Hiroshi Nakamura)

#### LMAG-Tokyo's 10th Anniversary Symposium and

#### **IEEE Day Celebration**

The symposium was held online (Zoom Webinar) at 14:00-17:00 on Thursday, October 8, sponsored by IEEE Tokyo Section and LMAG-Tokyo, co-sponsored by Japan Council (JC), Tokyo YP, JC WIE, Tokyo SAC, and Tokyo Section TPC. Altogether 70 people participated: 7 people of the steering committee worked at the main venue in Kikai-Shinko Kaikan and the others participated online.

The symposium started with an opening address by Dr. Imai, LMAG-Tokyo Vice Chair. First, Dr. Tokuda, Tokyo Section Chair, gave a sponsor's remark on LMAG-Tokyo's 10th anniversary. Then, Dr. Takano, LMAG-Tokyo Chair, delivered an address and introduced LMAG-Tokyo's activities for 10 years highlighting on "the first event". Next, Dr. Fukuda, IEEE President and Dr. Nishihara, R10 Director delivered congratulatory speeches for the 10th anniversary. Also, all other LMAG chairs in Japan, Dr. Nakamura of Kansai, Dr. Umeno of Nagoya and Dr. Mizuno of Sendai, gave congratulatory addresses.



Dr. Takano, LMAG-Tokyo Chair, explaining "LMAG-Tokyo's Activity in 10 years"



Dr. Fukuda, IEEE President, giving a congratulatory address

Dr. Habara, LMAG-Tokyo's founding Chair, gave a talk entitled "Dawn of LMAG-Tokyo" on the initial objectives and activities of LMAG-Tokyo including a hidden story. He also mentioned that the origin of "Symposium" in Greek is "Drinking together for a lively conversation".

A panel discussion on "What contributions are expected to LMAG" was held inviting 4 panelists moderated by Dr. Ohta, LMAG-Tokyo Secretary. The panelists were Dr. Aoyama, the former R10 LMAG Coordinator, Dr. Yoshida, Tokyo YP Chair, Dr. Noda, JC WIE Chair, and Dr. Nakamura, LMAG-Kansai Chair. Each panelist presented suggestions to LMAG activity from her/his own viewpoint after the self-introductions, followed by active discussions among panelists and the audience. Finally, the moderator summarized the panel confirming a common understanding that LMAGs should actively continue efforts on SYWL and inter LMAG collaborations utilizing LMAG's rich experiences and should disseminate their activities for another 10 years.



Dr. Habara, First LMAG-Tokyo Chair, giving a talk



Active panel discussion (From top left: Dr. Ohta, LMAG-Tokyo Secretary, Dr. Nakamura LMAG-Kansai Chair, and Dr. Yoshida, YP Chair) (From bottom left: Dr. Noda, JC WIE Chair, and Dr. Aoyama, ex-R10 LMAG Coordinator)

After a short break, the second part of the event was held to celebrate IEEE Day along with 10th Anniversary of LMAG-Tokyo and a variety of congratulatory messages was introduced. The first message was from Mr. Asthana, R10 LMS Chair. Then Mr. Hyakutake, IEEE Japan Office Director, introduced the office and gave a message. Ms. Suzuki, the former Tokyo YP Committee Chair, also delivered a congratulatory message introducing Japanese Sake and the origin of "Kagami biraki". Dr. Sasase, a former Tokyo Section Chair, gave a congratulatory message introducing useful information about Champagne.



Giving a toast online



Participants in the venue (From left: Dr. Kanno, Tokyo Section TPC Secretary, Dr. Ohta, LMAG-Tokyo Secretary, Ms. Mitsui, Ms. Kato, Dr. Takano, LMAG-Tokyo Chair, Dr. Takishima, Tokyo Section Secretary and Dr. Imai, LMAG-Tokyo Vice Chair)

LMAG-Tokyo officers uncorked a Champagne bottle and opened a Sake barrel as a "Kagami biraki" and Dr. Takano gave a toast. Online participants also gave a toast depending on their own situations. Dr. Takano cut a memorial cake after blowing 10 candles out for celebrating the 10th anniversary of LMAG-Tokyo and IEEE Day. Finally, the event was closed by Dr. Imai. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the event was unusual compared with conventional ones. However, thanks to the strong support of AGs and all IEEE members, especially those who attended till the end, this event ended with a great success.

(Reported by Life Members Affinity Group Secretary, Naohisa Ohta)

# **Tokyo Section Winning the Runner-up Award of**

### **IEEE Region 10 SYWL Congress Cultural Contest!**

Tokyo section won the runner-up award of the Cultural Contest in IEEE Region 10 SYWL Congress taking place from September 19 to October 4, 2020. Due to COVID-19, SYWL Congress, which is aimed to introduce national cultures, was held as an online event, including live performance and video streaming contest in the closing ceremony. Tokyo section formed a volunteer team of interested people and showed a live dance performance to the tune of a traditional Japanese song called "Tankoubushi" played with a traditional Japanese instrument called "Sanshin", a kind of guitar with three strings.

We ventured to post a movie of the performance done cold and recorded on Zoom as it was with the least edit, as we put value on immersed feelings, while some movies from other sections were well-organized and of high quality. Someone from R10 highly recommended we have prerecorded video streaming to avoid anything potential from going wrong, however, we opted for live performance with unanimity. At the live performance, some other Japanese participants including Dr. Nishihara (R10 Director 2019-2020) joined us to dance. We are sure we successfully expressed how we did a good performance having great fun together.



Trophy

As a result, we are honored to win second place, while we are not sure what was really appealing: our attitude to make possible contingency even fun, our performance showing still strong connection with people in this time and age, or our looking like just having fun.



Movie posted for the contest



Online live performance

(Reported by Tokyo Young Professionals Chair, Takashi Yoshida)

# **IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE Kick-off Event**



IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE was launched in July 2020. On Saturday, December 5, 2020, the IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE Kick-off event will be held online. We look forward to your participation.

#### IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE Kick-off event

#### "WIE (Women in Engineering) in Tokyo and Shin-etsu "

- Date and time: 15:00-17:00 on Saturday, December 5, 2020
- Venue: Online with Zoom
  - (Detailed information will be notified separately after application.)
- Program
  - 15:00-15:15 Opening meeting
  - 15:15-16:00 Keynote speech
    - Dr. Haruko Kawahigashi (Information Technology R&D Center, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation)

"Communication Network Technology and Carriers"

- 16:00-17:00 Table talk (Round-table Discussion)
- "The image of engineers required now, the working style required in the future"
  - \* Program details will be posted on IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE website later.

https://ieee-jp.org/section/tokyo/about/wie.html

- Participation: 50 people
- Application form: Please register by November 30, 2020. https://forms.gle/25nfbew3yDAT4BP28
- Participation fee: Free

(Reported by IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Section WIE Interim Chair,

Mamiko Inamori)

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