

Women in Engineering 2023

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The keynote speaker was Prof. Mizue Kayama, Deputy Director of the Faculty of Engineering, Shinshu University. In her talk “You, me, and WIE – let’s talk about well-being”, Prof. Kayama introduced her past and present research work in learning/educational technologies and STEAM-related skill and knowledge acquisition support systems and



described how each work expanded her own world and understanding of well-being as a researcher.

The technical talk was given by Ms. Nancy Min, founder and CEO of ecoLong, an energy technology company based in New York. In her talk, “Convergence of Blockchain and AI/ML and its role in the smart city future”, she explained the characteristics of blockchain technology and how she started the company that allows consumers and energy resource owners to communicate and trade energy services. She also shared important lessons learned on her journey such as the “Power of No”.

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