

## **Report on the IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit 2018 Tokyo**

IEEE WIE ILS 2018 Tokyo Committee

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On November 9<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), the IEEE Japan Council WIE held the IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit 2018 Tokyo at the Shibaura Institute of Technology. This 2-day event attracted more than 150 participants and was a great success.

The main theme of this summit was "My Life, My Career." With the spread of diversification and globalization, this Summit (ILS) supports the career development of female engineers and researchers, while enabling them to participate in their preferred activities and offering them opportunities for networking and collaboration.

During the summit, Mr. Eiichi Sakamoto spoke about the importance of promoting diversity of human resources from the viewpoint of company management and provided a message that was anticipated by the female researchers, engineers, and students attending the event. In the Spotlight Talk, Prof. Emi Tamaki (a young entrepreneur) introduced the latest technology for allowing humans to freely operate in the VR space by moving their hands and arms, and spoke about her vision of technical innovation being led by women.

In the two panel sessions, the Key Factor for Success was shared by the leadership of various teams in the global leaders panel. In the panel led by the Young Professionals and Karen Bartleson (past president of IEEE), all of the participants in the event shared the concerns of young engineers and discussed ideas for solving their problems.

The parallel session covered five themes, which were Global Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, International Collaboration, and SIGHT. A Workshop on effective presentation in English was also included in the session.

During this Summit, a panel discussion about gender equality from the masculine standpoint was also organized, and there were many male attendees. These were the notable points of the 2018 Summit. The importance of achieving utilization of diversified capabilities by mutual cooperation among women and with men was emphasized. It is necessary to achieve more active global participation of women in the technology field.

A total of 37 guest speakers appeared on the stage, who were not only Japanese residents, but also speakers from the United States, India, Malaysia, Dubai, and Iraq. These diverse lecturers gave wonderful presentations based on their actual experience and held lively discussions with the participants. They made a deep impression and provided energy to the many attendees.



Group Photo

### Breakdown of the participants

Public participants	55 persons
Students	23 persons
Company participants	42 persons
Others (lecturers and persons involved in the Summit)	36 persons
Total	156 persons

### Program Summary

<https://www.ieee-jp.org/japancouncil/affinitygroup/WIE/ILS2018Tokyo/program.pdf>

Program Day1: [http://sites.ieee.org/wieils-jp-2018/program\\_day1/](http://sites.ieee.org/wieils-jp-2018/program_day1/)

Program Day2: [http://sites.ieee.org/wieils-jp-2018/program\\_day2/](http://sites.ieee.org/wieils-jp-2018/program_day2/)

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Day1:

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