

## **R10 Student Congress 2009 in Singapore Report**

### **1st day**

#### Ice breaker session

First, all members were divided to some groups. And we introduced ourselves to other members who joined Student Congress in the room where Singapore University has. In addition, each other produced things he or she like. I showed 1000 yen paper, Japanese currency, and told them that 1000 yen was equivalent to 10 dollars. They are surprised to see expensive currency and requested me to borrow it.

#### World@2020

This is a forum for the discussion of major achievements in the last decade, and the emerging developments and their potential impact on the future. Leaders representing technology-related fields share their perspectives on topics that are pertinent to human progression-topics like sustainable development, biotechnology, healthcare, energy, education and innovation are therefore some of the key focus areas of the discussion. One of them is IEEE Region 10 Past Director. Another of them is Director of Research, Google China. And another of them is General Manager IBM ASEAN Software Group.

Particularly, I was interested to talk about how to use biotechnology in the future. In the talk, possibility of biofuels as the next green energy was discussed seriously.

#### Formal Dinner

We were divided to some groups and had seated to tables. We had Chinese Dinner in music played by members of orchestra. Girl from Pakistan told me to teach how to use chopsticks. So I showed her how to have chopsticks and eat foods by using it.

### **2nd Day**

#### Leadership Talk

Mr. Joseph (IEEE President-Elect candidate, 2010) talked about leadership. In the talk, he told that leaders should have the special abilities. For example, Communications abilities (Written communication, Oral communication, Public speaking, Not so public speaking), Negotiation ability (Looking for the Win-Win), Team work ability (Working together for a group solution, Team Synergy), Good manners (Being polite), Humor (Using at the

correct time) were talked.

### **3rd Day**

#### Multicultural night

This is an event of informal interaction between the congress participants. We are requested to bring along with us items that we would like to display to the rest of the congress participants. This includes traditional food, traditional games, handicraft and costumes etc... And we are requested to perform traditional songs/dances/martial arts on stage to showcase our home country to the other participants.

I brought "yatsushashi" to this event as Japanese traditional foods. Every participant is seemed to like the taste and the Japanese souvenir was had by many participants.

And all Japanese participants introduced Japanese traditional sports, Sumo. First, we explained about sumo. Sumo is Japanese traditional sports, am umpire call both name loudly before fighting, and you lose if you are knocked down or put down outside from the circle. And we performed Sumo wrestling on the stage. All participants were seemed to be pleased to this performance. In the end, a foreign participant was willing to join sumo and fight with Japanese participants.

### **4th Day**

#### Gift Exchange (Closing Ceremony)

All participants were requested to bring along a gift item to exchange with a fellow congress participant. I brought "sensu" and "hachimaki" for this event. And they were exchanged to Indian traditional handicraft.

