The 2023 Fourth Meeting of Tokyo Section Executive Committee

The 2023 Fourth Meeting of the Tokyo Section Executive Committee was held on Friday, December 1, at 15:00 in the IBM Conference Room, with 23 members in attendance (see link at the end of this page for the minutes of the meeting). Prior to the Tokyo Section Executive Committee, we were given a tour of the quantum computer at the Kawasaki New Industry Creation Center by courtesy of IBM, and Mr. Morimoto, Vice President and Executive Officer of IBM Japan, Ltd. gave a lecture about his company's efforts in innovation creation and diversity.

First, the minutes of the previous board meeting were discussed and approved. Next, the Tokyo Section activity report and budget execution status for 2023, and the activity plan and budget proposal for 2024 were explained by each committee and the Affinity Group, which were discussed. The proposed 2024 budget continued to be discussed via email.

In addition, the committee also explained the direction of MAW2024, the HTC (Humanitarian Technologies Conference) 2025 bid and the VIC (Vision, Innovation, and Challenges) Summit 2025 bid preparation status, respectively. He also reported on the SIGHT (Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology).

Link to the minutes of the meeting:
https://www.ieee-jp.org/section/tokyo/adm/agenda/giji23-4.pdf
Schedule for 2024 First Meeting, March 14 (Kikai Shinko Kaikan building)

The 20th IEEE TOWERS

The 20th IEEE TOWERS was held on Saturday, October 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at Kanagawa Institute of Technology. The workshop aims to promote interdisciplinary exchange among young researchers and is organized by students as part of Student Activities. The event included a poster session and a group work session, with 89 participants including judges and attendees.

The poster session showcased 59 presentations spanning various fields, including hardware (e.g. robots and haptic devices) and machine learning. The audience gained valuable insights into numerous cutting-edge research projects. The presenters received opinions and advice from diverse perspectives, which helped enhance their research beyond the feedback they received from their daily work experts.

During the group work session, Mr. Qiushi Pan from AIdeaLab Inc. presented on the topic of 'The Future of Research Activities Using AI Tools' in a discussion format focused on 'How to Use Generative AI and Other Tools for Research?' Five teams, each consisting of 4-5 individuals, were assigned to discuss the theme. His lecture helped to reduce the knowledge gap among participants regarding AIdeaLab Inc.'s products and his thoughts on AI. Both participants and staff asked questions and interacted, demonstrating a high level of interest in the topic. Throughout the session, participants discussed the potential general-purpose uses of AI in various research fields, enhancing their understanding of the topic.

(Reported by the 20th IEEE TOWERS Executive Committee Chair, Hiroki Ichikura)

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