



## IEEE Tokyo Section Life Members Affinity Group

This issue reports on the first trial of mutual collaboration meeting with young people group: GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), WIE (Women in Engineering) and Students. LMAG (Life Members Affinity Group) will form new plans like this collaboration in addition to organizing Lectures as well.

Active participation by not only Life Members but also by any Tokyo Section Members is very welcome.

### Object of the Meeting

This meeting was planned to exchange views among participants widely ranging from elderly Life Members to young GOLD/WIE and Students members.

Handing over their long ranged experiences of Life Members to the young people will encourage and stimulate them, which will be beneficial lessons for their future life.

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Chair Kohei HABARA

### Report on the “Collaboration Meeting”

The meeting was held under the title “Facing drastically changing society”.

Young people actively performed not only the planning in detail but operation of the meeting as well. In order to make the meeting more active and effective, face-to-face discussion style was adopted instead of monotonous lecture followed by short Q/A style. To make this possible, the participants were limited in a small number. Thus, 35 members including Students attended the meeting.



Discussion Meeting

First, Dr. Ohgoe, GOLD Chair opened the meeting and explained its aim.

Dr. Habara, LMAG Chair asked the participants their opinion on the differences between student life and social life. After many active opinions were explained, Dr. Habara made a comment that “In student life there are many paper exams with unique solution, while social life is itself is implicit continued exams. No unique solutions exist there. Nevertheless we have to find solutions in any form”.

Then, Dr. Habara, Dr. Usui, LMAG Vice Chair, Dr. Mochida, LMAG Secretary made their short self-introduction explaining their experiences, and active discussions followed.

Major discussed points were as follows:

1. In one's long life, many unexpected, unmanageable events or things occur, like Japan's defeat in the World War Two, great east Japan disaster, etc., for which we have to face regardless of yes or no.
2. To experience foreign country life in young age is extremely recommended.
3. English is valuable and indispensable tool in future global communications. However, at the same time, much more important thing is to have individual's opinion or belief. Even if his/her English speaking ability is not so high, people will try to listen and understand his/her opinion as far as it is valuable for them. Studying languages other than English is also useful in getting wider global understandings through learning different cultures and way of thinking.
4. To experience small failures or mistakes in younger age is rather desirable. Person who has not bitter experiences might face more severe difficulties in the future, for which he/she can't do anything.
5. The term Globalization does not mean Americanization. In every product made under the same standard, for example,

every nation's culture, history and spirit are reflected.

Etc.

## Get-together party

After the discussion meeting, get-together party was held with all participants and continued vivid discussions or friendly talks.

During the party, Dr. Habara made an interesting comment on the Greek etymology of "symposium" that means "Drinking together". Accordingly, you shouldn't use the word "symposium" for any meeting without drinking. In that sense, today's meeting could be said a typical "symposium".

Another story Dr. Habara mentioned was the concept of "Hegemonic State". In long history, specific countries or states had an extremely strong power among surrounding countries. And the way to "Hegemonic State" was firstly industry, secondly commerce or trading and lastly money marketing. They were Netherland in 17<sup>th</sup> century, then England in 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. In 20<sup>th</sup>, it was USA which is now likely to be in the last phase: money marketing. What will be the next "Hegemonic State"? China or India might be. But no one knows that. That was one of the reasons Dr. Habara mentioned in the discussion meeting: the importance of studying other nation's language, history or culture.

Participants also enjoyed a speech of 89 years old member. He talked about technologies during and post War.

Prof. Dr. Hashimoto of Chuo University, where the meeting was held, gave an impressive encouraging word to Students: "Facing chaotic

future, even a big company might not be able to survive. To adapt the coming situation, the best way is to study hard".

Lastly, Dr. Mochida, LMAG secretary, closed the party with traditional Japanese manner, IPPON-JIME hand clapping.

As a whole, the object of the meeting was attained.



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## Event information

**Lecture co-hosted by IEEE Tokyo Section, LMAG-Tokyo and GOLD**

**Title:** "Dual mode - Survival skill in globalization era"

**Lecturer:** Honorable Doctor Yoshio Utsumi

**Date:** Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Hour:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30p.m.

**Place:** CHUO UNIVERSITY Korakuen Campus

In details, please visit [LMAG-Tokyo site](http://www.lmag-tokyo.org).

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