

## Women in Engineering 2022

WIE 2022 was held hybrid at Miraikan on 12th November 2022. This event was organized by IEEE Tokyo/Shin-etsu Joint Sections WIE and co-organized by IEEE Sapporo WIE, IEEE Sendai WIE, IEEE Nagoya WIE, IEEE Kansai WIE, IEEE Shikoku/Hiroshima/Fukuoka Joint Sections WIE, IEEE Tokyo Section, IEEE Shin-etsu Section, IEEE LMAG-Tokyo, IEEE Tokyo EA, IEEE Shin-etsu EA, IEEE Tokyo YP, IEEE Tokyo SAC. The total number of participants was 77 (online 51 and onsite 26) including IEEE members. The keynote speaker was Prof. Michiko Ohkura, Shibaura Institute of Technology. In her talk of "My personal journey with "kawaii" (cute in Japanese)," she talked about how she made her way into "kawaii" engineering research. She shared that she has been through a time when doing research as a woman was tough. She also talked about how she changed her mind and began to do research that was only possible because she was a woman. In her talk, the approach of "kawaii" and engineering was particularly interesting and encouraged young researchers who are venturing into new fields or research. The technical talk was Ms. Kazue Yasuoka, JR East. In her talk of "Overseas railway projects and my career vision," she introduced the railway project in Myanmar. She spoke about the rebuilding and completion of the rail system and talked about the local unique rail system. Her story attracted interest from the children and men who attended.

Through this event, we could build networks of women engineers, researchers and students, not only within the Tokyo and Shin-etsu section but also with other sections.

Details on WIE 2023 will be shared in the near future.

Looking forward to meeting you there!



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