Why I recommend IEEE
First of all, a student can join IEEE for lower fee than that of professional members, so I recommend you to join early. We have activities for postgraduates, and young researchers after graduation can communicate with peers of similar ages and positions. You will find ambitious comrades. I believe that young researcher will change the society, so I really want them to join us. In IEEE, you will have an opportunity to know about researches or studies of other professors, which will educate you. When you publish a paper, you can get more attention if you are an IEEE member. That kind of advantage will do good for your career path.

– Want to make international connections? Let’s join IEEE!

The members of IEEE spread all over the world, more than 160 countries; the atmosphere is so international that anybody is welcomed, including Japanese people and foreign people based in Japan. In fact, there is a lot of exchange with researchers from overseas. On the other hand, the Japanese community of IEEE is working with the spirit of Japanese people, which stimulates me a great deal.

I want more researchers to join IEEE. A major conference or event in Japan is often held at a big city now, but if we have more members, we can hold such events locally, where I believe that local researchers can communicate with one another.

If you want to broaden your perspective or connect with more researchers, let’s join IEEE and the activities!

What brought you to IEEE?
When I was a freshman, IEEE was introduced at an orientation; that’s when I got to know about IEEE. It was CSE (=IEEE International Conference on Computational Science and Engineering) International Conference in 2011 that I joined IEEE, for I was told that a member can attend the conference for lower fee and the conference was exactly on my subject. When I was a student, I just attended a meeting of presentations or learned some information from IEEE; however, after I became a professional member and got a vote for the election of IEEE, I turned over a new leaf and actively attended programs, seminars and lectures.

What is great about IEEE?
『Access to papers and monthly magazine with the latest information』
I find it greatly advantageous that we can read the latest papers; when I was a student, I was a member of IEEE Computer Society, where I had access to various papers including ones otherwise unavailable in my university. Of course, after graduation, I often read many papers, which is very important for researchers. Also, IEEE Spectrum, a highly reputable and award-winning magazine both inside and outside the society, is available for members; you can check various pieces of information and it takes just 3 hours to finish one. It’s so interesting and highly recommended.

『Community broaden your network』
One of the greatest points of IEEE is that it has various communities, including the society consisting of researchers specializing in various fields. Participation in activities will allow you to meet a renowned researcher or like-minded comrades, and communication with them will enlighten you. I myself got to know many fantastic people.

What do you do in IEEE now?
I’ve been YP (=Young Professionals Affinity Group) Chair of Sapporo Section since 2020, and YP in Japan is so congenial that every member can communicate with one another but also they are so motivated. You can experience many things, which must be especially good for young people.

I myself want to hold lectures and training sessions for young researchers and also want to attend activities of other communities, as well as being involved in editing the academic journal. The activities in IEEE, including attending various lectures and seminars to gain the world-leading technologies and trend and to broaden one’s mind, or joining various contests to hone one’s skill or talent, will be important for one’s career path, I think; I will cherish it next to the research I work for in my life.