



IEEE Tokyo Section Life Members Affinity Group

Our General Assembly for 2012 was held on March 13 in Tokyo. We remembered the “Great East Japan Earthquake” which happened just a year ago. This letter reports about 2012 General Assembly and the Lecture by Dr. Yoshio Utsumi, former Secretary General of ITU.

2012 General Assembly



(From left) Prof. Aoyama (Tokyo Section Chair), Dr. Gambe (Vice-Chair) and Dr. Mochida (LMAG Secretary)

The IEEE Tokyo Section Life Members Affinity Group 2012 General Assembly was held on March 13, from 2:00 at Kikai-Shinko-Kaikan in Tokyo. Because Dr. Habara (LMAG Chair) could not attend, Prof. Aoyama (Tokyo Section Chair), opened the Assembly. The progress report on the 2011 activities and planning for 2012 were presented by Dr. Mochida (LMAG Secretary), and were approved. It was introduced that LMAG will organize several lectures in 2012 together with Tokyo Section Technical Program Committee and GOLD. LMAG will also cooperate with Japan Council History Committee for welcoming the “IEEE Milestone Technical Tour Program” to Japan from May 20 to May 28. It was mentioned that the number of Life Members in Tokyo Section increased to 431 as of January 2012.

For details, please see [the General Assembly report](#) in the LMAG-Tokyo site (Japanese only).

Report on the 1st Lecture

The first Tokyo Chapter LMAG Lecture of this year was held on Monday, April 9, from 4:00 at



Attendees on the General Assembly: 22 persons

Chuo University. It was co-sponsored by Tokyo Chapter TPC and GOLD. The number of participants was 87.

Lecturer Dr. Yoshio Utsumi, former Secretary General of ITU and Honorary Member of IEEE.

Title “Dual-mode - the survival skill in the global era - ”



Lecturer Dr. Yoshio Utsumi

Objectives of the Lecture

Firstly Dr. Habara (Chair of LMAG), made the introduction with the objectives of this lecture:

Dr. Yoshio Utsumi, Honorary Member of IEEE, served as the first Japanese Secretary General of ITU (International Telecommunication Union, which is a specialized UN agency) for 8 years

from 1999 to 2007. In this lecture, Dr. Utsumi will talk about his own valuable experiences in ITU where member countries are maneuvering based on their individual and various strategies. On his belief of Dr. Habara, Dr. Utsumi's talk will be invaluable for young engineers, we LMG expected young and active audience from GOLD as well as Life Members by co-sponsorship with GOLD, Tokyo Section TPC and IEICE.

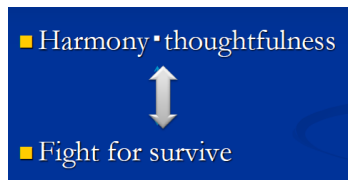
Summary of the Lecture

Firstly Dr. Utsumi introduced that ITU established in 1865, is the oldest and one of huge international organizations, having 192 member countries and about 1000 staff members. He introduced his achievements of 8 years ranging from the standardization of the 3rd generation mobile systems to organizing the World Summit on Information Society.

In Geneva, Dr. Utsumi was always conscious of the "global society" and "Japan". He pointed out keenly several examples of the "Japanese who are not good at survival game in the global society", sometimes revealing behind-the-curtain stories. On one hand Japanese people have shown their virtue of being calm even in the recent disaster, they at the same time have little awareness about the benefits of being Japanese and living in Japan, lack strategic thinking and have attitude of being super-"innocent", which cannot be understood in the world.

Japan could perform miracles in the past favorable environments. Today in the global era with rising Asia, however, together with commoditized technologies and the deadlock of the 20th century civilization, Dr. Utsumi raised a big question mark to the Japanese traditional values such as "harmonization", "better-balance" or "yutori (cram-free) - education".

While the audience was thinking about his question, Dr. Utsumi proposed a way of life of "Dual-mode" as a survival skill in the global era, managing the contradicting two values according to the environments. He praised the toughness toward "fight for survive" in the international environments while recommended the great Japanese "harmony and thoughtfulness" in the Japanese society. For this purpose, we should



first recognize the real standing position of Japan in the today's paradigm-shifted world, as well as understand the power of traditional values in Japan.

It was also mentioned that the following policies should strongly be carried out: science and technology education to be reinforced, women and aged people to be utilized fully, the policies helping declining industries to be abandoned, more foreigners to be invited and international standards to be adopted.

Finally Dr. Utsumi concluded with his strong proposal to protect the global environments, to survive on our earth, to seek the true happiness and work together for these objectives.

In the Q&A session, Dr. Utsumi emphasized that an "inviting foreigner policy" is highly recommended for Japan and exactly through this action we can acquire the "Dual-mode". He pointed out that the "de jure" standardization by ITU is still important in today's "de facto" era typified by IETF (The Internet Engineering Task Force), and contribution by Japan is expected. He also encouraged that Japan's youth should go abroad to study.

Responding to the question by a young audience about hints for deciding the future direction, Dr. Utsumi asked him back about his own preference among the two factors in the Dual-mode and suggested that thinking by himself is the key.

Finally Dr. Habara thanked the lecturer on behalf of the audience. The slides of Dr. Utsumi are posted on the following web site.

<http://yutsumi.web.fc2.com/message/speeches/speech.html>



Next event

Now under planning.

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